



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

August 30, 2021

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Harper Halprin to the Disabled Access Appeals Commission for the term ending June 30, 2025. Ms. Halprin will fill the vacancy created by Erica Jacuqez, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Halprin is qualified for the work that will devolve upon her, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Harper Halprin
Commission: Disabled Access Appeals Commission
End of Term: 6/30/2025

Appointee Information

- 1. Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
- 2. Gender:** Female
- 3. Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 5 - West
- 4. Are you a registered voter?** Yes
- 5. Prior commission experience:**
- 6. Highest level of education completed:** Bachelor of Architecture, University of Southern California
- 7. Occupation/profession:** Founder, Principal, Lead Architect, AAHA Studio
- 8. Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
- 9. Purpose of this appointment:** Replacement
- 10. Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Acevedo, Jorge	East	1	Latino	M	30-Jun-24
Berg, Ricardo	Central	13	Latino	M	30-Jun-25
Revkin, Cheryl	East	13	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-21
Williams, Patricia	East	1	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-23

HARPER HALPRIN, RA, AIA

A native of Southern California, Harper made her way to New York after graduating from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Architecture. Under the direction of Bill Sofield and S. Russell Groves, she was integral to domestic and international retail rollouts from Tom Ford to Tiffany & Co. From private penthouses and luxury residential developments to hospitality and commercial interiors, Harper has played key roles in managing high-end projects for private clients. In 2015, she founded AAHA Studio (formerly HH Design) and has grown the practice to include her husband, Aaron, and a full-time team of architectural and interior designers. AAHA Studio has completed residential and commercial projects across the country.

AAHA STUDIO **LOS ANGELES, CA** **2015 – PRESENT**

Founder, Principal, Lead Architect

- A multi-disciplinary studio of architects and interior designers with project types consisting of high-end, custom single-family residential, custom residential development, retail & commercial concepts roll-outs & hospitality.

HAWK & CO. **CULVER CITY, CA** **2014 – 2015**

Design architect and project manager

- High-end custom single family residential and furniture. All phases of design and construction administration.
- KEY PROJECTS: Emerald Residence (*Dana Point*); Gold Residence (*Dana Point*), Laguna Residence (*Laguna Beach*), Summit Circle (*Beverly Hills*)

S. RUSSELL GROVES **NEW YORK, NY** **2009 – 2013**

Junior Project Manager

- High-end custom, single family residential, condominium, commercial, hospitality, retail, lighting, product design, custom furniture, and millwork. All phases of design and construction administration.
- KEY PROJECTS: Penthouse Residence (*NYC*); Park Ave Residence (*NYC*); Halcyon Luxury Condos (*NYC*); Scout Capital Offices (*Palo Alto, CA*); Morgan's Hotel Lounge (*NYC*); Gem Tower (*NYC*); Tiffany & Co. (*Shanghai, Dallas, Towson, Manhasset*); Park Ave Residence (*NYC*); Ann Taylor (*Atlanta*); Swarovski Custom Lighting;

STUDIO SOFIELD **NEW YORK, NY** **2008 – 2009**

Junior Designer

- High-end retail including both exterior and interiors, custom furniture, millwork and lighting design. Schematic design and detail development.
- KEY PROJECTS: Tom Ford (*Las Vegas, Beverly Hills*); Penthouse Residence (*NYC*); Baker & McGuire Furniture & Lighting

WEINTRAUB & ASSOCIATES **LONDON, ENGLAND** **2007**

Junior Designer

- Commercial, residential and mixed use developments. Programming and schematic design.
- KEY PROJECTS: Canary Wharf Highrise (London); Office Campus (Dubai); Hotel Competition (London); Brownstone Renovation (London);

ARCHITECTURAL INTERNSHIPS **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** **2004 - 2006**

- Scheuer Architects, (*Irvine, CA*); LPA, Inc (*Irvine, CA*); Pacific Dimensions, Inc. (*El Segundo, CA*)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA **LOS ANGELES** **2003-2008**

Bachelor of Architecture, Magna Cum Laude

- American Institute of Architects, certificate for academic excellence
- Tau Sigma Delta, architectural honors society
- Milan Polytechnic and USC Anthony Marnell Como, Italy study abroad program
- Kappa Alpha Theta, Omicron Chapter



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Dear Ms. Halprin:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Disabled Access Appeals Commission for the term ending June 30, 2025. 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 call Thomas Arechiga in my office at (213) 978-1528 to make arrangements for you.

To begin the appointment process, please review, sign and return the enclosed Remuneration Form, Undated Separation Forms, Background Check Release and Information Sheet **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 you to be fingerprinted as part of the background check that is done on all potential Commissioners. To do so, please bring this letter to the Background Unit of Employment Services Division, Personnel Department Building, 700 East Temple Street, Room 235, Los Angeles, California 90012. The division phone number is (213) 473-9343. Fingerprints must be taken **within three working days** from the **receipt** of this letter.

Under separate cover 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, 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 at (213) 978-1960.

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As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Paul Koretz, your Councilmember, and Councilmember John Lee, the Chair of the Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods 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 Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods 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. Thomas Arechiga will assist you during the confirmation process if you have questions.

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,

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Attachment I
Ms. Harper Halprin
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Nominee Check List

I. Within three days:

- _____ **Get fingerprinted to complete a background check.**
No appointment is necessary. Bring the Mayor's letter to:
Background Unit of Employment Services Division, Personnel
Department Building, 700 East Temple Street, Room 235, Los Angeles,
California 90012. Phone: (213) 473-9343.

II. Within seven days:

Mail or email the following forms to: Thomas Arechiga, Office of the Mayor, Office of Legislative and External Affairs, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or email: thomas.arechiga@lacity.org.

- _____ **Remuneration Form**
- _____ **Undated Separation Forms**
- _____ **Background Check Release**
- _____ **Commissioner Information Sheet/Voluntary Statistics**

III. 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**

IV. As soon as possible, the Mayor's Office will schedule a meeting with you and:

- _____ **Your City Councilmember Paul Koretz**
- _____ **Councilmember John Lee, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination.**

Staff in the Mayor's Office will assist you with these arrangements.