



August 12, 2024

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. Gregory Lippe to the Police Permit Review Panel for the term ending June 30, 2029.

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

Mr. Lippe will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Lara Yeretsian.

Sincerely,

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

KAREN BASS  
Mayor

KB:tga

Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Gregory Lippe  
**Commission:** Police Permit Review Panel  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2029

### Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 3 - South Valley
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Woodbury University
7. **Occupation/profession:** President, Gregory N. Lippe Accountancy Corporation
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	Race	Gender	Term End
Cabanes, Nahtahna	South Valley	4	Caucasian	F	6/30/2026
Duckett, Ryan	Central	13	African American	M	6/30/2027
Gonzales, Omar	South Valley	4	Latinx	M	6/30/2025
Islam, Maruf	Central	10	API	M	6/30/2028
Hopkins, Joella	Central	14	Latinx	F	6/30/2029
Mims, Charley	Central	4	Caucasian	M	6/30/2027
VACANT					6/30/2029

# **GREGORY N. LIPPE, CPA**

## **RESUME**

### **Highlights of Qualifications**

Certified Public Accountant with Strong Management and Consulting Background  
Managerial Positions include Managing Partner of CPA Firms and CFO of Lumber Co.  
Industries include: Entertainment, Manufacturing and Distribution, Real Estate,  
Extractive (Oil and Gas), Medical, Nutraceutical, Technology, Space, Building, Printing,  
Electronics and Professional Services

### **Professional Experience**

#### **Financial Management & Accounting**

**Public Accounting - Engaged** in the practice of public accounting since 1967.  
Managed two public accounting firms for a combined period of 23 years.  
Performed and reviewed audits and reviews on financial statements of  
Corporations with revenues ranging from \$5-200 million dollars. Analyzed  
financial variances and internal controls resulting in recommendations and  
implementation of changes to enhance performance and profitability. Performed  
agreed-upon procedures analyzing gross profit ratios, revenue recognition and  
purchase/sales cut-offs. Performed merger and sale negotiations on behalf of  
client companies. Performed forensic services in connection with litigation  
involving criminal tax matters, accountants' malpractice, partnership disputes,  
embezzlement and theft of inventory, fixed assets, and trade secrets.

**Financial Planning & Analysis** - Prepared and reviewed annual business plans  
and monthly budget estimates including: development of sales forecasts, operating  
and capital budgets, proforma financial statements cash flow projections, and  
funding requirements. Performed financial variance, and risk analysis.

**Other Financial Services** - Performed cash management, interfacing between  
clients and banks. Arranged financing for both current and long-term needs.  
Reviewed insurance requirements and assisted in obtaining adequate coverage.  
Currently providing outsourced CFO and Consulting Services.

**Human Resources** - Performed recruitment, interviewing, and hiring functions.  
Established personnel policies and benefit packages. Developed comprehensive  
employee manuals. Reviewed employees' progress and initiated promotions and  
salary increases.

## **Gregory N. Lippe, CPA**

### **Professional Experience (Continued)**

#### **Business Development**

**Marketing & Public Speaking** - Developed new business proposals. Interfaced with industry executives, attorneys, insurance representatives and the investment and banking communities in developing new client prospects. Delivered speeches to industry groups and banking associations. Organized seminars for client groups.

### **Employment History**

**Gregory N. Lippe Accountancy Corporation - Woodland Hills and Simi Valley CA.**  
- 11/2009 to present.

**President** - Providing Outsourced CFO and Consulting Services

**Gregory N. Lippe Accountancy Corporation - Partner in Lippe, Hellie, Hoffer & Allison LLP (formerly Lever, Lippe, Hellie & Russell LLP)** - Wood land Hills, California (5/1994 – 11/2009)

**Managing Partner** - Responsible for overall management of firm including financial and cash management, marketing, personnel management, establishment and review of firm policies, acquisition of equipment and technology, presiding over partner and team meetings, delegation of responsibilities, interface with partners, team members (staff), bankers, attorneys, insurance rep representatives, lessors and peer reviewers. Direct client responsibilities include business consulting (including recommending and implementing changes to enhance performance and profitability resulting from analysis of cash flows, budgets, forecasts and internal controls), transactional negotiating, determining funding requirements, assistance with obtaining financing, effective operational planning, supervision of audits, review and analysis of audited, reviewed and compiled financial statements, performance of forensic services in connection with litigation involving criminal tax matters, accountant s' malpractice, partnership disputes, embezzlement and theft of inventory, fixed assets and trade secrets and other planning and compliance services

**Gregory N. Lippe Accountancy Corporation and Shareholder in Solomon, Ross & Company** - Wood land Hills, California (1983 -1994)

**President** (position synonymous with Managing Partner) (1988 - 1994) - Duties and responsibilities were same as with Lever, Lippe, Hellie & Russell (above).

**Gregory N. Lippe, CPA**

**Gregory N. Lippe Accountancy Corporation and Shareholder in Solomon Ross & Company** - Woodland Hills, California (1983-1988)

**Shareholder** (position synonym us with Partner) - Firm responsibilities included personnel management, scheduling of jobs, acquisition of equipment and technology, acquisition of authoritative pronouncements, in-ho use continuing professional education and marketing. Direct client responsibilities included management and supervision of audit, review and compilation engagements, management of acquisition reviews, merger and sale negotiations, business consulting, cash flow projections, assistance with budgeting, analysis of sales forecasts and operational effectiveness, and recommendation and implementation of beneficial operational changes.

**Riverside Lumber Yard** – Van Nuys, California (1981-1983)

**Chief Financial Officer** - Responsible for financial management, revision and enforcement of credit policy, personnel management, financing, equipment acquisition s and establishment and maintenance of internal controls. Duties included preparation and review of annual business plan and monthly budgets, pro-forma financial statements, cash flow projections, profitability analysis, revising pricing structure, implementing and monitoring internal controls, revision and enforcement of credit policy, obtaining short and long -term financing, establishment of personnel policies, assisting sales staff with advertising and promotional programs and posturing the Company for sale.

**Solomon Ross & Company** - Wood land Hill s, California (1969 -198 1)

**Shareholder** (position synonymous with Partner) (19 75-198 1) - Firm responsibilities included personnel management, scheduling of jo bs, acquisition of equipment and technology, acquisition of authoritative pronouncements, in- house continuing professional education and marketing. Direct client responsibilities included management and supervision of audit, review and compilation engagements, management of acquisition reviews, merger and sale negotiation s, business consulting, cash flow projections, assistance with budgeting, analysis of sales forecasts and operational effectiveness, and recommendation and implementation of beneficial operational changes.

**Senior Accountant/Manager** (1969-1975) - Performed, supervised, and managed audits, reviews, and compilations of financial statements for client companies. Performed tax compliance services and business consulting services. Assisted with in-house continuing education programs. Interfaced with bankers, attorneys

and industry groups in developing new client prospects. Supervised professional and support personnel.

**Gregory N. Lippe, CPA**

**Employment History (Continued)**

**Touche Ross & Company** - Los Angeles, California (1967-1969)

**Semi-Senior Accountant** - Duties included performance of specific audit procedures on large audit engagements, tax compliance services, cash flow projections and internal control reviews.

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Accounting major) - Woodbury University, Los Angeles, California, November 1967

Certified Public Accountant, State of California, 1970

American Institute of CPA's and California Society of CPA's

**Education, Licenses, Affiliations, Community Involvement and Other Accomplishments**

**Education** - Received Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Woodbury University (1967).

**Licenses-** California CPA License # 15347 (1970)  
Securities Licenses, Series 7, 63, 65 (Received in 2001, now inactive).

**Honorary Degree** - Doctor of Public Service, Woodbury University, 5/11/2019

**Affiliations, Community Involvement and Other Accomplishments -**

Valley Industry & Commerce Association ("VICA"): Board Member, Former Chairman, Former Treasurer, Board and Executive Committee Member, Former Co-Chair of Government Affairs Committee, Former Chair of Entertainment , Internet and Technology Committee, Former Chair of Runaway Film Production Sub-committee.

**(Continued on Next Page)**

**Gregory N. Lippe, CPA**

**Education, Licenses, Affiliations, Community Involvement and Other Accomplishments (Continued)**

Business and Community Service Awards:

2019 - Received Honorary Doctor of Public Service Degree- Woodbury University  
Honored in 2014 by the San Fernando Valley Business Journal as a Trusted Advisor and received the Community Service Award  
Honored by VICA in 2012 as Recipient of the Harmon Ballin Community Service Award  
Recipient of the 2011 Habitat of Humanity " Hammer of Hope" Award  
Honored in 2002 and in 2007 by the San Fernando Valley Business Journal as one of the Top 25 CPAs of the Valley.  
Honored by the California Chamber of Commerce as a Small Business Advocate of the Year in 2007.

California State Board of Pharmacy (2/26/2009 - 5/31/2021): President (2019 - 2021); Chair of Legislation & Regulation Committee (2012 - 2021).

Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners: Appointed by Mayor (served 4/18/2012 through December 2013), Former Vice President, and Commissioner.

Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency: Appointed by Mayor (served 1/19/2011 through 1/27/2012); Former Commissioner and Treasurer.

Woodbury University: Board of Trustees (Chairman, 1/1/2018 – 6-3-2024)) member of Executive Committee, Former Chairman of Business School Advisory Board (2012 – 2021) and Former Chairman of Audit Committee. Member of re-constituted Board (6-4-2024 – present).

Habitat For Humanity (San Fernando Valley/Santa Clarita Affiliate) - Former Board Member and Treasurer.

First Commerce Bank - Former Board Member, Former Chair of Audit Committee

Val\*Pac - Board Member

**Publications:** Authored op/ed pieces for the San Fernando Valley Business Journal, the Los Angeles Daily News, the Los Angeles Times and the Sacramento Bee. Authored a monthly political guest column for the San Fernando Valley Business Journal titled "Capitol Punishment" for the six years from June 2003 to June 2009.



KAREN BASS  
MAYOR

August 12, 2024

Dear Mr. Lippe:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Police Permit Review Panel for the term ending June 30, 2029, 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](mailto:nicole.enriquez@lacity.org).

As part of the appointment process, Bob Blumenfield, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, may wish to meet with you to answer any questions they have. Our office will assist with arranging these meetings.



Mr. Gregory Lippe  
August 12, 2024  
Page 2

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 Public Safety 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and the last name "Bass" clearly distinguishable.

KAREN BASS  
Mayor

KB:tga

Attachment I  
Mr. Gregory Lippe  
August 12, 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](mailto: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)
- ☐ 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. 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 Bob Blumenfield
- ☐ Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination

### **IV. Public Meetings at City Hall:**

- ☐ Public Safety Committee Hearing
- ☐ Full Council Hearing