



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

June 12, 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. Ilissa Gold to the City Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2027.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Gold 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.

Ms. Gold will fill the vacancy created by the departure of John Gonzales.

Sincerely,

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

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Ilissa Gold
Commission: City Planning Commission
End of Term: 6/30/2027

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 5 - Central
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:** Los Angeles Central Area Planning Commission
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Washington University in St. Louis School of Law
7. **Occupation/profession:** Associate Attorney, Reich Adell & Cvitan
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):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Race	Gender	Term End
Lawshe, Monique	Central	4	African American	F	6/30/2024
Choe, Caroline	North Valley	7	API	F	6/30/2026
VACANT					6/30/2027
Leung, Helen	East LA	13	API	F	6/30/2023
Mack, Karen	Central	4	African American	M	6/30/2025
Millman, Samantha	South Valley	4	Caucasian	F	6/30/2024
Zamora, Elizabeth	South LA	10	Latinx	F	6/30/2028
Cabildo, Maria	East LA	14	Latinx	F	6/30/2025
Noonan, Jacob	East LA	14	Caucasian	M	6/30/2027

ILISSA B. GOLD

California Bar #280160

EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, Saint Louis, MO

Juris Doctor

Graduated May 2011

Honors and Activities:

Washington University Journal of Law and Policy, Associate Editor

Law Students for Reproductive Justice, President, 2009-2010

Publications

Ilissa B. Gold, Note, *Explicit, Express, and Everything in Between: The Quid Pro Quo Requirement for Bribery and Hobbs Act Prosecutions in the 2000s*, 36 WASH. U. J.L. & POL'Y 261 (December 2011).

Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences, Ithaca, NY

Bachelor of Arts in Government

Graduated May 2008

WORK EXPERIENCE

Reich Adell & Cvitan, Los Angeles, CA

April 2019-Present

Associate Attorney

- Represent and advise certificated public school employees on disciplinary matters and worksite issues through the California Teachers Association's Group Legal Services program
- Represent members of union clients in grievance arbitrations and disciplinary hearings
- Review union clients' collective bargaining agreements and proposed changes
- Advise union clients on changes in laws and regulations related to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Conduct legal research on labor law matters
- Draft pleadings and briefs in support of union clients in litigation matters

California School Employees Association, El Monte, CA

December 2017-April 2019

Labor Relations Representative

- Represented classified public school employees at hearings and grievances
- Led campaign in region to convert service fee payers to full union members
- Negotiated contracts on behalf of public school employees
- Responded to member questions and concerns regarding their rights at work
- Conducted trainings to train future union leaders
- Organized members to participate in union's political campaigns

ILISSA B. GOLD

California Contract Cities Association, Cerritos, CA

March 2017-December 2017

Legislative Analyst

- Analyzed pending state and county legislation to determine impacts to cities throughout Southern California
- Provided guidance to organization's Legislative Committee on endorsing or opposing legislation
- Alerted member cities and associate members to legislation to encourage them to contact their relevant elected officials to support or oppose organization's positions
- Drafted letters in support of the organization's position on legislation
- Maintained online database detailing organization's stance and analysis on legislation

J Street, Los Angeles, CA

Southwest Associate Regional Director

July 2015-December 2016

Southwest Assistant Finance Director

June 2014-July 2015

- Researched and determine outreach strategy for large donor prospects for major pro-Israel advocacy organization
- Managed regional donor file to ensure proper outreach and communication to donors in our region
- Handled logistical planning and outreach for PAC events and annual fundraising reception
- Researched political developments and candidate outreach strategy within region

The Law Offices of Murray D. Fischer, Beverly Hills, CA

Attorney

June 2012-June 2014

- Managed the submittal of commercial real estate project plans to the Los Angeles and Beverly Hills Planning Departments
- Communicated with city and county planning officials regarding clients' proposed real estate developments
- Researched zoning laws in both Los Angeles and Beverly Hills to advise clients of land use issues
- Reviewed, edited, and drafted language for multiple commercial leases in the City of Beverly Hills

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **City of Los Angeles Central Area Planning Commission**
Commission President, August 2021-Present
Commission Vice President, August 2020-August 2021
Commissioner, February 2018-Present
- **Abundant Housing Los Angeles**
Board President, January 2022-Present
Board Member, December 2020-Present
- **Miracle Mile Democratic Club**
Founding President
President, January 2013-March 2021



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MAYOR

June 12, 2023

Dear Ms. Gold:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the City Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2027, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

To begin the appointment 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.

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 Personnel's 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 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.

As part of the appointment process, Katy Yaroslavsky, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, the Chair of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee, may wish to meet with you to answer any questions they have. Our office will assist with arranging these meetings.

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Additionally, you will be required to attend public meetings at City Hall where your appointment will be considered. You will be hearing from our office and a City Council Clerk who will let you know when your appointment will be considered by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee. Sometime thereafter, you will be notified of the date when your appointment will be presented to the full City Council. Before you may begin serving, you will 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.

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 address 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.

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment I
Ms. Ilissa Gold
June 12, 2023

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: Commissions Team
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

- Remuneration Form
- Undated Separation Letters (2)

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

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 Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination

IV. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- Planning and Land Use Management Committee Hearing
- Full Council Hearing