

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a 60-year resident of Los Angeles, I am pleased to join so many of my Westwood friends and neighbors to express my enthusiastic support for Mayor Bass's nomination of Linda M. Blank to serve on the Board of Library Commissioners for Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) System. As past President and a longtime Board member of the Friends of Westwood Library, Linda has developed a keen understanding and unique perspective of LAPL. She appreciates the essential role that our public library system plays in the life of all Angelenos and will be a passionate and dedicated advocate to insure that it has the resources critically needed to sustain and extend its services to all of the people of Los Angeles. As a longtime member of the Friends of the Westwood Library, Linda has developed a keen understanding of the budgeting, staffing, operations, and policies of LAPL. She recognizes the critical importance of LAPL to immigrants, non-English speakers, first generation families, low-income individuals, those seeking to become American citizens, those who did not graduate high school, the elderly, and others for whom the public library is an essential gateway to a better and more informed life. As an active participant on the Westwood Friends Board, Linda has led by example, taking a lead role often, but giving valuable support to others as well. She is uniquely qualified to serve on the Board of Library Commissioners, as a professional educator and public school substitute teacher for 17 years in the Beverly Hills Unified School District; as a professional family therapist at Vista del Mar, working with foster parents, foster youth, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters; as a trained non-profit professional; as a business attorney in private practice; and as a longtime neighborhood leader, homeowner leader, Vice President and Board member of the Westwood Homeowners Association (which represents more than 2,500 Westwood families and households), and as a devoted community volunteer. She is also very familiar with the structure of our city government, having worked with our local Council Office and the Department of Recreation and Parks to raise the necessary funds to complete a major overhaul and improvement of Westwood Gardens Park, the pocket park located immediately adjacent to the Westwood Branch Public Library. Linda is a longtime Angeleno and Westwood resident of 50+ years. She is a

champion of public education and the product of our local LAUSD public schools (elementary, junior, and senior high school), as well as UC Berkeley, University of Judaism, and Loyola Law School. She and her husband have raised their family in Westwood, and they are deeply devoted to the community and to the entire City of Los Angeles. I look forward to her future contributions as a commissioner for our City. She has our enthusiastic support for this position. Public Commenter: Carole Magnuson Council File: 23-1200-S29 Date: March 30, 2023