



KAREN BASS  
MAYOR

March 21, 2023

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Elnie Vannatim to the Board of Zoo Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2027. Ms. Vannatim will fill the vacancy created by Margot Armbruster, whom I removed effective May 5, 2023 or at the time Ms. Armbruster's successor is confirmed by the City Council.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Vannatim is qualified for the work that will 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' in a cursive script.

KAREN BASS  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Elnie Vannatim  
**Commission:** Board of Zoo Commissioners  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2027

### Appointee Information

1. **Race:** API
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 5 - West LA
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** B.A., Political Science, University of California
7. **Occupation/profession:** Associate Director, Government & Industry Relations, Cedars-Sinai
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume/bio
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Appointment
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Name	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Armbruster, Margot	West	11	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-27
Silva, Bernardo	Central	4	Latino	M	30-Jun-26
Smith, Daryl	North Valley	12	African American	M	30-Jun-25
Hopkins, Christopher	South Valley	4	African American	M	30-Jun-23
Winnick, Karen B.	West	5	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-24

# ELNIE VANNATIM

## EXPERIENCE:

### **Cedars-Sinai - Los Angeles, CA**

**Associate Director, Government & Industry Relations**

*July 2019-Present*

- Serves as a legislative advocate for the Cedars-Sinai Health System on the state and local levels.
- Develops, coordinates, and implements legislative efforts to support Cedars-Sinai's business interests in California. Monitors and analyzes legislative and regulatory issues that impact the organization.
- Sponsored AB 2273 in California (signed into law in 2020) to allow Cedars-Sinai to directly recruit/sponsor foreign-trained luminary physicians, many of whom specialize in care that would help COVID-19 patients.
- Serves as a key liaison to trade associations, business/civic organizations and leaders on federal, state, and local levels.
- Collaborates with internal and external stakeholders in implementation of projects and key initiatives.
- Manages stakeholder engagement and outreach for real estate expansion/land use projects.
- Manages state contract lobbyists.

### **21st Century Fox - Los Angeles, CA**

**Director, Government & Public Affairs**

*January 2019-May 2019*

**Senior Manager, Government & Public Affairs**

*July 2017-December 2018*

**Manager, State and Local Government Affairs**

*August 2014-June 2017*

- Advocated on behalf of Fox on State & Local Government Affairs issues. Anticipated and mitigated non-market risks.
- Directed and executed regional community investment strategies. Managed extensive political and community outreach overseeing a wide variety of activities that resulted in increased corporate visibility, engagement, and impact.
- Partnered with a broad coalition of entertainment guilds, unions, and other studios to successfully obtain \$330m/year in California Film & Television tax incentives.
- Represented Fox on key business boards, political and community organizations - interfaced with public officials at all levels of government and industry organizations.
- Monitored proposed legislation/regulations and supported all business units. Portfolio included: film & television production tax incentives, labor, employment, privacy, and intellectual property issues.
- Managed state and local contract lobbyists.
- Collaborated with the SVP and VP of Government & Public Affairs to develop the annual political and charitable giving budget. Managed corporate contributions and introduced new processes that gained efficiencies.
- Supported all film and television physical production groups with government-related needs for production.
- Represented Fox with the Motion Picture Association (MPA) State Government Affairs Committees and activities.
- Conducted Fox Studio Masterplan stakeholder engagement in conjunction with the Fox Real Estate team: outreached to elected officials, 20+ HOAs and Neighborhood Councils.
- Position was eliminated due to the Fox/Walt Disney Company merger in 2019.

### **Cooperative of American Physicians, Inc. (CAP) - Los Angeles, CA**

**Public Affairs Specialist**

*July 2008-August 2014*

- Staffed the company's four political committees: Federal Political Action Committee (PAC), Federal Independent Expenditure Committee, State PAC, and State Independent Expenditure Committee.

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- Coordinated \$4.2 million of Federal and State independent expenditures and corporate contributions per election cycle.
- Fundraised \$200,000 per election cycle for the Federal PAC.
- Managed CAP's political contribution database and FEC & FPPC compliance.
- Identified, tracked and analyzed state and federal legislation that impacted CAP and the medical professional liability industry.
- Conducted candidate interviews (U.S. Congress, CA State Legislature).
- Represented CAP in federal and state coalitions.
- Provided support for CAP's econometric studies with think tanks (RAND, Berkeley Research Group, LECG, Chang & Adams).
- Created content and maintained the Public Affairs and Members-Only section of the corporate website. Worked with Corporate Communications to develop a strong digital strategy for PAC communications and physician education.
- Collaborated with General Counsel to draft articles and other materials on MICRA and related policy matters.

## **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) - Los Angeles, CA**

### **Legislative Affairs Intern**

*November 2007-July 2008*

- Worked closely with external stakeholders including legislators, legislative/committee staff, Administration staff, state agencies, regional transportation agencies, state and national professional organizations, contract lobbyists, and policy consultants.
- Prepared quarterly FPPC compliance reports.
- Managed SCAG's legislative matrix on StateNet. Issues included: transportation, transit, housing, bond bills, energy, water, aviation, and air quality.
- Worked cross functionally to produce SCAG's Annual Legislative Reference Guide.

## **EDUCATION:**

- University of California, Riverside - Bachelor of Arts, Political Science
- Honors: Order of Omega National Honor Society

## **AFFILIATIONS & HONORS:**

- 40 Under 40 Top AAPI Political Operatives & Public Affairs Professionals (2016)
- Woman of the Year 2012 - California State Assembly
- CAUSE Leadership Council
- Chambers: Century City, Hollywood, Santa Monica, Miracle Mile.
- Elected member of the Westside Neighborhood Council (2014-2019)
- Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce - Board of Directors (2009-2014)
- Thai Association of Southern CA - Vice President of External Relations (2010-2013)
- League of Women Voters, Claremont Area Chapter - Board of Directors (2008-2010)

## **LANGUAGES:**

- Thai: Native speaker, proficient in conversational Thai.



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MAYOR

March 21, 2023

Dear Ms. Vannatim:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Zoo Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2027, subject to confirmation by the City Council. 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 [my-commissions@lacity.org](mailto:my-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](mailto:nicole.enriquez@lacity.org).

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As part of the City Council confirmation process, meetings will be offered to Katy Yaroslavsky, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, the Chair of the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment 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 Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment 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.

Per the Charter, 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,

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

KAREN BASS  
Mayor

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Attachment I  
Ms. Elnie Vannatim  
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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 completed forms, found on the last three pages of this letter, to: [myr-commissions@lacity.org](mailto: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 Katy Yaroslavsky

\_\_\_\_\_ Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination