



KAREN BASS  
MAYOR

May 20, 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. Selika Talbott to the Board of Transportation Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2029. Ms. Talbott's current term expires on June 30, 2024.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Talbott 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:** Selika Talbott  
**Commission:** Board of Transportation Commissioners  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2029

### Appointee Information

1. **Race:** African American
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 10 - Central
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:**
7. **Occupation/profession:**
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  |
|-------------------|--------------|----|------------------|--------|-----------|
| Davidian, Vigen   | South Valley | 3  | Caucasian        | M      | 6/30/2028 |
| Tohom, Douglas    | East LA      | 13 | Latinx           | M      | 6/30/2027 |
| Regalado, Raymond | Harbor       | 15 | Latinx           | M      | 6/30/2028 |
| Liban, Cris       | West LA      | 11 | API              | M      | 6/30/2025 |
| VACANT            |              |    |                  |        | 6/30/2027 |
| Talbott, Selika   | Central      | 10 | African American | F      | 6/30/2024 |
| Pak, Erin         | West LA      | 11 | API              | F      | 6/30/2026 |

# Selika Josiah Talbott

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## **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 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, proven personnel motivator and creative team-centric leader with outstanding communication and relationship building. Spearhead industry conversations to achieve mobility solutions for connected, autonomous, shared, electric and digital transportation..

### **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.

#### **Autonomous Vehicle Computing Consortium, Los Angeles, CA 2023 – Director of Special Projects**

Evangelizing for Standardization in the Autonomous Vehicle Industry, Championing policy direction for safe autonomous motoring, Global speaking engagements on Benchmarking, enabling for an intelligent-vehicle software defined technology. Accelerating mass production of safe and affordable vehicles with automated and assisted driving technologies.

#### **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.

#### **University of California, Davis, Sacramento, CA 2022 - 2024 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.

**American University, Washington, DC**

2020 - 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

KAWASKI

ENTERPRISE RENTAL CAR CO.

WILSONART

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES

NEW YORK HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORP

LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

LLOYDS OF LONDON

TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION

RYDER

DOW CORNING

YUM! BRANDS

FOSTER ELECTRIC

WILSON TOOL

FIREMANS FUND INSURANCE COMPANY

## 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

Los Angeles City, Transportation Commissioner, Vice President

Mercy Center, Asbury Park, 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, former  
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 Wiser 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 19<sup>th</sup>

Service recognition New Jersey Legislature 2022



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MAYOR

May 20, 2024

Dear Ms. Talbott:

I am pleased to inform you that I am reappointing you to the Board of Transportation 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, Heather Hutt, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Heather Hutt, the Chair of the Transportation 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](mailto: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 Transportation 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. Selika Talbott  
May 20, 2024

## **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](mailto: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 Heather Hutt
- ☐ Councilmember Heather Hutt, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination

### **IV. Public Meetings at City Hall:**

- ☐ Transportation Committee Hearing
- ☐ Full Council Hearing