



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

February 27, 2023

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Selika Talbott to the Board of Transportation Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Talbott will fill the vacancy created by Sheila Tejada, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Talbott is qualified for the work that will 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: Selika Talbott
Commission: Board of Transportation Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2024

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** African American
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 10 - Central
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Hofstra University School of Law
7. **Occupation/profession:** Adjunct Professor, University of Southern California, and Attorney/Consultant, Autonomous Vehicle Consulting, LLC
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume/bio
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Appointment
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Tohom, Douglas	East LA	13	Latinx	M	30-Jun-27
Eisenberg, Eric	Harbor	15	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-23
Choi, Donna	East LA	14	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-26
Liban, Cris	West LA	11	Asian Pacific Islander	M	30-Jun-25
Ly, John	South Valley	2	Asian Pacific Islander	M	30-Jun-23
Ortega, Jazmin	East LA	14	Latina	F	30-Jun-27
VACANT					30-Jun-24

Selika Josiah Talbott

TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE: Innovation, Business Growth, Engagement and Compliance

Board Member, Consultant, Public Speaker, and Lecturer championing the Future of Mobility

Dynamically focused and accomplished executive leader with a proven history of success in diverse industries and sectors spanning the transportation industry for trucking and motor vehicle administration, legal, political advocacy, and non-profit community relations. Proactively establishing and nurturing strategic relationships with key public and private stakeholders, leading projects as a proven personnel motivator and creative team-centric manager with outstanding communication and relationship building. Spearhead industry conversations to achieve solutions to policy issues impacted by environmental, transportation and workforce on behalf of clients.

Policy Governance and Compliance | Organizational Development | Strategic Planning | Business Transformation | Public Engagement | Federal and State Government Relations |

CONSULTING, PUBLIC SERVICE, ACADEMICS AND ADMINISTRATION • 2010-Present

Autonomous Vehicle Consulting, LLC, Los Angeles, CA 2020 - present **Founder and CEO**

Provide strategic advice to transportation companies, startups, and associations assist them in reaching their business goals, drive development, public policy and engagement, regulatory review, identify key opportunities and facilitate meaningful engagement, assist with State and Federal relationship building, and ESG management. Create solutions that deliver profitable results.

University of California, Davis, Sacramento, CA 2022 - present **Co-Director Environmental Justice Fellowship Institute of Transportation Studies**

Direct Research, Convene Seminars and Lead Interaction with regulatory agents, industry principals, community advocates and associations addressing equity in electrification, air quality, transit services, truck routing, energy efficiency, and water security. Working with the community towards sustainable solutions.

University Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 2022 - present **Adjunct Professor**

Lecture New Mobility to Urban Planning Students in areas of Electric, Autonomous, Vehicle Transportation and Technology

- Exploring impacts of New Mobility on the Environment, Transportation, Labor, and Housing as well as Political implications and Public Engagement of Infrastructure concerning Connected, Shared, Autonomous and Electric Transportation

American University, Washington, DC

2020 - 1/2022

Professorial Lecturer

Research and Lecture in areas of Electric and Autonomous Vehicle Transportation and Women in Government

- Exploring the political economy of autonomous vehicles by identifying budgetary impacts of widespread use and implications on government revenue
- Lecturing on systemic inequities in transportation as well as widespread use of autonomous vehicles and their benefits
- Researching motor vehicle departments reliance on driver's license violation revenue from non-driving infractions

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Washington, DC

2016 - 2020

Director Executive Operation and Senior Advisor to the Administrator *Sensitivity High Risk Clearance*

Provide guidance on near and long-term strategic priorities as the principal advisor to the Agency lead.

- Conducted staff interactions with industry stakeholders as well as federal, state, and foreign agencies while overseeing executive staff and related operations and enforcement activities.
- Career lead on autonomous vehicle steering committee
- Agency representative to AAMVA Autonomous Vehicle working group providing subject matter expertise and publishing of AV Guidelines Edition 2.
- Departmental Secretarial award winner 3 years in succession

Director Field Operations

Lead national operations for 800 Enforcement agents responsible for implementation of executive level program - coordinated with federal state and private entities in furtherance of the safety mission

- Directed transition of contractors to approved FTE federal positions
- Representative for the Secretary of Transportation One DOT future planning seminar
- Developed employee and labor relations team to implement corrective action plans
- Coordinated National Biannual Academy held to hire enforcement officers

Motor Vehicle Commission for the State of New Jersey, Trenton, NJ 2010 - 2016 Deputy Administrator of Operations

Operational lead, 25 million yearly transactions with \$1.4 billion in revenue and 1800-member workforce

- Implemented “live” Temporary Vehicle Tags and “SKIP THE TRIP” mail-in driver’s license renewal program. Assisted law enforcement by making the tags live and revenue collection by tolling authorities.
- Developed and executed Commercial Driver’s License Modernization program meeting the federal government mandate and avoided \$50 million penalty
- Established Fugitive Safe Surrender Partnership with Department of Corrections which provided identification issuance for incarcerated individuals upon release.
- Developed Senior Outreach program, “Wisdom Behind the Wheel,” designed to keep seniors driving as long as safe to do so; provided tips for adjustments as individuals grow older; program provided in conjunction with AAA, Ophthalmology Society, and New Jersey Highway Traffic and Safety.
- Commissioned internal review of agency and inspection facilities and coordinated a ten (10) year plan as well as provided operational oversight on the build of eight (8) buildings along with oversight on renovations of owned and leased sites. • Implemented an emergency process for weather crisis related events affecting agency operations.

PRIVATE SECTOR

Practicing Attorney, New York and New Jersey (1993-2010)

Law Firm of Selika Josiah Morganville, New Jersey (2004-2010)

Methfessel and Werbel, Edison, New Jersey (2001 - 2004)

London Fischer, New York, New York (1999 - 2001)

Lester Schwab Katz and Dwyer New York, New York (1993 - 1999)

- Highly sought after defense attorney handling corporate and criminal cases, class action, franchise, security, and transportation matters.
- Skilled Litigator with Federal Court Admission.
- Instructor for continuing education, published legal opinions and numerous presentations to industry, attorney, and clients.
- Partnered with businesses, not-for-profit organizations, and government entities to develop and implement strategies tailored to clients’ goals and objectives.

CAREER REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION

KAWASKI

RYDER

ENTERPRISE RENTAL CAR CO.

DOW CORNING

WILSONART

YUM! BRANDS

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES

FOSTER ELECTRIC

NEW YORK HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORP

WILSON TOOL

LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

FIREMANS FUND INSURANCE COMPANY

LLOYDS OF LONDON

EDUCATION

Federal Executive Leadership Certification American University, Washington, DC
Juris Doctor Hofstra University School of Law, Uniondale, NY
Bachelor of Arts Political Science Socio-legal Studies SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY
Certification, Diversity and Inclusion Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
Certification, Corporate Board Readiness, Santa Clara University Leavey School of Business, Santa Clara, CA
Certification Director, Corporate Board Academy, Plymouth, CA

BOARD SERVICE and ELECTED OFFICE

Convergence Center for Policy Resolution, Washington, DC Board Member
Mercy Center, Asbury Park, New Jersey, Board Member, Former
Lincoln Club New Jersey, Princeton, New Jersey, Board Member Former
Marlboro Municipal Chair, Former

AFFILIATIONS

Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Mu Lambda Omega Chapter,
National Drifters Incorporated, Mitchellville Chapter, Public Relations Chair
American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) Automated Vehicle Work Group
Partners for Automated Vehicle Education (PAVE) Academic Advisory Counsel
Underwriter Laboratory Standards Working Group

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Forbes.com Contributing Writer focused on Transportation Equity – Electric and Autonomous Vehicles
Axios – The Future of Autonomous Vehicles – One-on-One Conversation August 11, 2020
Moderator and Panelist: Automated Vehicle Symposium International Conference
Panel Member: FMCSA Regulatory and ADS Update Auto Haulers Conference Florida
Panel Member: Autonomous Trucks and Buses – Listening Session at MCity Michigan
Seminar: Host Discussion on Automated Vehicle Assistance Technologies MATS Kentucky
Publication: Series on Defense of Product Liability Cases in New York
Lecture: Fraud in procurement of insurance; Resolution of claims at the underwriting stage; and Underwriting and claim fraud.
Panel Co-Host: Hofstra Law Women and Wisner Law Students leadership panel discussion
Instructor: Continuing Education at Fordham University School of Law: “How to Defend an Automobile Accident.”

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND AWARDS

Instrumental in raising Tens of Thousands of Dollars for Marlboro Township educational funding.
Key support for safe streets program resulting in Federal grant.

- Monmouth County, NJ Municipal Chair, Former
- Monmouth County, NJ Transportation Commissioner, Former
- Monmouth County, NJ Youth Commissioner, Former
- Marlboro Educational Foundation Trustee, Former
- Fordham University School of Law, Continuing Education Instructor, former

Community Service Award – 100 Black Men

Athena Award Nominee 2012

Recognized by New Jersey Attorney General for implementing transitional program for Reentry population

Service Award US Department of Transportation 2017, 2018 and 2019

County of Monmouth designation Selika Josiah nee Gore day March 19th

Service recognition New Jersey Legislature 2022



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Dear Ms. Talbott:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Transportation 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 contact my Commissions team by email at myr-commissions@lacity.org, to make arrangements for you.

To begin the appointment process, please review, sign, and return the enclosed Remuneration Form and Undated Separation Letters **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 all potential commissioners to be fingerprinted as part of the background check. The Commissions Team will assist in connecting you with the Personnel Background Unit so that you may schedule an appointment to have this done. You must schedule the appointment **within one week** of receiving this letter.

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 at 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 by email at nicole.enriquez@lacity.org.

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As part of the City Council confirmation process, meetings will be offered to Heather Hutt, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Heather Hutt, the Chair of the Transportation 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 Transportation 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.

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,

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. Selika Talbott
February 27, 2023

Nominee Check List

I. Within 7 days:

_____ Schedule an appointment to get fingerprinted to complete a background check. The Commissions team will assist in connecting you with the Personnel Background Unit.

_____ Email the completed forms, found on the last three pages of this letter, to: myr-commissions@lacity.org OR mail them to: Commissions Team, Office of the Mayor, City Hall – Room 303, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

- Remuneration Form
- Undated Separation Letters

II. 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**

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 Heather Hutt

_____ Councilmember Heather Hutt, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination