



July 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 Mr. Eric Spiegelman to the Board of Taxicab Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2026. Mr. Spiegelman's current term expires on June 30, 2021.

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

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Eric Spiegelman
Commission: Board of Taxicab Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2026

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 14 - East
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:** Board of Taxicab Commissioners
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D. University of California, Hastings College of Law
7. **Occupation/profession:** Principal, Recursive Media
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointmnet
10. **Current composition of the commission:**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Gorbis, Boris	Central	4	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-22
Le Kennedy, Jacqueline	South Valley	5	Asian Pacific Islander	F	30-Jun-24
Martinez, Andrea	East	13	Latina	F	30-Jun-25
Pomakian, Mampre R.	South Valley	4	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-22
Spiegelman, Eric	East	134	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-21

ERIC SPIEGELMAN

EXPERIENCE

January 2020 – Present **Recursive Media
Principal**

Consultant for podcast programming, financing, production, and distribution, as well as business and legal strategies.

February 2014 – Present **Los Angeles Board of Taxicab Commissioners
President**

Advise the Mayor of Los Angeles and the General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation on taxicab regulation and matters related to Uber and Lyft.

Develop and enact regulations governing the Los Angeles taxi industry, with a focus on reform.

January 2017 – January 2020 **Stitcher · Earwolf · Midroll
Vice President, Business and Legal Affairs**

Ran new business, legal and business affairs for one of the world's largest podcast studios. Assembled both simple and complex deal structures for every aspect of development, production, financing, acquisition and distribution for the studio's ad-supported and subscription podcast businesses. Managed all negotiations with talent, producers and outside rights holders. Managed sale of television rights to four Stitcher podcasts to FX, HBO Max, Annapurna and HBO. Personally originated and closed partnership deals with Marvel Studios, the NFL, the Oprah Winfrey Network, and distribution deals for top podcasts, Freakonomics and My Favorite Murder. Negotiated the first-ever podcast collective bargaining agreement with the Screen Actors Guild.

August 2011 – January 2017 **Spiegelman.law
Sole Practitioner**

Represented and consulted entertainment companies on development, production and distribution of film, television and online media. Clients included Earwolf Media, motion picture and

television producers Alcon Entertainment and Anonymous Content, and Emmy-winning television producer Jill Soloway's Wifey.tv.

Managed business and legal affairs for *Blade Runner 2* (2017), *Bastards* (2016), *Point Break* (2015), *Transcendence* (2014), and *Prisoners* (2013), all distributed by Warner Bros.

**March 2008 – August 2011 Jetpack Media
President**

Founded Jetpack Media with independent film production company GreeneStreet Films.

Produced, operated and managed the popular web series, *Old Jews Telling Jokes*. Sold television rights to the BBC, publishing rights to Random House, and live stage rights to Dan Okrent.

Produced the interview series *Post Mortem with Mick Garris* for FEARnet.com and executive produced *Pretty Tough* for Vuguru.

**February 2007 – September 2007 HBO
Director, Legal and Business Affairs**

Managed all legal and business affairs for HBO digital ventures, including their first two forays into web video (a comedy video website and an experimental production division).

**January 2003 – February 2007 Reder & Feig, LLP
Associate Attorney**

Represented independent film producers in all aspects of development, financing, production and distribution.

EDUCATION

2002 University of California, Hastings College of the Law; J.D.

Class President.

1998 Boston University, College of Arts and Sciences; B.A., Political Science and Art History.



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Dear Mr. Spiegelman:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Board of Taxicab Commissioners 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.

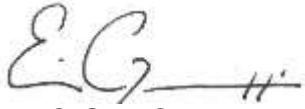
As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Kevin de León, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Mike Bonin, the Chair of the Transportation Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Transportation 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. Garcetti", followed by a horizontal line and a small mark.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment I
Mr. Eric Spiegelman
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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 Mike Bonin, Chair of the Council Committee
considering your nomination**

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