



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

September 9, 2014

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

RE: COMMISSIONER UPDATED RESUME

Honorable Members:

Please be advised that Karen Winnick has submitted an updated resume for your review of her reappointment to the Board of Zoo Commissioners.

On behalf of the Mayor, I respectfully request the City Council to consider this appointee recognizing her updated resume.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr.
Counsel to the Mayor

Karen B. Winnick

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Author | Artist | Philanthropist

Bringing history and animals to life for young readers, while supporting literacy, animal welfare and educational organizations

Author, Artist and Philanthropist who has published more than a dozen children's picture books; exhibited paintings in LA galleries; served on the boards of universities and non-profit organizations; and leads a philanthropic foundation that has provided millions of dollars in grants to local, regional, and international literacy, animal welfare, education, healthcare, conservation and Jewish advocacy groups.

Publishing History

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR—Los Angeles, California

1977 – Present

Children's Book Author and Poet

Published more than a dozen children's picture books about animals and American history during 35+ years as an author and artist. Additionally, published poetry in magazines and anthologies; exhibited paintings in galleries in Los Angeles area. For more information, visit www.karenbwinnick.com. Titles include:

- *How Lucky Got His Shoe* (Santa Barbara Zoo, 2015).
- *Baby Animal Sleepy Time Stories* (Henry Holt & Company, 2014); Text only.
- *Hank, The Ballpark Pup* (Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Team, 2014/2015); Text only.
- *Sparrow Sings for Bear* (IsraAID, 2013).
- *Gemina: The Crooked-Neck Giraffe* (Santa Barbara Zoo, 2013). Included in the "Literally Healing" program at Children's Hospital, Los Angeles.
- *Lucy's Cave: A Story of Vicksburg, 1863* (Boyds Mills Press, 2008).
 - Named one of the "Best Books of the Year" by the Children's Book Committee of Bank Street College of Education.
- *Cassie's Sweet Berry Pie: A Civil War Story* (Boyds Mills Press, 2005).
- *The Night of the Fireflies* (Boyds Mills Press, 2004); Text only.
 - Nominated for the 2009 – 2010 Georgia Children's Book Award.
- *Barn Sneeze* (Boyds Mills Press, 2002).
- *A Year Goes Round: Poems for the Month* (Wordsong, Boyds Mills Press, 2001).
- *Sybil's Night Ride* (Boyds Mills Press, 2000).
 - Named one of the "Best Children's Books of the Year" by Bank Street College of Education and one of Los Angeles' "100 Best Books" (2000).
- *Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers* (Boyds Mills Press, 1996).
 - Featured on ABC's *Good Morning America's* "American Snapshot" in segment called "Girls' Letter Changes Face of Lincoln."
- *Sandra's Dolphin* (Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1980).
- *Patch and the Strings* (J.B. Lippincott, 1977).

Board Appointments & Civic Affiliations

Serve on the boards of leading national, regional and local education, environmental, animal rescue, cultural and historical institutions and non-profit organizations.

Select appointments include:

- Los Angeles Zoo Board of Commissioners | President, 2008 - Present; Member since 1999
- Brown University Corporation Board, Providence, Rhode Island | 1999 - 2005
- Syracuse University Hillel Board of Governors, Syracuse, New York | 2001 - 2004
- The Jewish Museum Board of Trustees, New York, New York | 2000 - 2006
- The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Board of Directors, Washington, D.C. | 2001 - 2006
- Fauna & Flora International, American Board of Directors, Washington, D.C. | 2010 - Present
- Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Board, Springfield, Illinois | 2008 - 2011
- Penn Center USA West Board of Directors, Los Angeles, California | 2003 - 2006
- Lange Foundation, Los Angeles, California | 2012 - Present

Philanthropy

WINNICK FAMILY FOUNDATION—Beverly Hills, California

1983 - Present

President (2009 - Present) & Co-Founder (1983)

Created and established Winnick Family Foundation with husband Gary Winnick to provide support for local, regional, national and international organizations focused on education, literacy, healthcare, art, culture, animal welfare and the needs of the worldwide Jewish community. It also encourages project-specific programs. As President, review proposals and approve grants. For more information, visit www.winnickfamilyfoundation.com.

Recent grantee organizations include:

- National Parks Foundation
 - Fauna & Flora International
 - Los Angeles Zoo
 - Simon Wiesenthal Center
 - Read to a Child (literacy program)
 - Literally Healing, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles
 - African Wildlife Foundation
 - Koreh LA Literacy Program
 - Jerusalem Zoo Animal Assisted Therapy Program
 - Museum of Contemporary Art (Los Angeles education program)
 - Fowler Museum (funding for school visits)
 - Best Friends Animal Society
 - Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
 - Beit Issie Shapiro
 - Los Angeles Opera
 - TreePeople
 - Aquarium of the Pacific
 - Turtle Conservancy
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- Book Ends (children's book drives)
- Endangered Wolf Center
- Jewish Family Service
- Jane Goodall Institute
- Gibbon Conservation Center
- WildAid
- The Painted Turtle
- David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust

Major named projects include:

- Winnick Family Clinical Research Institute at Cedars Sinai Hospital
- Winnick Children's Zoo in Los Angeles
- Winnick Board Room at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City
- Winnick Winners Mentoring Program for the Los Angeles Unified School District
- Winnick Faculty Scholar at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University
- Winnick International Conference Center of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Jerusalem
- Winnick Hall at the Skirball Cultural Center
- Winnick House and Arnold S. Winnick Student Center at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University
- Karen B. Winnick Children's Library at the main branch of the LA Public Library
- Scholarships at Brown, Cornell, Stanford, Syracuse and Tufts Universities

Education & Award

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles, California

Poetry and Writing Workshops, 1980 - 1994

Painting Workshops, 1978 - 1984

SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS—New York, New York

Courses in Design and Painting, 1972 - 1977

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY—New York, New York

Graduate Studies—Painting and Education, 1970 - 1971

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY—Syracuse, New York

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Design, 1968

Received Syracuse University's highest alumni honor, "The George Arents Award," presented annually to alumni who have made outstanding contributions to their chosen fields: "Karen B. Winnick, Excellence in the Arts and Literacy Advocacy"

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