



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

August 3, 2019

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Ms. Karen Winnick to the Board of Zoo Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Winnick's current term expired on June 30, 2019.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Winnick 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: Karen Winnick
Commission: Board of Zoo Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2024

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 5 - West
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:** Board of Zoo Commissioners
6. **Highest level of education completed:** B.F.A., Syracuse University
7. **Occupation/profession:** Philanthropist, Artist, Author
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
10. **Current composition of the commission:**

Name	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Armbruster, Margot	West	11	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-22
Silva, Bernardo	Central	4	Latino	M	30-Jun-21
Hopkins, Christopher	South Valley	4	African- American	M	30-Jun-23
Smith, Daryl	North Valley	12	African- American	M	30-Jun-20
Winnick, Karen B.	West	5	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-19

Karen B. Winnick

Author | Artist | Philanthropist

Bringing history and animals to life for young readers, while supporting literacy, animal welfare and educational organizations

Author, Artist and Philanthropist who has published more than a dozen children's picture books; exhibited paintings in LA galleries; served on the boards of universities and non-profit organizations; and leads a philanthropic foundation that has provided millions of dollars in grants to local, regional, and international literacy, animal welfare, education, healthcare, conservation and Jewish advocacy groups.

Publishing History

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR—Los Angeles, California

1977 – Present

Children's Book Author and Poet

Published more than a dozen children's picture books about animals and American history during 35+ years as an author and artist. Additionally, published poetry in magazines and anthologies; exhibited paintings in galleries in Los Angeles area. For more information, visit www.karenbwnnick.com. Titles include:

- *How Lucky Got His Shoe* (Santa Barbara Zoo, 2017).
 - *Good Night, Baby Animals, You've Had a Busy Day* (Henry Holt & Company, 2017); Text only.
 - *Hank, The Ballpark Pup* (Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Team, 2014/2015); Text only.
 - *Sparrow Sings for Bear* (IsraAID, 2013).
 - *Gemina: The Crooked-Neck Giraffe* (Santa Barbara Zoo, 2013). Included in the "Literally Healing" program at Children's Hospital, Los Angeles.
 - *Lucy's Cave: A Story of Vicksburg, 1863* (Boyds Mills Press, 2008).
 - Named one of the "Best Books of the Year" by the Children's Book Committee of Bank Street College of Education.
 - *Cassie's Sweet Berry Pie: A Civil War Story* (Boyds Mills Press, 2005).
 - *The Night of the Fireflies* (Boyds Mills Press, 2004); Text only.
 - Nominated for the 2009 – 2010 Georgia Children's Book Award.
 - *Barn Sneeze* (Boyds Mills Press, 2002).
 - *A Year Goes Round: Poems for the Month* (Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press, 2001).
 - *Sybil's Night Ride* (Boyds Mills Press, 2000).
 - Named one of the "Best Children's Books of the Year" by Bank Street College of Education and one of Los Angeles' "100 Best Books" (2000).
 - *Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers* (Boyds Mills Press, 1996).
 - Featured on ABC's *Good Morning America's* "American Snapshot" in segment called "Girls' Letter Changes Face of Lincoln."
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- *Sandra's Dolphin* (Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1980).
- *Patch and the Strings* (J.B. Lippincott, 1977).

Board Appointments & Civic Affiliations

Serve on the boards of leading national, regional and local education, environmental, animal rescue, cultural and historical institutions and non-profit organizations.

Select appointments include:

- **Los Angeles Zoo Board of Commissioners** | President, 2008 – Present; Member since 1999
- **Brown University Corporation Board**, Providence, Rhode Island | 1999 – 2005
- **Syracuse University Hillel Board of Governors**, Syracuse, New York | 2001 – 2004
- **The Jewish Museum Board of Trustees**, New York, New York | 2000 – 2006
- **The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Board of Directors**, Washington, D.C. | 2001 – 2006
- **Fauna & Flora International, American Board of Directors**, Washington, D.C. | 2010 – Present
- **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Board**, Springfield, Illinois | 2008 – 2011
- **Penn Center USA West Board of Directors**, Los Angeles, California | 2003 – 2006
- **Lange Foundation**, Los Angeles, California | 2012 - Present

Philanthropy

WINNICK FAMILY FOUNDATION—Beverly Hills, California
Present

1983 –

President (2009 – Present) & Co-Founder (1983)

Created and established Winnick Family Foundation with husband Gary Winnick to provide support for local, regional, national and international organizations focused on education, literacy, healthcare, art, culture, animal welfare and the needs of the worldwide Jewish community. It also encourages project-specific programs. As President, review proposals and approve grants. For more information, visit www.winnickfamilyfoundation.com.

Recent grantee organizations include:

- **National Parks Foundation**
- **Fauna & Flora International**
- **Los Angeles Zoo**
- **Simon Wiesenthal Center**
- **Read to a Child (literacy program)**
- **Literally Healing, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles**
- **African Wildlife Foundation**
- **Koreh LA Literacy Program**
- **Jerusalem Zoo Animal Assisted Therapy Program**
- **Museum of Contemporary Art (Los Angeles education program)**
- **Fowler Museum (funding for school visits)**
- **Best Friends Animal Society**
- **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library**

- Beit Issie Shapiro
- Los Angeles Opera
- TreePeople
- Aquarium of the Pacific
- Turtle Conservancy
- Book Ends (children's book drives)
- Endangered Wolf Center
- Jewish Family Service
- Jane Goodall Institute
- Gibbon Conservation Center
- WildAid
- The Painted Turtle
- David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust

Major named projects include:

- Winnick Family Clinical Research Institute at Cedars Sinai Hospital
- Winnick Children's Zoo in Los Angeles
- Winnick Board Room at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City
- Winnick Winners Mentoring Program for the Los Angeles Unified School District
- Winnick Faculty Scholar at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University
- Winnick International Conference Center of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Jerusalem
- Winnick Hall at the Skirball Cultural Center
- Winnick House and Arnold S. Winnick Student Center at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University
- Karen B. Winnick Children's Library at the main branch of the LA Public Library
- Scholarships at Brown, Cornell, Stanford, Syracuse and Tufts Universities

Education & Award

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles, California

Poetry and Writing Workshops, 1980 - 1994

Painting Workshops, 1978 - 1984

SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS—New York, New York

Courses in Design and Painting, 1972 - 1977

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY—New York, New York

Graduate Studies—Painting and Education, 1970 - 1971

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY—Syracuse, New York

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Design, 1968

Received Syracuse University's highest alumni honor, "The George Arents Award," presented annually to alumni who have made outstanding contributions to their chosen fields: "Karen B. Winnick, Excellence in the Arts and Literacy Advocacy"





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Dear Ms. Winnick:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Board of Zoo 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 reappointment 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.

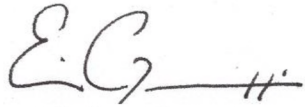
As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Paul Koretz, your Councilmember, and Councilmember David Ryu, the Chair of the Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks, Arts and River Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks, Arts and River Committee. Some time thereafter, you will be notified by the committee clerk when your reappointment 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.

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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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Attachment I
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Nominee Check List

I. Within seven days:

Mail or email the following forms to: Claudia Luna, Office of the Mayor, 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**

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

_____ **Your City Councilmember Paul Koretz**

_____ **Councilmember David Ryu, Chair of the Council Committee
considering your nomination**

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