



**ERIC GARCETTI**  
**MAYOR**

May 31, 2021

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Ms. Teresa Villegas to the Board of Public Works for the term ending June 30, 2026. Ms. Villegas's current term expires on June 30, 2021.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Villegas 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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ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Teresa Villegas  
**Commission:** Board of Public Works  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2026

### Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Latina
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 14 - East
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:** Board of Public Works, Environmental Affairs Commission
6. **Highest level of education completed:** B.S., California State Polytechnic University, Pomona,
7. **Occupation/profession:** City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works, Commissioner
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	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Good, Greg	West	11	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-22
Davis, Michael	South	9	African American	M	30-Jun-23
Caloza, Jessica	Central	13	Asian Pacific Islander	F	30-Jun-25
Villegas, M. Teresa	East	14	Latina	F	30-Jun-21
Garcia, Aura	North Valley	7	Latina	F	30-Jun-24

**Objective:** Self-driven leader with over 20 years of experience in leading and implementing mid - to large-scale legislative agendas focused on capital development, sustainability and land conservation projects. Accomplishments include creation of landmark State urban park legislation, development of State and local river parkway legislation and the ability to write and secure various governmental natural resource grants for cities and state agencies.

**CAREER EXPERIENCE:**

**10/19 – Present: City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works, Commissioner**

- Appointed by Mayor Garcetti on October 2019
- Oversee five bureaus including, Bureaus of Engineering, Street Services, Street Lighting, Contracts and Sanitation & Environment and approve all contracts before my Board to ensure funding is provided equitably.
- Work with Urban Forester on policies to enrich LA City's tree canopy
- Appointed Chair, of the LA County Regional Upper LA River Watershed Area Steering Committee

**10/18 – 10/19: Los Angeles County Public Works: Community and Government Relations**

- Primary Spanish language spokesperson representing Los Angeles Public Works on Sativa Water District in South Los Angeles
- Created an a public service announcement on water safety in the Pacoima Wash
- Provided feedback and direction on programs to be well understood by the public.

**12/14 – 10/18: Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis – Senior Legislative Deputy: Los Angeles, California.**

- Principal advisor to Supervisor Solis on energy, conservation finance for parks and water, planning and air issues.
- Helped write portions of the LA County Parks & Recreation Measure A, a Countywide Park Measure and Los Angeles County Public Works Measure W, a Countywide Stormwater Measure.
- Identified various financing mechanisms for parks and water and found a balance between disadvantaged communities, labor and mainstream environmental groups.
- Prepared documents and talking points, analyzed policy and bills, and briefed the Supervisor on all board agenda items pertaining to policy changes, ordinances and budget items for the Department of Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Planning, County Internal Services Department, Office of Sustainability, and the Community Development Commission.
- Excellent communication skills. Redefined complicated issues and reframed them in a manner easily understood. Led presentations, translated complicated issues in Spanish and ensured messages resonated with the public.
- Represented the Supervisor with the Governor's Office in Sacramento when negotiating on all matters pertaining to Exide, including all legislative and budget matters.

**4/08 – 12/14: Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina – Legislative Deputy: Los Angeles, California.**

- Principal advisor to Supervisor Molina on energy, park, water, and air issues.
- Prepared and briefed the Supervisor on all board agenda items pertaining to policy changes, ordinances and budget items for the Department of Public Works, County Parks & Recreation, and Internal Services Department.
- Analyzed and made recommendations on agenda and policy items for Supervisor Gloria Molina, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Watershed Conservation Authority and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.
- Prepare yearly budgets for several First District funding sources such as Community Development Block Grant Funds, Proposition A Park funding, Road Funds and Special Tipping Fee fund (partial list).
- Evaluated budgets and funding requests and made recommendations to the Supervisor related to park projects.

**7/04 – 4/08: MTV Environmental Consulting – Principal: Los Angeles and Sacramento, California. Clients included:**

**M. Teresa Villegas**

- Yes On Proposition O Water Campaign: Campaign Manager – Managed the day to day operation of the campaign, including electronic media and press interaction with Los Angeles City Councilmembers and their donors lists for Prop. O measure campaign funds, managed and secured endorsements.
- Better World Group: Established a coalition of environmental groups to track and provide input to the Air Resources Board on the implementation of the Assembly Bill 32 – Global Warming Solution Act.
- The Watershed Conservation Authority: Successfully secured a \$2.2 million grant from the State for the River Parkway Grant Program for a project in the San Gabriel Mountains.

**4/03 – 7/04: California Air Resources Board (CARB) – Executive Fellow, William & Flora Hewlett Foundation: Sacramento, California.**

- Selected by two high ranking members of the State legislature as the Hewlett Foundation Fellow.
- Evaluated and provided recommendations for the State environmental justice program. All recommendations were accepted by CARB.

**4/00 – 4/03: The Trust for Public Land – Legislative Director: Sacramento, California.**

- Supervised (managed?) a staff of five and lead the organizations work on state policy matters, program development and identified natural resource funds for TPL sponsored projects.
- Secured funding for various TPL projects throughout the State such as LA State Historic Park.
- Developed and successfully created landmark State programs such as the River Parkway Program and the Urban Park Program.
- Successful in securing \$20 million for conservation projects from State government.

**9/00 – 11/02: The Trust for Public Land – Political Consultant: Sacramento/Los Angeles, California.**

- Campaign for Yes on 50 (Water Bond, Voter Initiative), Campaign for Yes on Proposition 40 (Park Bond), Campaign for Yes on Propositions 12 (Parks Bond) & Proposition 13 (Water Bond): handled press, local and statewide outreach, and local and statewide endorsements.
- California Democratic Party: Coordinated Campaign Gore/Lieberman – Handled Spanish language media, conducted interviews in Spanish on behalf of the campaign and secured high ranking Latino elected officials as surrogate for media interviews.

**4/99 – 4/00: The Trust for Public Land – Program Manager: Los Angeles, California.**

- Managed a staff of two to raised awareness in under-served communities along for the LA River Program
- Worked with many local cities to create new parks and trails along the river.

**8/96-4/99: Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina - Field Deputy and Case Worker: Los Angeles, California**

- Managed daily operations of Supervisors' Southeast LA County field office.
- Collaborated with federal, state, county and city officials on constituent services.

**EDUCATION:** California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, B.S. Business Management.

University of Southern California: (MS) *Graduate Student*, Price School of Public Policy: Executive Leadership expected completion Fall 2021

**APPOINTMENTS**

- California Senate Appointee to the State Parks - Off Highway Vehicles Commission: 2012 to 2015
- San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments – Supervisor Solis & Molina Appointee
- Rivers and Mountains Conservancy – Supervisor Molina Appointee
- Watershed Conservation Authority – Supervisor Molina Appointee
- City of Los Angeles – Proposition O (Water Bond) Citizen Advisory Committee Member
- City of Los Angeles – Environmental Affairs Commissioner (Appointed by Mayor Villaraigosa): 2006 – 2010

## **M. Teresa Villegas**



Ms. Villegas brings 20 years of work in the public sector. Mayor Garcetti appointed her in October of 2019 to serve as a Commissioner for the Board of Public Works for the City of Los Angeles where she oversees five bureaus. She previously worked for the Los Angeles County in different capacities including Los Angeles County Public Works. She was also a senior advisor to Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Gloria Molina and Hilda L. Solis where she advised both

members on all countywide environmental policy issues, various capital projects, natural resource ballot measures, and several budget proposals.

She has extensive experience working in Sacramento as a registered lobbyist and Legislative Director for the Trust for Public Land. She helped secure funding for many parks, open space projects, and water infrastructure projects.

Ms. Villegas currently serves as chair Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Steer Committee. The Steering Committee meets regularly to develop funding plans and recommendations to provide water quality, water supply, and community enhancement benefits to the region. Ms. Villegas earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona and is currently a graduate student at the University of Southern California. She is a resident of Highland Park and lives with her husband and together they are raising their three kids.



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May 31, 2021

Dear Ms. Villegas:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Board of Public Works for the term ending June 30, 2026. 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 Claudia Luna in my Office at (213) 978-0621 to make arrangements for you.

To begin the reappointment 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.

As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Kevin de León, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, the Chair of the Public Works 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 reappointment will be considered by the Public Works Committee. Some time thereafter, you will be notified by the committee clerk when your reappointment 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. Claudia Luna will assist you during the confirmation process if you have questions.

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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. Teresa Villegas  
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### **Nominee Check List**

#### **I. Within seven days:**

Mail or email the following forms to: Claudia Luna, Office of the Mayor, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or email: Claudia.Luna@lacity.org.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Remuneration Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Undated Separation Forms**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Background Check Release**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Commissioner Information Sheet/Voluntary Statistics**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Your City Councilmember Kevin de León**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination**

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