



August 4, 2021

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Sumi Parekh to the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Parekh will fill the vacancy created by Corinne T. Babcock, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Parekh is qualified for the work that will devolve upon her, 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: Sumi Parekh
Commission: Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2024

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Asian Pacific Islander
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 10 - South
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** M.A., University of Southern California
7. **Occupation/profession:** Executive Director, Group Effort Initiative
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):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Nathanson, Adam	West LA	5	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-25
Pendleton, Brian	South Valley	4	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-23
Salimpour, Pedram	South Valley	5	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-22
Vega, Belinda M	Central	4	Latina	F	30-Jun-26

Sumi Parekh serves as the Executive Director for the Group Effort Initiative (GEI), a new organization that exists to create a pipeline for members of the BIPOC and other marginalized communities to get real experience towards a lasting career within the entertainment industry.

Sumi also serves as a member of Reimagine L.A. County, a coalition of advocates, community organizations and neighbors continuing to push Measure J investments to divest from incarceration and policing and invest in the health and economic wellness of marginalized people in their communities.

Prior to her role at GEI, Sumi worked for Mayor Garcetti and served as the Executive Officer to the Deputy Mayor of Economic Development. In this role, she served as a thought partner for the Deputy Mayor, helped to execute the Mayor's strategies for economic development, and served as a day-to-day manager for the Office of Economic Development staff. Prior to this role, she served as Director of the Business Team.

Sumi was also a Program Manager at the Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles, a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to improving life for all Angelenos and the Director of Legislative Affairs and Programs at the Los Angeles Business Council (LABC).

Sumi graduated in 2013 from the University of Southern California with a Masters in Public Policy. Her Masters thesis focused on the economic impact of the Panama Canal expansion on Southern California. Before moving to California to pursue her master's, Sumi worked as an actuarial and management consultant in Dallas with Mercer and Towers Watson. She is a graduate of the University of Texas with a B.S. in Mathematics and has an ASA with the Society of Actuaries.



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Dear Ms. Parekh:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2024. 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 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 Nicole Enriquez 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 Mark Ridley-Thomas, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Paul Krekorian, the Chair of the Budget and Finance 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 Budget and Finance Committee. Sometime 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. Claudia Luna 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 dark ink, appearing to read "E. Garcetti", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment I
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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 or email the following forms to: Claudia Luna, Office of the Mayor, Office of
Legislative and External Affairs, 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**

III. Within 21 days:

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.*

_____ **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 Mark Ridley-Thomas**
_____ **Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Chair of the Council Committee
considering your nomination.**

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