



August 9, 2021

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Dr. Robert Bitonte to the Commission on Disability for the term ending June 30, 2026. Dr. Bitonte's current term expired on June 30, 2021.

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,

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Robert Bitonte  
**Commission:** Commission on Disability  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2026

### 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:** Commission on Disability
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:** Reappointment
10. **Current composition of the commission:**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Bitonte, Robert	Central	14	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-21
Cable, Candace	Central	14	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-25
Hopkins, Iran	South Valley	4	Latina	F	30-Jun-23
Rothenberg, Richard	Central	5	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-22
Schlesinger, Alisa	South Valley	2	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-24
Williams, Robert	Central	4	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-22
Wilson, Betty R.	East	14	African American	F	30-Jun-23
Cabanban, Myrna	Harbor	15	Asian Pacific Islander	F	30-Jun-21
Wolf, David E.	North Valley	12	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-22

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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

Office:



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: Legal	University of San Diego 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: Medical	California # G27616 Nevada # 3105 Pennsylvania # MD-019192E New York # 129727-1 Ohio # 35-03-8686
Licensure: Legal	State Bar of California #221791
Certificates:	National Board of Medical Examiners, 1974 Certificate # 137200  Diplomate, American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, 1980 Certificate # 1619  Diplomate, American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Subspecialty Certification in Brain Injury Medicine, 2014 Certificate # 27  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 2014

City of Los Angeles, Office of City Attorney,  
2009-2013

Patient Advocacy Program, San Diego, CA,  
2010-Present

Kern County  
Employees Retirement Association  
Bakersfield, California,  
2014 - 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 8/2014

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

Other Professional Activities: City of Los Angeles  
Commission on Disability  
Commissioner-President,  
2014-Present

Ringside Physician, Board of Quality  
Assurance, California State Athletic  
Commission, 1983 to 1992

Ringside Physician, Intercontinental  
Boxing Council, 1994 to 2001

Ringside Physician, United States  
Amateur Boxing, Inc., 1984 to 2000

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  
Board of Trustees Member, 2013 - Present

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:

President, 2015

President - Elect, 2014

Vice President, 2013

Member, Legislative Committee, 2009 to Present

Member, Medical Education Committee, 2004 to 2007

District One, Director, 2004-2007

Member, Board of Trustees,  
1988-1996, 2004 to 2007

Member -at - Large/Treasurer, 1992-1996

Member - at - Large, 1988-1996

Chairman, Medical Education Committee, 2014-2015

Conference of California Bar Associations  
Delegate from The Los Angeles County Bar  
Association, 2011 to 2013, 2016

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



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Dear Dr. Bitonte:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Commission on Disability 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 John Lee, the Chair of the Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods 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 Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods 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  
Dr. Robert Bitonte  
August 9, 2021

### **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 John Lee, Chair of the Council Committee  
considering your nomination**

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