



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

June 16, 2025

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Ms. Harper Halprin to the Disabled Access Appeals Commission for the term ending June 30, 2030. Ms. Halprin's current term expires on June 30, 2025.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Halprin 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 blue ink that reads "Karen Bass".

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Harper Halprin
Commission: Disabled Access Appeals Commission
End of Term: 6/30/2030

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** F
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 5 - West Los Angeles
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 Architecture, University of Southern California
7. **Occupation/profession:** Founder, Principal, Lead Architect, AAHA Studio
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
Halprin, Harper	West LA	5	Caucasian	F	6/30/2025
de Vera, Theresa	East LA	1	API	F	6/30/2028
Williams, Patricia	East LA	1	Caucasian	F	6/30/2027
Revkin, Cheryl	East LA	13	Caucasian	F	6/30/2026
Ochoa, Hector	East LA	14	Latinx	M	6/30/2029

HARPER HALPRIN, RA, AIA

A native of Southern California, Harper made her way to New York after graduating from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Architecture. Under the direction of Bill Sofield and S. Russell Groves, she was integral to domestic and international retail rollouts from Tom Ford to Tiffany & Co. From private penthouses and luxury residential developments to hospitality and commercial interiors, Harper has played key roles in managing high-end projects for private clients. In 2015, she founded AAHA Studio (formerly HH Design) and has grown the practice to include her husband, Aaron, and a full-time team of architectural and interior designers. AAHA Studio has completed residential and commercial projects across the country.

AAHA STUDIO LOS ANGELES, CA 2015 – PRESENT

Founder, Principal, Lead Architect

- A multi-disciplinary studio of architects and interior designers with project types consisting of high-end, custom single-family residential, custom residential development, retail & commercial concepts roll-outs & hospitality.

HAWK & CO. CULVER CITY, CA 2014 – 2015

Design architect and project manager

- High-end custom single family residential and furniture. All phases of design and construction administration.
- KEY PROJECTS: Emerald Residence (*Dana Point*); Gold Residence (*Dana Point*); Laguna Residence (*Laguna Beach*); Summit Circle (*Beverly Hills*)

S. RUSSELL GROVES NEW YORK, NY 2009 – 2013

Junior Project Manager

- High-end custom, single family residential, condominium, commercial, hospitality, retail, lighting, product design, custom furniture, and millwork. All phases of design and construction administration.
- KEY PROJECTS: Penthouse Residence (*NYC*); Park Ave Residence (*NYC*); Halcyon Luxury Condos (*NYC*); Scout Capital Offices (*Palo Alto, CA*); Morgan's Hotel Lounge (*NYC*); Gem Tower (*NYC*); Tiffany & Co. (*Shanghai, Dallas, Towson, Manhasset*); Park Ave Residence (*NYC*); Ann Taylor (*Atlanta*); Swarovski Custom Lighting;

STUDIO SOFIELD NEW YORK, NY 2008 – 2009

Junior Designer

- High-end retail including both exterior and interiors, custom furniture, millwork and lighting design. Schematic design and detail development.
- KEY PROJECTS: Tom Ford (*Las Vegas, Beverly Hills*); Penthouse Residence (*NYC*); Baker & McGuire Furniture & Lighting

WEINTRAUB & ASSOCIATES LONDON, ENGLAND 2007

Junior Designer

- Commercial, residential and mixed use developments. Programming and schematic design.
- KEY PROJECTS: Canary Wharf Highrise (London); Office Campus (Dubai); Hotel Competition (London); Brownstone Renovation (London);

ARCHITECTURAL INTERNSHIPS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 2004 - 2006

- Scheuer Architects, (*Irvine, CA*); LPA, Inc (*Irvine, CA*); Pacific Dimensions, Inc. (*El Segundo, CA*)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES 2003-2008

Bachelor of Architecture, Magna Cum Laude

- American Institute of Architects, certificate for academic excellence
- Tau Sigma Delta, architectural honors society
- Milan Polytechnic and USC Anthony Marnell Como, Italy study abroad program
- Kappa Alpha Theta, Omicron Chapter



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MAYOR

June 16, 2025

Dear Ms. Halprin:

I am pleased to inform you that I am reappointing you to the Disabled Access Appeals Commission for the term ending June 30, 2030, 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, Katy Yaroslavsky, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez, the Chair of the Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging, and Disability 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 Samantha Rodriguez at the City Ethics Commission by email at samantha.rodriguez@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 Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging, and Disability 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
Ms. Harper Halprin
June 16, 2025

Nominee Check List

I. Within 7 days:

- ☐ Email the completed document listed below, found on the last page of this letter, to: myr-commissions@lacity.org OR mail them to:

Office of the Mayor
Attn: Luz Portillo
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 Katy Yaroslavsky
- ☐ Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination

IV. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- ☐ Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging, and Disability Committee Hearing
- ☐ Full Council Hearing