



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

July 29, 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. Linda Blank to the Board of Library Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2029. Ms. Blank's current term expired on June 30, 2024.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Blank 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: Linda Blank
Commission: Board of Library Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2029

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 5 - West LA
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
7. **Occupation/profession:** Retired, Attorney, Law Offices of Linda M. Blank
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
Besser, Kelly	East LA	1	Caucasian	NB	6/30/2028
Valadez, Mayra	South Valley	2	Latinx	F	6/30/2026
Blank, Linda	West LA	5	Caucasian	F	6/30/2024
Sims, Hiram	South LA	8	African American	M	6/30/2027
Shaw, Valerie	South LA	10	African American	F	6/30/2025

L I N D A M . B L A N K

Versatile professional seeking challenging leadership role overseeing the development and tactical execution of programs that support overall organizational strategy and mission. Offering the following unique qualifications:

- Drive, resourcefulness and ability to thrive in challenging, deadline-driven environments
- Strong combination of business acumen, legal knowledge and strategic planning skills
- Juris Doctor degree with Master's degrees in Educational Psychology and Non-Profit Management
- 12 years of non-profit experience involving child advocacy
- Persuasiveness and solid negotiation skills; Certified Mediator
- Vision and creative approach to solving problems and developing solutions

CAREER PATH

Retired June 2021

ATTORNEY AT LAW **Law Office of Linda M. Blank** (Los Angeles, CA) 1992-2021

Major Functions: Client representation and consultation in matters of commercial law, including business reorganization, debt restructuring, insolvency and litigation. Reviewed and analyzed companies structure and financial data to assess and/or develop restructuring plans. Certified Mediator for US Bankruptcy Court and Los Angeles Superior Court

ATTORNEY AT LAW **Danning, Gill, Gould, Diamond & Spector** (Los Angeles, CA) 1990-1992

Major Functions: Client representation and consultation in matters of commercial law, including business reorganization.

ATTORNEY AT LAW **Perkins Coie** (Los Angeles, CA) 1988-1990

Major Functions: Client representation and consultation in matters of real estate law and commercial litigation.

ATTORNEY AT LAW **Los Angeles County Counsel's Office Children Services Section** (Los Angeles, CA) 1986-1987

Major Functions: Representation of Department of Children's Services in dependency court and foster care matters.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER **Beverly Hills Unified School District** 1969-1986

FAMILY THERAPIST **Vista Del Mar Child Care Agency** 1973-1983

Major Functions: Recruitment, interviewing, assessment, training and supervision of foster parents and Big Brother/Big Sister volunteers. Family and individual counseling for foster children. Supervision of adoption placements. Program development for foster and group homes.

EDUCATION

MASTER OF ARTS – NON-PROFIT MANAGEMENT	University of Judaism – Los Angeles, CA
JURIS DOCTOR	Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA
MASTER OF ARTS – EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY	California State University – Northridge, CA
BACHELOR OF ARTS – HISTORY/POLITICAL SCIENCE	University of California – Berkeley, CA

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

Commissioner for the Los Angeles Public Library
Westwood Homeowner's Association (2005-Present)
Member of the Westwood Neighborhood Council
Board of the Friends of Westwood Library
Consultant with Executive Service Corporation
Arbitrator with FINRA

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST



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Dear Ms. Blank:

I am pleased to inform you that I am reappointing you to the Board of Library 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, Katy Yaroslavsky, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, the Chair of the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment 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 Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment 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. Linda Blank
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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 Katy Yaroslavsky
- ☐ Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination

IV. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- ☐ Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee Hearing
- ☐ Full Council Hearing