

Communication from Public

Name: Terry Tegnazian

Date Submitted: 03/30/2023 02:07 PM

Council File No: 23-1200-S29

Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically endorse Linda Blank's nomination to the Board of Library Commissioners! I have worked with Linda as a local volunteer regarding programs at the Westwood Branch Library. I know how much volunteer time and dedication she devotes to the library and to our community in general. It's obvious that she understands the multiple and diverse roles that our public libraries play in our local communities. More importantly, as is apparent from her resume, Linda will bring a wide range of knowledge, skills and experience that will truly benefit the Board of Library Commissioners.

Communication from Public

Name: Ruth Chung

Date Submitted: 03/30/2023 02:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to submit a public comment in support of the nomination of Ms. Linda Blank for the position of L.A. City Library Commissioner. I believe Linda Blank will be an excellent Library Commissioner. Linda Blank is a longtime Board member and Past President of the Friends of Westwood Library, as well as a Board member of our Westwood Community Council, and Vice President and Board member of the Westwood Homeowners Association, among several other community and professional affiliations. She continues to be a strong advocate for the library and its mission.

Communication from Public

Name: Steven D. Sann

Date Submitted: 03/30/2023 07:26 PM

Council File No: 23-1200-S29

Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached public comment in support of the nomination of Linda M. Blank by Mayor Bass to the Board of Library Commissioners. Please add this public comment to the Council File (23-1200-S29). Thank you.

Public Comment by Steven D. Sann in Support of Nomination of Linda M. Blank by Mayor Karen Bass to the City of Los Angeles Board of Library Commissioners:

As Chair of the Westwood Community Council (WCC) and as a founding Board member and Program Chair of the Friends of Westwood Library (FWL), I am thrilled to express my enthusiastic support for the nomination of Linda M. Blank by Mayor Bass to serve on the Board of Library Commissioners for our beloved Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) System.

I have had the great privilege of serving and volunteering alongside Linda on both the WCC and FWL non-profit Boards for nearly 15 years. Her tremendous intellect, energy, passion, and commitment constantly impress me. She is truly dedicated to improving our community and city, and advancing and uplifting institutions and resources such as LAPL that make Los Angeles one of the most vibrant, dynamic, diverse, and culturally enriched cities in the world.

As past President and a longtime Board member of the Friends of Westwood Library, Linda has developed a keen understanding and unique perspective of LAPL. She appreciates the essential role that our public library system plays in the life of Angelenos and all of its residents in advancing literacy, access to information, computer literacy, financial literacy, multiculturalism, self-improvement, and in opening doors of opportunity to people of diverse educational, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds. She is a passionate advocate for the critical resources that LAPL provides to promote equitable access to information and technology.

As a longtime member of the Friends, Linda has developed a keen understanding of the budgeting, staffing, operations, and policies of LAPL. She recognizes the critical importance of LAPL to immigrants, non-English speakers, first generation families, low-income individuals, those seeking to become American citizens, those who did not graduate high school, the elderly, and others for whom the public library is an essential gateway to a better and more informed life, and increased engagement with the civic life of Los Angeles and the U.S. She witnessed how LAPL responded effectively to the COVID-19 pandemic with the highly successful "Library to Go" program, to ensure continued access to print books and other physical library materials.

She recognizes the essential function that the Library Foundation, private philanthropy, and the more than 60 Friends groups (which support various branches and Central Library departments) provide in helping make LAPL the #1 public library system in the U.S.

Linda is not a mere "observer" or passive participant on our Friends Board. She actively leads by example. She is engaged at our Board meetings. She is one of our most faithful and active volunteers at our Friends Book Sales. She plays a pivotal role in the on-going fund raising by our Friends. Linda tirelessly advocates for increased public and private support for our library. She has unfailingly demonstrated her ardent support for our local Westwood Branch as well as the entire LAPL System.

Linda is uniquely qualified to serve on this Commission: as a professional educator and public school substitute teacher for 17 years in the Beverly Hills Unified School District; as a professional family therapist at Vista del Mar, working with foster parents, foster youth, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters; as a trained non-profit professional; as a business attorney in private practice; and as a longtime neighborhood leader, homeowner leader, Vice President and Board member of the Westwood Homeowners Association (which represents more than 2,500 Westwood families and households), and as a devoted community volunteer.

Linda is a longtime Angeleno and Westwood resident of 50+ years. She is a champion of public education and the product of our local LAUSD public schools (elementary, junior, and senior high school), as well as UC Berkeley, University of Judaism, and Loyola Law School. She and her husband have raised their family in Westwood, and they are deeply devoted to the community and to the entire City of Los Angeles.

She is also very familiar with the structure of our city government. She worked with our local Council Office and the Department of Recreation and Parks to raise the necessary funds to complete a major overhaul and improvement of Westwood Gardens Park, the pocket park located immediately adjacent to the Westwood Branch Public Library.

Linda understands the Board of Library Commissioners is a major time commitment, meeting twice a month, to support and guide LAPL, and oversee its budget, rules, and procedures. She is a very diligent person and does not take on any task unless she is prepared to fully commit her time and talents to see that work to completion.

Linda has a deep respect for the vital role that the Los Angeles Public Library has played over the past 150 years in serving the many diverse communities and neighborhoods in Los Angeles - a vibrant international city of more than 100 languages and people from all around the world.

She will be an outstanding Library Commissioner!

Public Commenter: Steven D. Sann

Council File: 23-1200-S29

Date: March 30, 2023

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