



**ERIC GARCETTI**  
**MAYOR**

September 24, 2020

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Mia Lehrer to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Lehrer will fill the vacancy created by Mel Levine, who has resigned.

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

Sincerely,

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ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Mia Lehrer  
**Commission:** Board of Water and Power Commissioners  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2024

### Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Latina
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 4 - Central
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** MLA, Harvard University
7. **Occupation/profession:** President, Studio-MLA
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):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Barad, Jill Banks	South Valley	4	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-23
Neeman Brady, Nicole	Central	4	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-21
Reyes, Susana	South	10	Asian Pacific Islander	F	30-Jun-25
McClain-Hill, Cynthia	Central	14	African-American	F	30-Jun-22

## MIA LEHRER, FASLA

PRESIDENT



Mia Lehrer is the leader of Studio-MLA, an urban planning and landscape architecture firm that she founded with a vision to improve quality of life through landscape. She is recognized for progressive landscape design, advocacy for sustainable and people-friendly public places, and catalyzing work for a climate-appropriate future. This advocacy-through-design approach is grounded in values Mia has developed since graduate school, when Ian McHarg's *Design with Nature* sparked understanding that we are connected to the Earth and its processes. Large-scale planning and environmental issues were connecting academia and environmentalists to imagine a better future. As much as her work is driven by integrating urban and natural processes, Mia is a true believer in the artful impact of design. Design matters in making places that resonate with and inspire people.

She leads the design and implementation of ambitious public and private projects, including the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, the LA County Natural History Museum Gardens, the Hollywood Park Racetrack redevelopment and its new LA NFL Stadium, Vista Hermosa Park, and many Los Angeles River-related projects. The Los Angeles River work is exemplary of how Mia shaped Studio-MLA to balance private work with that which contributes to the community. She helped Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) founder Lewis MacAdams understand the power of design to give the community a vision of the future. This effort, led to groundbreaking commissions collaborating with other landscape architects, engineers, planners, and municipalities to plan and design the revitalization of the Los Angeles River. She currently leads the landscape architectural design of the largest river-adjacent parcel, Taylor Yard, for the Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering.

Her dedication to environmental advocacy is demonstrated through the launch of 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. For her expertise in landscape architecture and urbanism, Mia is regularly sought out for advisory boards and committees. She currently serves on boards for the Southern California Development Forum, Salvadoran-American Leadership Fund, and sits on the City of Los Angeles Zoning Advisory Committee. In 2010, Mia was elevated to Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Mia has gained attention internationally, speaking on adaptation through design in Honolulu, Toronto, Istanbul, Sydney, Stockholm, and Quito among other places. In 2014, President Barack Obama appointed Mia to the US Fine Arts Commission. In addition to numerous project awards, Mia has been awarded by the Sierra Club, the American Jewish Committee, and the American Society of Landscape Architects prestigious LaGasse Medal for her impact as a designer and community leader.

## SELECT LECTURES

2020 (forthcoming) National Awards Jury Member, American Society of Landscape Architects, Washington, DC  
2020 (forthcoming) Keynote Speaker, Cornell University LA BASH, Ithaca, NY  
2020 (forthcoming) Lecture, S.ARCH 2020 Conference, Tokyo, Japan  
2019 CEO Roundtable Symposium, Sustainable Design Firms Inaugural CEO Roundtable, San Francisco, CA  
2019 AIA Los Angeles City Leaders Breakfast Series, Los Angeles, CA  
2019 "Urban Complexities" Keynote, Israeli Association of Landscape Architects Common Ground Landscape Conference, Tel Aviv, Israel  
2019 "Adapting by Design," Grey to Green Conference, Toronto, ON  
2019 "Towards a Regenerative City," Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Ecuador, Ibarra, Ecuador  
2019 "Planetary Warming, Technology and Resilience," USC School of Architecture: The City and Democratic Capitalism, Los Angeles, CA  
2019 "Hacia una Ciudad Regenerativa" Mundaneum 2019, Mendoza, Argentina  
2019 SALA Lecture Series, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver  
2019 Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Urban River Revitalization Summit, Los Angeles, CA  
2019 "Designing for Resilience: a Collective Approach" Changing Cities International Conference, Crete Island, Greece  
2019 Panel Speaker, LA Architecture & Design Summit, BISNOW, Los Angeles, CA  
2019 Presenter, CityAge Conference, Los Angeles, CA  
2019 University of Illinois, Urbana Champagne, IL  
2018 "Advocacy by Design," Keynote Presentation. American Society of Landscape Architects. Honolulu, HI  
2018 "Learning from the Los Angeles River," ArchiSections. Istanbul, Turkey  
2017 "Los Angeles: City of the Future," Keynote Presentation. International Festival of Landscape Architecture: The 3rd City, Sydney, Australia  
2017 "Behind the Headlines: A Roundtable about LA River Revitalization Efforts," ASLA, Los Angeles, CA  
2017 "Recalibrating the City: Advocacy by Design," Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA  
2017 "Lessons Learned from Los Angeles," Leading with Landscape, Renewing San Antonio's Brackenridge Park. The Cultural Landscape Foundation, San Antonio, TX  
2016 "Breaking Boundaries in Public Practice," Landscape Architecture Foundation Summit, Philadelphia, PA  
2016 "Connecting Community through Advocacy and Design," Reimagining Local Government, Chapman University, Orange, CA  
2016 "Recalibrating the City: Advocacy by Design," Architectural League Lecture, Cooper Union, New York, NY  
2015 "Adapting by Design: Sense of Place," Conversations in Place, Rancho Los Alamitos, Long Beach, CA  
2015 "Adapted by Design," Sink or Swim, Annenberg Space for Photography, Los Angeles, CA  
2015 "Embracing the Beauty in Sustainability, challenges of the drought in L.A.," Ebell Women's Club, Los Angeles, CA  
2015 "Adapting by Design: Urban Interventions," Landscape as Necessity Debate Series, Culver City, CA  
2015 "Recalibrating Urban Rivers," American Society of Landscape Architects Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL  
2014 "L.A. River: Past, Present, Future," Pomona College, Claremont, CA  
2014 "Redefining Los Angeles," Woodside Atherton Garden Club, San Francisco, CA  
2013 "Redefining Los Angeles," Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY  
2013 "LA is Wonderfully Diverse and Complex," at MoMA, New York, NY  
2013 "Revitalizing the Los Angeles River Center," University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA  
2013 "Value by Design: The Benefits of an Integrated Approach for Sustainable Site Design," Brownfields, Atlanta, GA  
2013 "Defining the Future: Urban Ambition, Assessing the Evolution of LA" at the Getty Center, Los Angeles, CA  
2013 "Productive Garden," Civic Horticulture Conference, Philadelphia, PA  
2013 "River Restoration and Community Revitalization: A Case Study," 8th Annual Zeroscape Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico  
2012 "Calibrating Infrastructure Through Landscape Architecture," University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
2012 "The Design of Adaptation," Drylands Design Conference, Los Angeles, CA

## SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS

Aerospace Campus Master Plan, Pasadena, CA  
Amgen Headquarters, Thousand Oaks, CA  
Annenberg Community Beach House, Santa Monica, CA  
Atwater Multi-modal Bridge, Los Angeles, CA  
Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan, Los Angeles, CA  
Bank of California Stadium, Los Angeles, CA  
Beverly Gardens Park Restoration, Beverly Hills, CA  
Caltech Keck Institute, Pasadena, CA  
California EPA Headquarters, Sacramento, CA  
Crocker Galleria, San Francisco, CA  
Destination Crenshaw, Los Angeles, CA  
Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles, CA  
Downtown Revitalization Specific Plan, San Bernardino, CA  
First & Broadway (FAB) Park, Los Angeles, CA  
Ishihara Park, Santa Monica, CA  
Hollywood Park Master Plan, Inglewood, CA  
Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood, CA  
John Anson Ford Amphitheater, Los Angeles, CA  
Levi's Plaza, San Francisco, CA  
Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan & Riverfront Greenway, Los Angeles, CA  
Los Angeles NFL Entertainment District and Rams Stadium, Los Angeles, CA  
Lower Los Angeles River Master Plan, Los Angeles County, CA  
Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, Los Angeles, CA  
MGM Tower, Los Angeles, CA  
Nature Gardens, Natural History Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
Orange County Great Park, Irvine, CA  
Piggyback Yard Conceptual Master Plan, Los Angeles, CA  
Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, CA  
Rio Olympics Master Plan Design Competition, Brazil  
Stanford University, Frost Amphitheater, Palo Alto, CA  
Sunset Millennium, West Hollywood, CA  
Vernon Los Angeles River Bikeway Project, Vernon, CA  
Vista Hermosa Natural Park, Los Angeles, CA  
Waterfront Promenade and Development Plan, San Pedro, CA  
Wilshire Temple, Los Angeles, CA

## HONORS

2019 Women of Influence Award, L.A. Biz  
2019 ASLA National Honor Award in Communications, "A Living, Breathing Movement: An Introduction to the Dakota Access Pipeline Issue." Awarded to ALMA, a collaborative incubated at Studio-MLA  
2018 Ira Yellin Leadership Award, American Jewish Committee  
2018 LA River Equity Champions Award, Sierra Club  
2017 Environmental Leadership Award, LA Beautification Team  
2016 La Gasse Medal, American Society of Landscape Architects  
2016 Winner, FAB Park Design Competition, City of Los Angeles  
2015 ICON Award, LA Design Festival  
2010 Fellow, American Society of Landscape Architects

## EDUCATION

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

## ORGANIZATIONS

USC GeoDesign Advisory Board, 2018-Present  
Southern California Development Forum Board, 2018-Present  
City of Los Angeles, Zoning Advisory Committee, 2014-Present  
LA-Mas Board of Directors, 2013-present  
Los Angeles-San Salvador Sister City Committee, 2005-Present  
Hollywood Design Review Committee, 2000-Present  
Salvadoran-American Leadership Fund, 2000-Present  
US Fine Arts Commission, 2014-2018  
Landscape Architecture Foundation Board, 2010-2017  
Latino Urban Forum Board, 2006-015  
City of Los Angeles, Mayor's Design Advisory Panel, 2010-2013  
City of Los Angeles, Cultural Affairs Commission, 2010-2012  
American Society of Landscape Architects, named Fellow, 2010  
Harvard Design Magazine Advisory Board, 2008-2012  
City of Los Angeles, Cultural Affairs Commissioner, 2007-2010





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Dear Ms. Lehrer:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2024. 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 Claudia Luna in my office at (213) 978-0621 to make arrangements for you.

To begin the appointment process, please review, sign and return the enclosed Remuneration Form, Undated Separation Forms, Background Check Release and Information Sheet **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 Nicole Enriquez 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 David Ryu, your Councilmember, and Council President Nury Martinez, the Chair of the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice 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 Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee. Sometime 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. Claudia Luna 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,

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ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment I  
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### 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 or email the following forms to: Claudia Luna, Office of the Mayor, Office of  
Legislative and External Affairs, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA  
90012 or email: Claudia.Luna@lacity.org.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Remuneration Form**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **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 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**

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Your City Councilmember David Ryu**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Councilmember Nury Martinez, Chair of the Council Committee  
considering your nomination.**

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