



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

March 24, 2022

Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Natalie Samarjian to the Civil and Human Rights Commission for the term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Samarjian will fill the vacancy created by Araceli Campos, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Samarjian is qualified for the work that will devolve upon her, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Natalie Samarjian
Commission: Civil and Human Rights Commission
End of Term: 6/30/2024

Appointee Information

- 1. **Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
- 2. **Gender:** Female
- 3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 4 - Central
- 4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
- 5. **Prior commission experience:** El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority
- 6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., UCLA School of Law
- 7. **Occupation/profession:** Executive Director, Coro Southern California
- 8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
- 9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Appointment
- 10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Montes, H. Marissa	East	14	Latina	F	30-Jun-23
Zelenski, Abigail	East	13	Asian Pacific Islander	F	30-Jun-23
Hasan, Aziza	East	14	Muslim	F	30-Jun-24
Parker, Keith	South	8	African American	M	30-Jun-22
Ivie, Leslie	Central	10	African American	F	30-Jun-24
Vacant					30-Jun-24
Lewis, Kandee	Harbor	15	African American	F	30-Jun-22

Natalie is the President and CEO at Coro Southern California. Coro's mission is to strengthen the democratic process by preparing emerging leaders for effective and ethical leadership in public affairs. Under Natalie's leadership, Coro has developed a new strategic plan, expanded programs, partnerships, and revenue, and cultivated a growing community of Coro alumni who are transforming communities across the country.

Natalie comes to Coro Southern California from the California Women's Law Center (CWLC), where she worked to address the comprehensive and unique legal needs of women and girls through impact litigation, public policy advocacy and legal education. Prior to CWLC, Natalie was Staff Attorney and Dickran Tevrizian Fellow at Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA), where she provided individual representation to victims of domestic violence, supported impact litigation, including a successful appeal in *Montagner v. Montagner*, engaged in public policy advocacy, and conducted extensive community outreach and legal education. Before joining NLSLA, Natalie was a Labor and Employment litigator at Rutan & Tucker, LLP. While at Rutan, Natalie was actively engaged in pro bono efforts, successfully representing an asylum seeker before the Department of Homeland Security. Prior to embarking on her legal career, Natalie was a Human Capital Consultant in Deloitte & Touche LLP's Public Sector practice where she led the firm's National Public Sector Human Capital Community of Practice Initiative.

Natalie earned her Juris Doctorate from UCLA School of Law, her Master of Science at the Heinz School of Public Policy & Management at Carnegie Mellon University, and her Bachelor of Arts UCLA. Natalie is an alumna of the Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs and Emerge California. She was a 2017 recipient of the Empowerment Congress' Emerging Civic Leaders 40 Under 40 award and a 2021 recipient of LA Impact-Makers to Watch. Natalie currently serves as a Los Angeles City Commissioner on the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Commission, and a Los Angeles County Commissioner on the Economy & Efficiency Commission. She also serves on the boards of Public Counsel, Heidi Duckler Dance, and Emerge California.



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Dear Ms. Samarjian:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Civil and Human Rights Commission for the term ending June 30, 2024. In order to complete the process as quickly as possible, there are several steps that must be taken, many of which require visiting City Hall. If you require parking during these procedures, please contact my Commissions team by email at myr-commissions@lacity.org, to make arrangements for you.

To begin the appointment process, please review, sign, and return the enclosed Remuneration Form and Undated Separation Letters **within one week** of receiving this letter. These documents are necessary to ensuring the most efficient, open, and accountable City government possible. Further, Mayor's Office policy requires all potential commissioners to be fingerprinted as part of the background check. The Commissions Team will assist in connecting you with the Personnel Background Unit so that you may schedule an appointment to have this done. You must schedule the appointment **within one week** of receiving this letter.

Should this apply to your Commission, you will be receiving a packet from the City Ethics Commission containing information about the City's conflict of interest laws, and a copy of the State Form 700/Statement of Economic Interests. You are required to complete and return this form **within 21 days** of your nomination to the City Ethics Commission at 200 North Spring Street, City Hall, 24th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any inquiries regarding this form should be directed to Nicole Enriquez at the Ethics Commission by email at nicole.enriquez@lacity.org.

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As part of the City Council confirmation process, meetings will be offered to Nithya Raman, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Kevin de León, the Chair of the Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights, and Equity Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your appointment will be considered by the Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights, and Equity Committee. Sometime thereafter, you will be notified by the committee clerk when your appointment will be presented to the full City Council for confirmation. Once you are confirmed, you will be required to take the oath of office in the City Clerk's Office in Room 395 of City Hall.

Commissioners must be residents of the City of Los Angeles. If you move at any point during your term, have any changes in your telephone numbers, or in the future plan to resign (resignation must be put in writing), please contact my office immediately.

Congratulations and thank you for agreeing to serve the people of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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Attachment I
Ms. Natalie Samarjian
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Nominee Check List

I. Within 7 days:

_____ Schedule an appointment to get fingerprinted to complete a background check. The Commissions team will assist in connecting you with the Personnel Background Unit.

_____ Email the below forms, found on the last three pages of this letter, to: myr-commissions@lacity.org OR mail them to: Commissions Team, Office of the Mayor, City Hall – Room 303, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

- Remuneration Form
- Undated Separation Letters

II. Within 21 days:

_____ File the following forms with the City Ethics Commission. *If you are required to file, you will receive these forms via email from that office.*

- **Statement of Economic Interest (“Form 700”)**
IMPORTANT: The City Council will not consider your nomination until your completed form is reviewed by the Ethics Commission.
- **CEC Form 60**

III. The Mayor’s Office will notify the below Councilmembers of your nomination, so that they may reach out to schedule a meeting with you should they wish.

_____ Your City Councilmember Nithya Raman

_____ Councilmember Kevin de León, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination