



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 appointed Mr. Ernesto Cardenas to the Board of Public Works for the term ending June 30, 2027.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Cardenas is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work which shall devolve upon him, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Mr. Cardenas will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Vahid Khorsand.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

KAREN BASS
Mayor

KB:lap

Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Ernesto Cardenas
Commission: Board of Public Works
End of Term: 6/30/2027

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Latinx
2. **Gender:** M
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 7 - North Valley
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 Business Administration, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
7. **Occupation/profession:** Retired
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Appointment
10. **Current composition of the commission:**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Race	Gender	Term End
Mitchell, Faith	South LA	10	African American	F	6/30/2028
Chavez, Jenny	East LA	14	Latinx	F	6/30/2026
Grant, John	East LA	13	Caucasian	M	6/30/2029
Vacant					6/30/2027
Kang, Steve	Central	10	API	M	6/30/2025

Ernesto Cárdenas

Work History:

SBC Services Inc./ AT&T, Pasadena, Calif., Feb 2018 – Dec 2021 (Retired)

Senior Project Manager- Corporate Real Estate

- Project management duties include; building infrastructure programs – new and replacement (mechanical/ electrical/ life safety/ roof replacement/ direct digital systems/ etc.)
- Petroleum Storage Tank projects for Southern California
- Coordinate the Design and Construction Activities of office rearrangements and furniture replacement projects and building consolidations and additions.
- Area of responsibility is 250 to 500 buildings and 1.0 to 2.5m sq. Ft. floor space.
- Manage 20 to 50 individual design and construction building projects totaling \$3M to \$7M per year.
- Geography- Montana, Idaho, Southern Nevada, and Central California Counties

AT&T, Alhambra, Calif., August 2009-Feb 2018

Area Manager- California Petroleum Storage Tank Team - Corporate Real Estate

- Responsible for Underground Storage Tank (UST) and Above Ground Storage Tank (AST) Compliance for the State of California.
- Coordinate the Design and Construction Activities for all Fuel Tank Repairs and Replacements.
- Area of responsibility over 300 AST's and UST's statewide.
- Manage 20 to 50 individual design and construction building projects totaling \$1M to \$5M per year.

Board of Public Works, City of Los Angeles, Calif., July 2007-July 2009

Commissioner, Board of Public Works

- Ernesto Cárdenas was confirmed by the Los Angeles City Council for a position on the Board of Public Works on June 13, 2007. Cárdenas was appointed by Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa to join the only full-time city board of commissioners that functions as chief administrator of the nearly 6,000-employee Department of Public Works, the City's third largest municipal agency. The Board of Public Works is the City's only full-time, policy-making board. The Board is an executive team comprised of five members who are selected and appointed by the Mayor of Los Angeles to five-year terms and confirmed by the City Council.

SBC Services Inc./ AT&T, Alhambra, Calif., 2000-June 2007

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SBC Services Inc., Van Nuys, Calif., 1992-2000

Facility Manager- Corporate Real Estate

- Plan and coordinate the maintenance and repair of critical building systems i.e., Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Electrical, Plumbing, Structural.
- Coordinate the Design and Construction Activities of Contractors in the Renovation, Repair, Maintenance and Rearrangements of Company Facilities.
- Plan and Coordinate Building Occupant Activities, i.e., Relocations, Rearrangements of Office Space, Equipment additions in both Central Offices and Administrative buildings.
- Prepare Annual Expense budget and Analyze monthly budgets.
- Supervision of Buildings Specialists

Pacific Bell, Alhambra, Calif., 1987-1992

CATV / JPA Engineer - Los Angeles Loop Engineering

- Review all new CATV applications, Process, Inspect and Final approve all projects.
- Provide overall Coordination between Construction, the CATV companies and the Power utilities.
- Design and Submit Routine Orders for both CATV and JPA.
- Work with City, County and State inspectors to clear any problems they may have with Joint Poles.
- Single point of contact for Cal-Trans & Joint Trench activities in the District.

Pacific Bell, San Francisco, Calif., 1986-1987

Facilities / Hi-Cap Engineer - San Francisco Construction and Engineering

- Responsible for Outside Plant facilities for two Central Offices.
- One of two Hi-Cap Engineers responsible for processing all Hi-Cap orders for all of the Downtown San Francisco area.
- Designed and completed two Special projects. The 1987 U.S Open and the Pope John Paul II Visit to San Francisco.

Education:

Masters Degree

Master of Business Administration, December, 1999

California State Polytechnic University

Pomona, California

Bachelor of Science Degree

Mechanical Engineering, June, 1984

University of California, Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, California

Languages:

Fluent in Spanish

Professional Licenses, Accreditation's, & Memberships:

Los Angeles City Planning Commissioner- City Planning Commission

Los Angeles City Planning Commissioner- North Valley Area Planning Commission

Facilities Management Administrator FMA

Volunteer member of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses since 1993

- Currently on the Board of Directors and Chair of Community Outreach & Events Committee

Founding member of the Andres y Maria Cárdenas Family Foundation since 1997

- President from 2001-2019

Assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 94 Sylmar Ca.

References available upon request



June 16, 2025

Dear Mr. Cardenas:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Public Works for the term ending June 30, 2027, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

To begin the appointment process, please review, sign, and return the enclosed 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.

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 Personnel's 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 via the California Fair Political Practices Commission's e-Disclosure 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.rodriguez@lacity.org.

As part of the appointment process, Monica Rodriguez, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, the Chair of the Public Works Committee, may wish to meet with you to answer any questions they have. Our office will assist with arranging these meetings.

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Additionally, you will be required to attend public meetings at City Hall where your appointment will be considered. You will be hearing from our office and a City Council Clerk who will let you know when your appointment will be considered by the Public Works Committee. Sometime thereafter, you will be notified of the date when your appointment will be presented to the full City Council. Before you may begin serving, you will 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.

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 address 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

KB:lap

Attachment I
Mr. Ernesto Cardenas
June 16, 2025

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: Luz Portillo
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

- Undated Separation Letters (2)

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

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 Monica Rodriguez
- ☐ Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination

IV. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- ☐ Public Works Committee Hearing
- ☐ Full Council Hearing