



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

June 16, 2025

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Ms. Valerie Shaw to the Board of Library Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2030. Ms. Shaw's current term expires on June 30, 2025.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Shaw 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,

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Valerie Shaw
Commission: Board of Library Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2030

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** African American
2. **Gender:** F
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 10 - South Los Angeles
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** Masters of Public Administration, University of Southern California
7. **Occupation/profession:** Boardmember, Board of Governors for the California Community College System
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
Blank, Linda	West LA	5	Caucasian	F	6/30/2029
Valadez, Mayra	South Valley	2	Latinx	F	6/30/2026
Besser, Kelly	East LA	1	Caucasian	NB	6/30/2028
Sims, Hiram	South LA	8	African American	M	6/30/2027
Shaw, Valerie	South LA	10	African American	F	6/30/2025

Valerie Lynne Shaw
Los Angeles, CA

Professional Summary

Accomplished public servant with extensive experience in governance, public works, education policy, and infrastructure development. Proven leadership in managing multimillion-dollar budgets, implementing transformative initiatives, and enhancing public services for the betterment of Los Angeles and California residents. A trailblazer in public administration, committed to civic engagement, education, and policy reform.

Professional Experience

President, Board of Library Commissioners

Los Angeles Public Library | 2023 – Present

- Appointed by Mayor Karen Bass to lead the five-member board with chartered authority over the Los Angeles Public Library system.
- Oversees financial management, policy enforcement, and operational oversight of the library system.
- Advocates for public access to education, literacy programs, and infrastructure improvements.

Board Member, Board of Governors

California Community College System | 2015 – 2023

- Appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to provide leadership and policy direction for 116 community colleges serving over 1.9 million students.
- Contributed to strategic planning and policy development for the nation's largest educational system.

President, Vice President & Commissioner

Los Angeles Board of Public Works | 1996 – 2013

- Led a five-member board managing the Department of Public Works with a \$1.5 billion annual budget and over 5,500 employees.
- Made history as the first African American woman to serve as board president and first commissioner appointed by three consecutive mayors.
- Spearheaded major public works initiatives, infrastructure improvements, and public service projects.

- Directed the South L.A. Initiatives program, successfully investing over \$650 million into underserved communities.

Adjunct Professor, Political Science Department

University of Southern California | 2003 – 2012

- Taught courses in political science, public policy, and administration.
 - Mentored students pursuing careers in public service and governance.
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Board Memberships & Civic Engagement

- **Board Member**, LA County 211
 - **Board Member**, California Community Foundation's \$60 Million Centinela Medical Fund
 - **Board Member**, L.A. African American Women's Political Policy Institute
 - **Board Member**, PV Jobs
 - **Member**, Wilfandel Club
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Education

Master of Public Administration
University of Southern California

Key Skills & Competencies

- Public Policy & Governance
- Budget Oversight & Financial Management
- Education Policy & Reform
- Infrastructure Development
- Community Engagement & Advocacy
- Organizational Leadership
- Strategic Planning & Program Development



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Dear Ms. Shaw:

I am pleased to inform you that I am reappointing you to the Board of Library Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2030, 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, Heather Hutt, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Ysabel Jurado, the Chair of the Arts, Parks, Libraries, 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 Samantha Rodriguez at the City Ethics Commission by email at samantha.rodriquez@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 Arts, Parks, Libraries, 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. Valerie Shaw
June 16, 2025

Nominee Check List

I. Within 7 days:

- ☐ Email the completed document listed below, found on the last page of this letter, to: myr-commissions@lacity.org OR mail them to:

Office of the Mayor
Attn: Luz Portillo
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 Heather Hutt
- ☐ Councilmember Ysabel Jurado, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination

IV. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- ☐ Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Community Enrichment Committee Hearing
- ☐ Full Council Hearing