



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

June 2, 2025

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Ms. Yolanda De La Torre to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2030. Ms. De La Torre's current term expires on June 30, 2025.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. De La Torre is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work which shall 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: Yolanda De La Torre
Commission: Board of Harbor Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2030

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Latinx
2. **Gender:** F
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 15 - Harbor
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** Master's of Business Administration, University of Phoenix, Gardena, CA
7. **Occupation/profession:** Regional Vice President, YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles, Wilmington, CA
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
10. **Current composition of the commission:**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Race	Gender	Term End
De La Torre, Yolanda	Harbor	15	Latinx	F	6/30/2025
Pérez, John A.	Central	14	Latinx	M	6/30/2029
Roybal-Allard, Lucille	Central	14	Latinx	F	6/30/2028
Williams, Ishmun "Lee"	Harbor	15	African American and Latinx	M	6/30/2026
Renwick, Edward	West LA	11	Caucasian	M	6/30/2027

YOLANDA DE LA TORRE



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2025- Community Impact Award,
YMCA Of Metropolitan Los Angeles
2023- Excellence Circle, YMCA Executive
Director, for successfully accomplishing
above and beyond fundraising for two
branches
2021- Wilmington Chamber of
Commerce- Woman of the Year,
Recognition for outstanding community
contributions during the pandemic.
2019- Wilmington Chamber of
Commerce- Woman of the Year,
Recognizing outstanding contributions,
leaderships and impact withing the
Wilmington Community
2019- Long Beach Regional Hispanic
Chamber of Commerce, Woman of the
Year, - Mujer Comunidad (Community
Woman)- Recognizing outstanding
contributions and leadership in the
Wilmington Community

SKILLS

Leadership
Relationship Building
Volunteer Management
Fundraising
Public Relations
Financial Management
Program Development and Evaluation
Collaborative and Effective
Communication
Cultural Competence and Inclusion
Strategic Planning

Accomplished community advocate, result-driven and strategic-minded director with a proven record of success in leading comprehensive community initiatives . Adept at building and maintaining strong relationships with internal and external stakeholders, including local government officials, and community leaders. Committed to driving organizational goals and fostering a culture of transparency and trust.

WORK HISTORY

January 2025 - Current

Vice President, Mission Advancement YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

- Cultivated strong relationships with key stakeholders, including customers, vendors, regulators, and community leaders to promote collaboration and long-term success.
- Led cross-functional teams for the successful completion of major projects, resulting in increased efficiency and client satisfaction.
- Demonstrated proficient leadership skills to motivate employees and build competent teams.
- Collaborated with senior management to develop strategic initiatives and long term goals.

June 2021 - Current

Regional Vice President YMCA Of Metropolitan Los Angeles, Wilmington, Gardena-Carson

- Successfully fundraised for two branches. In 2023, only executive in LA Association to exceed fundraising goals in two branches.
- Responsible for recruiting and engaging board members in branch fundraising and program delivery.
- Successfully engaging in the community, creating meaningful and productive relationships between the branches and the community. Including local elected officials, corporate partners, community constituents.
- During the pandemic maintained facilities open. Pivoted community needs to address current needs, food insecurity, learning pods, blood drives, Covid testing, vaccines. Engaged community elected officials, corporate partners, and community to support, volunteer, fund immediate needs.
- Create partnerships between organizations, and involve the local chambers of commerce, Port of LA, elected officials, corporate partners to support YMCA projects with participation, support, and funding.

August 2002 - January 2023

Executive Director YMCA Of Metropolitan Los Angeles, Wilmington

- Worked closely with organizational leadership and board of directors to strategically affect operational direction.
- Implementing prudent financial management practices to align expenses with budgetary limitations and optimize financial sustainability

AFFILIATIONS

- Rotary Club of Wilmington, Current Member, Past President 2018-2019
- Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Member
- Harbor Commissioner, Port of Los Angeles

LANGUAGES

Spanish

Native or Bilingual

- Drove strategic improvements to enhance operational and organizational efficiencies.
- Fostered work culture of collaboration and inclusion to increase morale and reduce turnover.
- Aligned department vision, goals and objectives with company strategy to achieve consistently high results.
- Supervised writing of all grant applications and checked information for accuracy prior to submission.
- Demonstrating a commitment to financial excellence by monitoring revenue forecasts, careful financial planning and executing strategies to achieve positive revenue goals
- Developed program to promote new managers from within, building and maintaining cohesive leadership structure.
- Managed teams of 3 professionals and 47 part time staff focused on improving YMCA initiatives.
- Created a positive and inclusive volunteer environment by fostering meaningful relationships, providing ongoing support and recognizing volunteers' contributions to project successes.

May 1995 - August 2002

Associate Program Director YMCA Of Metropolitan Los Angeles,
Huntington Park

- Improved results in increasing program quality and growth through exceptional planning and organizational skills.
- Supervised and completed program operations.
- Assisted Executive Program Director in designing and monitoring facility operations
- Coordinated day-to-day operations serving as program lead person to assist with scheduling and training staff.
- Scheduled and supervised staff meetings to discuss new ideas and update participants on program details and milestones.
- Assisted program manager with developing budget and schedule.
- Met with project stakeholders on regular basis to assess progress and make adjustments.

EDUCATION

June 2010

MBA Business Administration

University of Phoenix, Los Angeles, CA

June 2002

Bachelor of Science Human Services

Springfield College, Los Angeles, CA



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MAYOR

June 2, 2025

Dear Ms. De La Torre:

I am pleased to inform you that I am reappointing you to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2030, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

As part of the reappointment process, Tim McOsker, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Traci Park, the Chair of the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee, may wish to meet with you to answer any questions they have. Our office will assist with arranging these meetings.

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 eDisclosure 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.rodriquez@lacity.org.

Additionally, you will be required to attend public meetings at City Hall where your reappointment will be considered. You will be hearing from our office and a City Council Clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee. Sometime thereafter, you will be notified of the date when your reappointment will be presented to the full City Council. Immediately following the meeting, you will again 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.

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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 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

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Attachment I
Ms. Yolanda De La Torre
June 2, 2025

Nominee Check List

I. Within 7 days:

- ☐ Email the completed document listed below, found on the last page 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

- Remuneration Form

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 Tim McOsker
- ☐ Councilmember Traci Park, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination

IV. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- ☐ Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee Hearing
- ☐ Full Council Hearing