



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

June 20, 2014

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Alisa Schlesinger to the Commission on Disability for the term ending June 30, 2019. Ms. Schlesinger will fill the vacancy created by Louis Herrera, whose term expires June 30, 2014.

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

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Alisa Schlesinger
Commission: Commission on Disability
End of Term: 6/30/2019

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 2 - South Valley
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., University of California at Berkeley
7. **Occupation/profession:** Associate, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Replacement
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Name	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appt date	Term ends
Bitonte, Robert	Central	14	Caucasian	M	04-Apr-14	30-Jun-16
de Vera, Theresa May	East	14	Asian Pacific Islander	F	20-Sep-05	30-Jun-15
Driver-Gordon, Sandy	West	5	Caucasian	F	19-Sep-02	30-Jun-17
Griggs, Michael J.	North Valley	7	African American	M	13-Aug-13	30-Jun-18
Herrera, Louis - EXPIRED	North Valley	6	Latino	M	31-Aug-07	30-Jun-14
Posner, Harriet	South Valley	4	Caucasian	F	04-Apr-14	30-Jun-16
Rothenberg, Richard	Central	5	Caucasian	M	17-Mar-14	30-Jun-17
Wilson, Betty R.	East	14	African American	F	30-Jun-11	30-Jun-18
Wolf, David E.	North Valley	12	Caucasian	M	21-Oct-97	30-Jun-17

ALISA C. SCHLESINGER

EXPERIENCE

Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, Los Angeles, California

Associate, May 2002 - August 2002; October 2005 – present

- Practice focuses on complex civil and governmental regulatory litigation.
- Responsible for managing \$10 billion environmental litigation portfolio on day-to-day basis involving more than 100 environmental cleanup sites across the United States.
- Directed wide-scale client response to Securities and Exchange Commission investigation of allegations of trading violations, managed investigation team and conducted legal analysis.
- Litigation counsel for nation's largest school district in suit against the State of California.
- Trial counsel for multiple environmental hearings in federal bankruptcy court; responsible for managing discovery, pre-trial motion practice, trial preparation, and presentation of expert testimony and cross-examinations.
- Conducted dozens of expert and fact witness depositions.
- Mediation and settlement counsel for multiple environmental sites.
- Responsible for drafting briefs and motions in federal court.
- Litigation counsel for victim of human trafficking.
- Counsel in matters related to SEC and DOJ investigatory proceedings and federal court litigation.
- Member of Green Task Force and Recruiting Committee.
- Recipient of Pro Bono Achievement Award 2011/2012/2013
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy Trial Skills Participant June 2013

Disability Rights California, Los Angeles, California

Pro Bono Fellow, April 2010 – August 2010

- Served as litigation counsel in lawsuit representing juveniles with developmental disabilities in Los Angeles County juvenile hall system.
- Represented individual client in administrative hearing related to denial of Medi-Cal benefits.
- Conducted interviews and developed strategy related to due process violations for Regional Center Clients.
- Provided extensive advocacy to a child who was not receiving adequate medical or mental health care or habilitation services in the Los Angeles County Juvenile Hall.
- Provided advocacy services to mental health patients in California state hospitals.
- Provided advocacy services to parent of child receiving special education services in connection with a school expulsion meeting.
- Recipient of 2010 Pro Bono Award.
- Recipient of 2010 Advocacy Achievement Award.

Housing Rights Center, Los Angeles, California

Board Member, March 2011 – present

- California's largest private, nonprofit organization dedicated to securing fair housing.

Comité Contre l'Esclavage Moderne, Paris, France

Associate Attorney, August 2005 – October 2005

- Researched issues related to human trafficking and diplomatic immunity from prosecution for trafficking violations.
- Initiated civil litigation and administrative complaints against human traffickers.
- Liaised with European Union nations in efforts to implement a coordinated response to human trafficking.

U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Judicial Law Clerk, September 2003 – July 2005

- Extensively researched federal and state civil and criminal topics utilizing both civil and common law.
- Authored legal opinions and orders including a complex death penalty case.
- Managed docket and analyzed evidence.

Metropolitan Detention Center Guaynabo, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

Prison Reformer, June 2004 – January 2005

- Developed and implemented rehabilitation program for inmates, including high school equivalent coursework

Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS), Buenos Aires, Argentina

Intern, May 2001 – August 2001

- Researched international judicial proceedings involving Argentina's Dirty War, including legal and political barriers to prosecution of dictatorial crimes.
- Investigated the judicial proceedings brought against Argentina's former military dictators under the jurisdiction of Spain's Judge Baltazar Garzon.
- Authored and translated CELS's reference materials for use in international conferences.

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California

Neurological Researcher, December 1999 – May 2000

- Investigated the molecular pathogenesis of neurodegenerative movement disorders in the Department of Neurology, published in Hiroki Shibata, Duong P. Huynh and Stefan-M. Pulst, "A Novel Protein with RNA-Binding Motifs Interacts with Ataxin-2," Human Molecular Genetics, Vol. 9, No. 9 (2000) 1303-1313.

Friends of Hollyhock House, Hollywood, California

Docent, September 1994 – present

- Lead group tours through Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House. Studied Wright's life, architecture, and philosophies in preparation for conducting group visits.

Los Angeles Conservancy, Los Angeles, California

Conservation Advocate, October 1998 – December 1999

- Researched and drafted written reports regarding the history of various historic sites in Los Angeles County. Composed correspondence to top city official concerning city preservation issues.
- Met with business, civic, and political leaders regarding historical redevelopment projects.

Dubnoff Center for Child Development & Educational Therapy, North Hollywood, California

Instructor, June 1997 – August 1997

- Taught and supervised junior high school students with learning and behavioral disabilities.

EDUCATION

University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, Berkeley, California

Juris Doctor, 2003

- Senior Executive Editor, California Law Review
- Moot Court Advocacy Award

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Arts in French, Minor in Art History, *Summa Cum Laude*, 1998

- Phi Beta Kappa, Dean's List
- American University of Provence, Aix-en-Provence, France, Spring 1998
- Université Mohammed V, Rabat, Morocco, Fall 1997

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

- United States District Courts for the Eastern, Southern, Northern, and Central Districts of California
- First and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeals
- Federal District Court for the District of Puerto Rico
- State Bar of California, Admitted December 2003

PUBLICATIONS

- Daniel Perry and Alisa Schlesinger, *Advice to Debtors – and Creditors – for Valuation Disputes in Bankruptcy Litigation*, Business Valuation Update, Vol. 17, No. 2, Feb. 2011.



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MAYOR

June 20, 2014

Ms. Alisa Schlesinger

Dear Ms. Schlesinger:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Commission on Disability for the term ending June 30, 2019. 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 call Cary Gross in my Office at (213) 978-0621 to make arrangements for you.

To begin the appointment process, please review, sign and return the enclosed City Commissioner Ethics Pledge, Undated Separation Forms, and Background Release **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 you to be fingerprinted as part of the background check that is done on all potential Commissioners. To do so, please bring this letter to the Background Unit of Employment Services Division, Personnel Department Building, 700 East Temple Street, Room 235, Los Angeles, California 90012. The division phone number is (213) 473-9343. Fingerprints must be taken **within three working days** from the **receipt** of this letter.

Under separate cover 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, 200 North Spring Street, City Hall, 24th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any inquiries regarding this form should be directed to Shannon Prior at the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960.

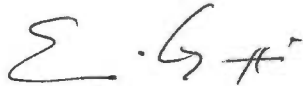
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As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Paul Krekorian, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, the Chair of the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your appointment will be considered by the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee. Some time 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. Cary Gross will assist you during the confirmation process if you have questions.

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 dark ink, appearing to read "Eric Garcetti", with a stylized flourish at the end.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment I
Ms. Alisa Schlesinger
June 20, 2014

Nominee Check List

I. Within three days:

_____ **Get fingerprinted to complete a background check.**
No appointment is necessary. Bring the Mayor's letter to:
Background Unit of Employment Services Division, Personnel
Department Building, 700 East Temple Street, Room 235, Los Angeles,
California 90012. Phone: (213) 473-9343.

II. Within seven days:

Mail, fax or email the following forms to: Cary Gross, Office of the Mayor, Office of External Affairs, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or fax: (213) 978-0720 or email: cary.gross@lacity.org.

_____ **Ethics Pledge**
_____ **Undated Separation Forms**
_____ **Background Check Release**
_____ **Commissioner Information Sheet/Voluntary Statistics**

III. Within 21 days:

File the following forms with the City Ethics Commission. *If you are required to file, you will receive these forms in the mail 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.
_____ **Residence Verification Form**

IV. As soon as possible, the Mayor's Office will schedule a meeting with you and:

_____ **Your City Councilmember Paul Krekorian** (contact at (213) 473-7002).
_____ **Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination** (contact at (213) 473-7013).

Staff in the Mayor's Office of External Affairs will assist you with these arrangements.