



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

March 10, 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. Linda Blank to the Board of Library Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Blank will fill the vacancy created by Julio Esperias, who withdrew from consideration.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Blank 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: Linda Blank
Commission: Board of Library Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2024

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 5 - West LA
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
7. **Occupation/profession:** Attorney, Law Offices of Linda M. Blank
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
Eidmann, Kathryn	East	13	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-26
Cao, Bich Ngoc	East	13	Asian Pacific Islander	F	30-Jun-23
VACANT					30-Jun-25
VACANT					30-Jun-27
VACANT					30-Jun-24

LINDA M. BLANK

LEADERSHIP

Versatile professional seeking challenging leadership role as a Los Angeles City Commissioner offering the following unique qualifications:

- Community activist including over 15 years on the Westwood Homeowners Board advocating on behalf of the community's interests and needs; responsible for the development and maintenance of Westwood Gardens Park; past president and member of the Board of Friends of Westwood Library; member of Westwood Community Council, attendance at numerous related commission meetings;
- Strong combination of business acumen, legal knowledge and strategic planning skills;
- Juris Doctor degree with Masters' degrees in Educational Psychology and Non-Profit Management;
- 7 years of Non-Profit experience involving child advocacy;
- Persuasiveness and solid negotiation skills;
- Certified Mediator;
- Professional leadership skills; and
- Vision and creative approach to problem solving and development solutions.

CAREER PATH

Attorney at Law Major Function:	Law Offices of Linda M. Blank, Los Angeles, CA Client representation and consultation in matters of commercial law, business reorganization, debt restructuring, insolvency, litigation;	1992-Present
Attorney at Law Major Function:	Danning, Gill, Gould, Diamond & Spector, Los Angeles, CA Client representation and consultation in matters of commercial law and business reorganization;	1990-1992
Attorney at Law Major Function:	Perkins Coie, Los Angeles, CA Client representation and consultation in matters of real estate law including litigation;	1988-1990
Attorney at Law Major Function:	Los Angeles County Counsel, Children Services Section Representation of Department of Children's Services in all judicial matters;	1986-1987
Family Therapist Major Function:	Vista Del Mar Child Care Agency, Los Angeles, CA Recruitment, interviewing, assessment, training and supervision of foster parents; Big Brother/Big Sister volunteers; family and individual counseling for foster children; supervision of adoption placements; program development for foster and group homes;	1973-1983
Substitute Teacher	Beverly Hills Unified School District	1969-1986

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor	Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, CA
Master of Arts – Non-Profit Management	University of Judaism, Los Angeles, CA
Master of Arts – Educational Psychology	California State University, Northridge, CA
Bachelor of Arts – History/Political Science	University of California, Berkeley, CA
Certified Mediator	Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

AFFILIATIONS

Past President/Member – Westwood Homeowner's Association
Past President/Member – Friends of Westwood Library
Member of Los Angeles Department of Aging Council on Aging
Board Member/Legal Committee Chair – Beverly Hills Tennis Club
Past President – Women Lawyers' Public Action Grant Foundation
Board of Governors Beverly Hills Bar Association
Board of Governors of Beverly Hills Bar Association Foundation
Past President Executive Committee Bankruptcy Subsection – Beverly Hills Bar Association
Certified Mediator – U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California
Certified Mediator – Los Angeles County Superior Courts



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Dear Ms. Blank:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Library 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 Katy Yaroslavsky, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, the Chair of the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment 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 Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment 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 written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Mayor

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Attachment I
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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 Katy Yaroslavsky

_____ Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination