



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

April 4, 2014

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Dr. Robert A. Bitonte to the Commission on Disability for the term ending June 30, 2016. Dr. Bitonte will fill the vacancy created by Gordon Overton, whom I removed effective May 31, 2014 or at the time Mr. Overton's successor is confirmed by the City Council.

I certify that in my opinion Dr. Bitonte is qualified for the work that will devolve upon him, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Eric Garcetti in black ink.

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Robert A. Bitonte  
**Commission:** Commission on Disability  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2016

### Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 14 - Central
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** M.D., University of Miami, J.D., Southwestern University School of Law, LL.M., University of San Diego
7. **Occupation/profession:** Clinical Professor, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, UCI
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):**

Name	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appt date	Term end
de Vera, Theresa May	East	14	Asian Pacific Islander	F	20-Sep-05	30-Jun-15
Driver-Gordon, Sandy	West	5	Caucasian	F	19-Sep-02	30-Jun-17
Griggs, Michael J.	North Valley	7	African American	M	13-Aug-13	30-Jun-18
Herrera, Louis	North Valley	6	Latino	M	31-Aug-07	30-Jun-14
Magady, Terry M	West LA	5	Caucasian	M	28-Feb-13	30-Jun-16
Overton, Gordon R. "Sam"	South Valley	6	Caucasian	M	08-Aug-02	30-Jun-16
Simon-RESIGNED, Stephen David	Central	10	African American	M	17-Dec-12	30-Jun-17
Wilson, Betty R.	East	14	African American	F	30-Jun-11	30-Jun-18
Wolf, David E.	North Valley	12	Caucasian	M	21-Oct-97	30-Jun-17

## CURRICULUM VITAE

ROBERT A. BITONTE, M.D., M.A., J.D., LL.M.

Office: 234 South Figueroa, Suite 1941  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(213) 680-3007  
(213) 680-1030 Fax  
RBITONTE@AOL.COM

Born: Youngstown, OH, USA

Family: Single, no dependents

Education: Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio  
Major: Zoology  
Degree: B.S., 1969

Medical: University of Miami  
Miami, Florida  
Degree: Doctor of Medicine, 1973

Graduate: University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, CA  
Degree: Master of Arts, 1995  
Major: History  
Specialization in:  
The American Medical Profession  
In the Nineteenth Century.  
  
Abortion and Contraception since  
Antiquity.  
  
Syphilis since the Seventeenth Century.

Legal: Southwestern University School of Law  
Los Angeles, CA  
Degree: Juris Doctorate, 2000

Graduate: University of San Diego  
Legal Graduate School of Law  
San Diego, CA  
Degree: LL.M. in Health Law, 2003

Residency: Mt. Sinai Medical Center  
Miami Beach, Florida  
General Surgery 1973

Residency: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation,  
University of California, Irvine  
1974-1977  
Chief Resident 1975-1976

Licensure: California # G27616  
Medical Nevada # 3105  
Pennsylvania # MD-019192E  
New York # 129727-1  
Ohio # 35-03-8686

Licensure: State Bar of California #221791  
Legal

Certificates: National Board of Medical Examiners, 1974  
Certificate # 137200

Diplomate, American Board of  
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation 1980  
Certificate # 1619

Diplomate, American Board of  
Legal Medicine 2005  
Certificate # 50501

Consultant To: Senate Judicial Committee H.R. 1833/S.939  
Washington, D.C. 9/95

N.Y. State Bar Association H.R. 1833/S.939  
Albany, N.Y. 9/95

Universal Studios  
"VIRUS"  
John Bruno, Director, 11/96, 2/97

Ohio State Representative Joan Lawrence,  
Columbus, Ohio 3/97

United States Senator Diane Feinstein  
Washington, D.C. 3/97

National Abortion and Reproductive  
Rights Action League, H.R. 1122  
Washington, D.C. 5/96, 5/97

Center for Reproductive Law and Policy,  
H.R. 1122  
New York, New York 6/97

Richard North Patterson  
1999-2000

Warner Brothers  
"VORTEX"  
John Bruno, Director 6/2000

Fox Studios  
"X-men III"  
John Bruno, Supervisor, Special Effects, 2005

Los Angeles County, Department of  
Health Services, 2008 to Present

City of Los Angeles, Office of City Attorney,  
2009-Present

Patient Advocacy Program, San Diego, CA  
2010-Present

**Military:**

None

**Non-Professional  
Work Experience:**

Laborer's International Union of North America  
Local Union No. 125  
Laborer and Hod Carrier

Musicians Protective Union Local 86  
Professional Musician

Retail Clerks International Association  
Local 298  
Grocery and Produce

**Medical Practice:**

McMahon Medical Clinic 1976-1992  
Chief, Rehabilitation Service 1976-1987  
Medical Director 1987-1992

Eve Surgical Center 1977-1997  
Co-Founder  
Medical Director 1995-1997

Cryogenics Products International  
Medical Director 1997-2000

San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital  
Medical Officer 2003-2009

Social Security Administration  
Medical Consultant, 2006 to present

Solo Practice 2012 to Present

**Legal Practice:**

Law Office of Richard Reinjohn, ESQ.  
Los Angeles, California 2002-2008

Solo Practice  
Los Angeles, California 2008-Present

**Hospital Affiliations:**

University of California (Irvine) Medical Center,  
Orange, CA  
7/1973 - 5/2011

**Academic Appointments:**

Clinical Instructor  
Department Physical Medicine  
and Rehabilitation  
University of California, Irvine  
1977-1980

Assistant Clinical Professor  
Department of Physical Medicine  
and Rehabilitation  
University of California, Irvine  
1980-1991

Associate Clinical Professor  
Department Physical Medicine  
and Rehabilitation  
University of California, Irvine  
1992 to 2000

Clinical Professor  
Department of Physical Medicine  
and Rehabilitation  
University of California, Irvine  
2000 to present

Assistant Clinical Professor  
Department of Family Medicine  
University of Southern California  
1997 to 2003

Other Professional Activities:

Ringside Physician, Board of Quality  
Assurance, California State Athletic  
Commission, 1983 to 2004

Ringside Physician, Intercontinental  
Boxing Council 1994 to 2001

Ringside Physician, United States  
Amateur Boxing, Inc. 1984 to present

California Medical Board  
Practice Monitor, 2002 to 2004

Organizations: Office: Committees: Professional:

American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
Fellow, 1980

American Bar Association

American College of Legal Medicine  
Affiliate member, 1999  
Fellow, 2001

Member, Marketing and Public Relations  
Committee, 2004 to 2008

American Medical Association

Association of Reproductive Health Professionals

California State Bar

Member, Committee on Legal Professionals  
with Disabilities 2004 – 2006

Member, Recruitment and Appointment  
Subcommittee 2004 to 2006

Co-Chair, Insurance Benefits Subcommittee  
2004 to 2006

Member, Law Firm Pledge Subcommittee  
2004 to 2006

Member, Bar Exam Subcommittee 2006

California Medical Association

Member, Scientific Advisory panel on Physical  
Medicine And Rehabilitation 1991 to 1996

Member, Reference Committee F,  
Health Professions and Facilities 2005, 2006

Political Action Committee,  
Board of Trustees 2008 - Present

Presidents Forum,  
2008 to 2010

Professional Liability Committee,  
Member 2010 to Present

California Society of Physical Medicine and  
Rehabilitation:

Member - at - Large 1988-1996

Member -at - Large/Treasurer 1992-1996

Member, Board of Trustees

1988-1996, 2004 to 2007

District One, Director 2004-2007

Member, Medical Education Committee 2004 to 2007

Member, Legislative Committee, 2009 to Present

Vice President, 2013

Conference of California Bar Associations

Delegate from The Los Angeles County Bar  
Association 2011 to Present



Italian-American Medical Association  
Co-founder  
Treasurer 1979-1990

International Society of Ultrasound  
in Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Founding Member, 1991

Jerome Tobis Society  
Founder and Organizing Director, 2007

Union of American Physicians and Dentists  
Southern California Council Member: 1979

Los Angeles County Bar Association  
Health Law Section  
Executive Committee  
Member 2009-Present

Los Angeles County Medical Association

Immediate Past President 2010

President 2009

President – Elect 2008

Treasurer 2006, 2007

Board of Trustees  
Member, 2004 to Present

Board of Governors, Metropolitan District One  
1995 - 2000

Metropolitan District One  
Secretary - Treasurer  
2001-2002

Metropolitan District One  
President Elect  
2002-2003

Metropolitan District One  
President

2003-2004

Metropolitan District One  
Immediate Past President  
2004 – 2005

California Medical Association-  
Alternate Delegate  
1996 to 2002

California Medical Association-Delegate  
2002 to present

LACMA Reference  
Committee Vice Chair 2002

Member, Committee to write the  
History of LACMA 1997

Professional Union of Los Angeles County  
Medical Association, Board Member 1999

Member, Membership Development  
and Retention Committee  
2001 to 2004, 2006

Member, Political Action Committee  
2003 to 2006

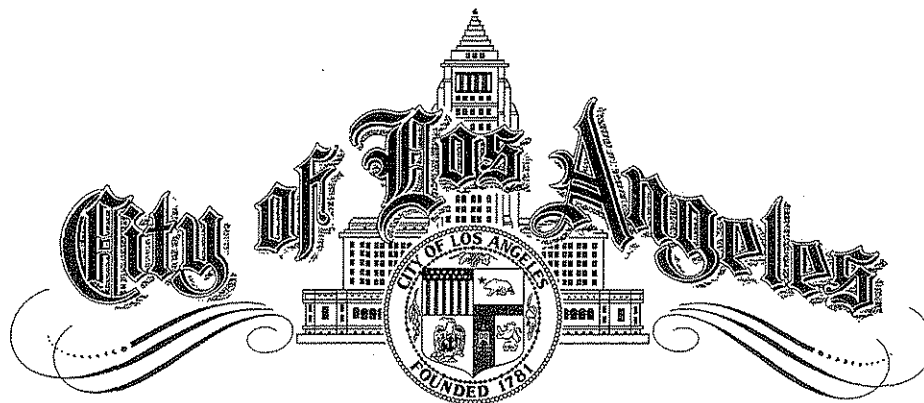
Member, Finance Committee  
2004 – 2006  
2006 - 2008, Chairman

Member, Bylaws Committee 2006

Legal Affairs Committee  
Chairman, 2011 - Present

CEO Search Committee  
Chairman, 2010 - 2011

Society of Law and Medicine,  
Southwestern University School of Law  
President: 1997 to 2000



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

April 4, 2014

Dr. Robert A. Bitonte

Dear Dr. Bitonte:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Commission on Disability for the term ending June 30, 2016. 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 Justin Gonzalez in my Office at (213) 922-9788 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 Shannon Prior 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 Jose Huizar, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, the Chair of the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River 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, Aging and River Committee. Some time 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. Cary Gross with the Mayor's staff 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Garcetti", with a stylized flourish at the end.

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment I  
Dr. Robert A. Bitonte  
April 4, 2014

### 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, fax or email the following forms to: Cary Gross, Office of the Mayor, Office of External Affairs, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or fax: 213-978-9719 or email: cary.gross@lacity.org.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Remuneration Form**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Undated Separation Forms**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Background Check Release**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **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 in the mail 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 Jose Huizar (contact at 213-473-7014).**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination (contact at 213-473-7013).**

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