



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

July 29, 2024

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Ms. Laura Raymond to the House LA Citizens Oversight Committee for the term ending June 30, 2029. Ms. Raymond's current term expired on June 30, 2024.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Raymond is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work which shall devolve upon her, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen Bass'.

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Laura Raymond
Commission: House LA Citizens Oversight Committee
End of Term: 6/30/2029

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 13 - East LA
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** M.A., Service, Leadership, and Management, SIT Graduate Institute, Brattleboro, VT
7. **Occupation/profession:** Executive Director, ACT-LA, Los Angeles
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
10. **Current composition of the commission:**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Race	Gender	Term End
Greenlee, Alan	South Valley	4	Caucasian	M	6/30/2026
VACANT					6/30/2026
Lipa, Jacob	South Valley	4	Caucasian	M	6/30/2024
Sharma, Deepika	Central	4	API	F	6/30/2024
Jones, Zerita	South LA	10	African American	F	6/30/2026
Mazariegos, Estuardo (pending ccl)	South LA	9	Latinx	M	6/30/2026
Jeffery, Quaneshia	South LA	9	African American	F	6/30/2024
Reed, Leilani	West LA	11	African American	F	6/30/2026
Chen, Debbie	East LA	13	API	F	6/30/2024
Morales, Alma	Central	13	Latinx	F	6/30/2025
Cea, Charlie	Central	13	Latinx	M	6/30/2025
Coulter, Michelle	East LA	14	Latinx	F	6/30/2025
Sanchez, Antonio	East LA	14	Latinx	M	6/30/2025
Gaeta, Jennifer	South Valley	4	Caucasian	F	6/30/2025
Raymond, Laura	East LA	13	Caucasian	F	6/30/2024

Experience

Executive Director

ACT-LA, Los Angeles, CA (January 2015-present)

Organizational development and management

- Direct all aspects of a broad coalition running campaigns and initiatives for housing and transit justice in LA County
- Lead strategic planning and annual work planning across coalition and staff
- Lead all fundraising for and fiscal management of \$1.1 million annual budget
- Oversee all hiring and staff management and directly supervise Campaigns Director, Advocacy Director, Communications Manager, Capacity Building Manager and policy consultant
- Manage leadership elections and decision-making and restructuring processes for coalition, involving dozens of organizations

Strategic initiatives

- Co-chaired United to House LA's successful *Yes on Measure ULA* campaign; led the drafting and qualification of the 2022 ballot measure, served as principal spokesperson, and directed field and communications programs
- Co-anchored *Build Better LA*, a labor/community partnership that drafted and passed City of Los Angeles ballot ordinance Measure JJJ and defeated ballot ordinance Measure S; resulting in more affordable housing units than any other current program in the state of California
- Led coalition efforts in winning and implementing a first-of-its-kind Transit Oriented Communities Policy at LA Metro and securing \$10 million for implementation efforts in the first year
- Led coalition in developing and launching multiple campaigns for transit justice in LA County, including reimagining safety on public transit
- Co-founded and serve on steering committee for the LA Housing Movement Lab
- Co-founded the Healthy LA coalition to organize legislative solutions to economic crises caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; served on Coordinating Committee and chaired City Advocacy committee.
- Managed *Planning for Equity* outreach and training program to win equity measures in community plans
- Co-coordinated the Sustainable, Prosperous and Resilient Communities Challenge - Los Angeles (SPARCC-LA) table, part of a national \$19 million initiative.

Advocacy Program Manager

Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR), New York, NY (2008-2014)

- Developed and managed CCR's advocacy programs for a range of human and civil rights issues
- Developed and coordinated strategies with local, national and international partners and impacted communities, and represented CCR in national and international networks
- Led lobbying efforts and collaborated with local partners on advocacy strategies, media appearances, information requests and briefings; planned and led delegations to South Africa, Haiti, Honduras and Geneva
- Worked closely with CCR legal teams on coordinating legal and advocacy strategies and provided input, contacts and background for human and civil rights litigation, FOIA requests and human rights complaints to international bodies including UN Commissions, UN Special Rapporteurs and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- Represented CCR in the media and drafted op-eds, reports, action alerts, and other advocacy materials

Coordinator

National Lawyers Guild, International Committee, Virtual (2007)

Laura Juliette Raymond

- Coordinated the international human rights work of a team of volunteer lawyers and law students

National Student Organizer

National Lawyers Guild (NLG), National Office, New York, NY (2003-2006)

- Principal staff person responsible for the growth and programmatic work of over 100 NLG law student chapters; increased student membership by 35% and doubled student attendance at national conventions including through co-founding a student of color travel scholarship program
- Led all NLG national student campaigns

Education

Master of Arts in Service, Leadership, and Management

SIT Graduate Institute, Brattleboro, VT (2010)

Coursework included: Policy Advocacy, International Policy and Citizen Advocacy, Training Design for Experiential Learning, Training for Social Action, Social Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Organizational Management, Program Planning and Project Design, Organizational Behavior I & II, Financial Management

Bachelor of Arts in Community Studies

University of California, Santa Cruz, CA (2001)

Selected Presentations, Awards and Panels

Plenary Speaker, MPact Conference, November 2023

Keynote Speaker, Funders Together to End Homelessness Conference, February 2023

Advocate of the Year Award, Southern California Association of Non-profit Housing, October 2022

Guest Lecturer, Harvard Graduate School of Design Seminar, March 2020

Guest Lecturer, UCSD Leadership Studies Graduate Seminar, April 2019

Panelist, CA Senate Transportation and Housing Committee Informational Hearing, November 2019

Panelist, Rent Burden Crisis, Los Angeles City Council Housing Committee, April 2018

Debater, AirTalk Debate on Measures S and H. Southern California Public Radio, March 1, 2017

Panelist, U.S. Congressional briefing on Health Impacts of the Iraq War, March 2014

Activities

Commissioner (appointed by Mayor Bass), United to House LA Citizens Oversight Committee, 2023-present

Steering Committee, LA Housing Movement Lab, 2019-present

Steering Committee, Connected Communities National Impact Table, 2022-present

Co-chair, United to House LA, 2021-2023

Coordinating Committee and City Advocacy Committee Chair, Healthy LA, 2020-2022

Fellow, Social Venture Partners-Los Angeles, 2019-2021

Member, LA Metro Joint Development Task Force, 2020-2022

Member, Los Angeles Housing Element Task Force, 2019-2021

Member, LA Metro Transit Oriented Communities Working Group, 2018-2020

Steering Committee, Coalition for a Just LA, 2017-2021

Human Rights Delegation Leader, Honduras, National Lawyers Guild, 2013

Shop Steward, NOLSW/UAW Local 2320, Center for Constitutional Rights, 2011-2012

Elected Board Member, National Lawyers Guild, 2009-2011

Language: Advanced Spanish proficiency



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MAYOR

July 29, 2024

Dear Ms. Raymond:

I am pleased to inform you that I am reappointing you to the House LA Citizens Oversight Committee for the term ending June 30, 2029, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

To begin the reappointment process, please review, sign, and return the enclosed Remuneration Form and undated Letters of Separation **within one week** of receiving this letter. These documents are necessary to ensure the most efficient, open, and accountable city government possible.

As part of the reappointment process, Hugo Soto-Martinez, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Nithya Raman, the Chair of the Housing and Homelessness Committee, may wish to meet with you to answer any questions they have. Our office will assist with arranging these meetings.

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 via the California Fair Political Practices Commission's eDisclosure website, or by mailing the forms to City Hall at 200 N. Spring Street, 24th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any inquiries regarding this form should be directed to Nicole Enriquez at the City Ethics Commission by email at nicole.enriquez@lacity.org.

Additionally, you will be required to attend public meetings at City Hall where your reappointment will be considered. You will be hearing from our office and a City Council Clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Housing and Homelessness Committee. Sometime thereafter, you will be notified of the date when your reappointment will be presented to the full City Council. Immediately following the meeting, you will again be required to take the Oath of Office in the City Clerk's Office located in Room 395 of City Hall. If you require parking for these meetings, please contact my Commissions team by email at myr-commissions@lacity.org.

Ms. Laura Raymond
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Per the City Charter, most commissioners must be registered voters of the City of Los Angeles, and must therefore reside within Los Angeles. If you move at any point during your term, or your contact information changes, please contact my Commissions team immediately at the email listed below. While we hope that you complete a successful term, if for some reason you intend to resign, please do so in writing to my Commissions team at myr-commissions@lacity.org.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Mayor

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Attachment I
Ms. Laura Raymond
July 29, 2024

Nominee Check List

I. Within 7 days:

- Email the below completed documents, found on the last three pages of this letter, to: myr-commissions@lacity.org OR mail them to:

Office of the Mayor
Attn: Thomas Arechiga
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

- Remuneration Form
- Undated Separation Letters (2)

II. Before your appointment is heard in committee or full council (you will be contacted by the Clerk's Office with this date):

- 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. Be sure to take no more than 21 days to file, per City law.

- 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 Hugo Soto-Martinez
- Councilmember Nithya Raman, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination

IV. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- Housing and Homelessness Committee Hearing
- Full Council Hearing