



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

August 14, 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. Mia Lehrer to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2029. Ms. Lehrer's current term expired on June 30, 2024.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Lehrer 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: Mia Lehrer
Commission: Board of Water and Power Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2029

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Latinx
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 4 - Central
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** Master of Landscape Architecture, Harvard University Graduate School of Design
7. **Occupation/profession:** President, Studio-MLA
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
Katz, Nurit	South Valley	4	Caucasian	F	6/30/2028
Katz, Richard	South Valley	4	Caucasian	M	6/30/2026
Lehrer, Mia	Central	4	Latinx	F	6/30/2024
Pinder, Wilma	South LA	10	African American	F	6/30/2027
McGraw, George	East LA	13	Caucasian	M	6/30/2025

MIA LEHRER, FASLA

PRESIDENT



El Salvadorian-born Mia Lehrer, FASLA founded Studio-MLA with a vision to improve quality of life through landscape. She is internationally recognized for progressive landscape design, advocacy for sustainable and people-friendly public places, and catalyzing work for a climate-appropriate future. Mia has led the design and implementation of ambitious civic projects, including the Los Angeles Federal Courthouse, Los Angeles Union Station Master Plan, and the LA County Natural History Museum Nature Gardens. She launched two non-profits to improve urban life and the environment as well as work on initiatives for biodiversity, green schoolyards, the urban forest, addressing homelessness, and climate resilience. She served as a Commissioner of the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power and the United States Commission of Fine Arts under President Barack Obama. In 2024, the Los Angeles Times named Mia an 'L.A. Influential'; she also led the firm to receive Fast Company's World's Most Innovative Companies Award of 2023 for Urban Development & Real Estate, the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum's 2021 National Design Award for Landscape Architecture, the ASLA LaGasse Medal, and the John L. Chase Legacy Award from the Westside Urban Forum.

EDUCATION

Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Master of Landscape Architecture
Tufts University, Bachelor of Arts

RECENT LECTURES

2024 "Grounded in Climate Action: Designing for Nature and City," USGBC California Green Building Conference, Los Angeles, CA
2024 "Collaborations & Sense of Place," Mundaneum, San Salvador, El Salvador
2023 "A Path Forward: Leveraging the ASLA Climate Action Plan," ASLA ACT+ADAPT Climate Conference, Los Angeles, CA
2023 "The Los Angeles River: A Glimpse into the Future of LA's Iconic Waterway," ULI Fall Meeting, Los Angeles, CA
2023 "Practicing for Change with Grit: Advocacy by Design," POWERFUL Conference, AIA/LA, Los Angeles, CA
2022 "Sports Stadiums as Community Resources", Parks Professional Pathways, British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association
2021 "Latinas in Leadership", American Society of Landscape Architects, Nashville, TN
2021 "Recalibrating the Forgotten Tributaries and Neighborhoods of the Upper Los Angeles River", American Society of Landscape Architects, Nashville, TN
2021 "Our County: An Innovative Sustainability Plan for LA County", American Planning Association
2021 "Re-engaging the Industrial Waterfront", Outdoor Spaces, The Architect's Newspaper

AWARDS + HONORS

2024 "LA Influential — The Civic Center," Los Angeles Times
2023 Worlds Most Innovative Companies, Fast Company
2023 Landmark Award, Vista Hermosa Natural Park, American Society of Landscape Architects
2023 Commendation for Civic Pride & Service to the Affairs of the Community, Las Fotos Foto Forum,
LA County District One Supervisor Hilda Solis
2023 Innovation Award, Upper Los Angeles River & Tributaries Revitalization Plan, Los Angeles Business Council
2022 Design for Water Merit Award, SoFi Stadium & Entertainment District, AIA/LA
2022 The John L. Chase Legacy Award,
Westside Urban Forum
2021 Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum,
National Design Award, Landscape Architecture
2019 Women of Influence Award, L.A. Biz

APPOINTMENTS & ORGANIZATIONS

City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission,
Vice President, 2007-2010
Los Angeles Business Council (LABC), 2022 - Present
Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) Advisory Council,
February 2024 - Present
Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
Board of Commissioners, 2020 - June 30, 2024
Los Angeles Parks Foundation Board, 2021-Present
Southern California Development Foundation (SCDF)
Board Member, 2018-2024
United States Fine Arts Commission, 2014-2018
(Nominated by President Barack Obama)
Walton Family Foundation, Northwest Arkansas
Design Excellence Program Selection Committee,
2020-2023

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RECENT PROJECTS

6AM Arts District Entitlement Studies, Los Angeles, CA
Alameda Substation Site Improvements, Burbank, CA
Albion Riverside Park, Riverside, CA
Amgen Headquarters, Thousand Oaks, CA
Annenberg Community Beach House, Santa Monica, CA
Arts Matrix / 670 Mesquit, Los Angeles, CA
Atwater Multimodal Bridge, Los Angeles, CA
Audrey Irmas Pavilion at Wilshire Blvd Temple Los Angeles, CA
Bakersfield Federal Courthouse, Bakersfield, CA
Baldwin Hill State Park Master Plan, Los Angeles, CA
Ballona Creek Master Plan and Trails Study, Los Angeles, CA
Beverly Gardens Park Restoration, Beverly Hills, CA
BMO LAFC Football Stadium, Los Angeles, CA
Bowtie Parcel L.A. River Habitat Restoration & Stormwater,
Los Angeles, CA
Buchanan Mall Cultural Promenade, San Francisco, CA
California EPA Headquarters, Sacramento, CA
California Indian Heritage Center, Sacramento, CA
Caltech Keck Institute, Pasadena, CA
Cargo Way Bay Ecology Railscape, San Francisco, CA
Center for Sustainable Communities, Compton, CA
Compton Creek Earthen Bottom Feasibility Study,
Compton, CA
Compton Creek Regional Garden Master Plan, Compton, CA
Confluence Plaza, Los Angeles, CA
Cumulus Mixed-Use District, Culver City, CA
Destination Crenshaw, Los Angeles, CA
Dodger Stadium Renovations, Los Angeles, CA
Downtown Homeless Drop-In Center, Los Angeles, CA
Fair Park Community Park, Dallas, TX
First and Broadway Park (FAB Park), Los Angeles, CA
G2 Taylor Yard River Park, Los Angeles, CA
Glendale Waterfront Greenway, Los Angeles, CA
Great Park Master Plan & Implementation, Irvine, CA
Groundwater Reliability Improvement Project, Pico Rivera, CA
Harvard-Westlake River Park Campus, Los Angeles, CA
Hauser & Wirth, Los Angeles, CA
Hillcrest Historic Park, Fullerton, CA
Hollywood 'Walk of Fame' Revitalization Plan, Los Angeles, CA
Hollywood Park Entertainment District, Inglewood, CA
Irvine Towers, Irvine, CA
Ishihara Park, Santa Monica, CA
James Wood Community Center, Los Angeles, CA
John Anson Ford Amphitheater, Los Angeles, CA
LA Glendale Water Reclamation Plant, Personnel Building and
Greenway, Glendale, CA
LA River Piggyback Yard Conceptual Master Plan,
Los Angeles, CA
LA River Piggyback Yard Feasibility Master Plan,
Los Angeles, CA
LA River Revitalization Master Plan, LA Metro Area
LA River Riverfront Greenway Phase II, Vernon, CA
LA River Stormwater Management and Habitat Enhancement
Conceptual Design, Los Angeles, CA
LA River Taylor Yard G2, Los Angeles, CA
LA River Valley Bikeways and Greenways, Los Angeles, CA
LA River Verdugo Wash Confluence Feasibility Study,
Lake Havasu City Environmental Learning Center, AZ
Levi's Plaza Revitalization, San Francisco, CA
Los Angeles County Natural History Museum Public Gardens,
Los Angeles, CA
Los Angeles Federal Courthouse, Los Angeles, CA
Los Angeles Union Station, Los Angeles, CA
Los Angeles Valley Traffic Bureau, Los Angeles, CA
Los Feliz Library, Los Angeles, CA
Lower Hesse Park and Grandview Parks Master Plan,
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan,
Los Angeles County, CA
Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, Los Angeles, CA
MLK Park, Fresno, CA
Natural History Museum Nature Gardens, Los Angeles, CA
NFL Los Angeles Studios, Inglewood, CA
Northeast Los Angeles Placemaking District, Los Angeles, CA
Old Washington Irving Library, Los Angeles, CA
Pacoima City Hall, Los Angeles, CA
Pacoima Wash Vision Plan, San Fernando and Los Angeles, CA
Painted Turtle Camp Master Plan & Wetland Restoration,
Lake Hughes, CA
Peninsula Center Library, Palos Verdes, CA
Plaza Espana Athletic Center, San Salvador, El Salvador
Potrero Heights Community Center, Los Angeles, CA
Puerco Canyon Nature Preserve Master Plan, CA
Rio Olympics Master Plan Design Competition, Brazil
Riverside Gateway Parks Master Plans, Riverside, CA
Robertson Library, Los Angeles, CA
San Gabriel Valley Greenways Implementation Plan,
Los Angeles County, CA
San Gabriel, Greening the Code, San Gabriel, CA
Santa Clara Gateway, Santa Clara, CA
Santa Monica Sand Dunes Restoration, Santa Monica, CA
Silver Lake Branch Library, Los Angeles, CA
Silver Lake Reservoir Master Plan, Los Angeles, CA
SoFi Stadium & Lake Park, Inglewood, CA
Stanford University Frost Amphitheater, Palo Alto, CA
Tejon Ranch Conservancy Campground Conceptual Plan,
Frazier Park, CA
Terminal Island Advanced Water Purification Facility,
Los Angeles, CA
The Village Mixed-Use, Santa Monica, CA
Tree People Center for Community Forestry, Beverly Hills, CA
UC Irvine Naturescape Vision Plan+Botanical Garden,
Irvine, CA
UCLA Geffen Hall, School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA
UCLA Mildred Mathias Botanical Garden, Los Angeles, CA
Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Revitalization Plan,
Los Angeles County, CA
Urban Orchard Park, South Gate, CA
Vernon Los Angeles River Bikeway Project, Vernon, CA
Vista Hermosa Natural Park, Los Angeles, CA



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Dear Ms. Lehrer:

I am pleased to inform you that I am reappointing you to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners 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, Nithya Raman, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, the Chair of the Energy and Environment 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 Energy and Environment 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.

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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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and the last name "Bass" clearly distinguishable.

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment I
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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 Nithya Raman
- ☐ Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination

IV. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- ☐ Energy and Environment Committee Hearing
- ☐ Full Council Hearing