



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

October 20, 2021

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. Omar Gonzales to the Police Permit Review Panel for the term ending June 30, 2025. Mr. Gonzales will fill the vacancy created by Rocio Gandara, who has resigned.

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

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Omar Gonzales
Commission: Police Permit Review Panel
End of Term: 6/30/2025

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Latino
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 4 - South Valley
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, University of Southern California
7. **Occupation/profession:** Manager, State and Local Government Affairs and Public Policy, Nikola Corporation
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Appointment
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Islam, Maruf	Central	10	Asian Pacific Islander	M	30-Jun-23
Kil, William O.	East	14	Asian Pacific Islander	M	30-Jun-24
Vacant					
Duckett, Ryan	South	10	African American	M	30-Jun-22
Cabanes, Nahtahna	South Valley	4	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-21
Yeretsian, Lara	Central	4	Armenian	F	30-Jun-24

Omar Israel Gonzales

Los Angeles, CA

EXPERIENCE

Nikola Corporation, Los Angeles, CA

Manager, Government Affairs and Public Policy

Jan 2021 – Present

- Executing multi-state and local government affairs strategy to shape a favorable policy, political, and regulatory environment for zero-emission vehicles and hydrogen infrastructure solutions
- Managing and leveraging contract lobbyists, trade groups, and coalition memberships to drive policy
- Partnering with Business Development, Energy, and Commercial teams to identify emerging markets

Mike Bloomberg 2020, Los Angeles, CA

Deputy Policy Director, California

Jan 2020 – March 2020

- Developed CA policy strategy and worked with HQ to shape and communicate national policy agenda
- Tracked state legislation and regional priorities including housing, climate, and transportation
- Secured policy experts, surrogates, and validators to endorse and advise on campaign policies
- Briefed and presented to leadership, senior stakeholders, field teams, and members of the public

Bird Rides, Inc., Santa Monica, CA

Associate, Government Partnerships

Aug 2018 – Jan 2020

- Drove Bird's growth in Western US by unlocking markets in California and the Southwest
- Solved micro-mobility policy challenges and remained responsive to local concerns by testifying at legislative hearings and providing public comment, negotiating with elected officials and agency regulators, writing letters of support/opposition, and helping cities understand the emerging e-scooter industry

Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles, CA

Policy Associate, Office of City Services

Sept 2017 – July 2018

- Served as a mayoral liaison to Neighborhood Services departments, including Recreation and Parks and the Los Angeles Zoo
- Collaborated with City departments, community organizations, and other partners to plan events and campaigns to promote mayoral initiatives

Assistant to Chief Counsel, Chief of State & Federal Affairs, Chief Olympics Officer

July 2016 – Sept 2017

- Enhanced efficiency of executive leadership and Legal team through research, special projects, and complex administrative duties, including support for LA's successful bids to host the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the Lucas Museum and served as the Public Records Act administrator
- Authored briefing papers for Mayor Garcetti on various local and state policy issues and meetings with elected officials, which included policy analysis, policy recommendations, and suggested talking points

Coro Northern California, San Francisco, CA

Coro Fellow in Public Affairs

Aug 2015 – June 2016

Civic development program centered around five six-week consulting projects in government, nonprofit, organized labor, and business. Placements: Bay Area Open Space Council, United Educators of San Francisco, San Francisco Controller's Office, Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Lennar Urban

Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles, CA

Immigrant Affairs Intern, Office of External Affairs

Jan 2015 – May 2015

- Supported development of StepForwardLA campaign plan for Administrative Relief implementation
- Drafted proposal to create a student-led volunteer force within LAUSD

The White House, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C.

State Intern, Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs

Sept 2014 – Dec 2014

- Tracked and analyzed US state activity and legislation across the Obama Administration's priorities
- Developed presentation and meeting materials, managed legislative tracker, and created new tools to track urgent policy issues, including the 2014 Ebola outbreak
- Secured media commitments from mayors nationwide in support of "Raise the Wage"
- Coordinated meetings with state legislators, governors, federal partners, and national stakeholders

EDUCATION

University of Southern California

May 2015

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

CIVIC AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Board Member, Electric Vehicle Ad Hoc Committee, City of Phoenix (2021), Leader of Tomorrow, St. Gallen Symposium (2020); Candidate, Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council (2019); Fellow, Philos Leadership Institute (2019); Fellow, Riordan Leadership Institute (2016-2017); Judge, "We the People" Regional, State, and National Finals, Center for Civic Education (2016, 2017); Planning Committee, Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project (2016); Fundraising and Compliance Volunteer, Eric Garcetti for LA Mayor (2012, 2016)



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Dear Mr. Gonzales:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Police Permit Review Panel for the term ending June 30, 2025. 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 contact Thomas Arechiga in my office by email at thomas.arechiga@lacity.org to make arrangements for you.

To begin the appointment process, please review, sign, and return the enclosed Remuneration Form and Undated Separation Letters **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 all potential commissioners to be fingerprinted as part of the background check. The Commissions Team will assist in connecting you with the Personnel Background Unit so that you may schedule an appointment to have this done. You must schedule the appointment **within one week** of receiving this letter.

Should this apply to your Commission, 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 at 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 by email: nicole.enriquez@lacity.org or by phone: (213) 978-1960.

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As part of the City Council confirmation process, meetings will be offered to Nithya Raman, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, the Chair of the Public Safety 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 Public Safety 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.

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,

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Attachment I
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Nominee Check List

I. Within 7 days:

_____ Schedule an appointment to get fingerprinted to complete a background check. The Commissions team will assist in connecting you with the Personnel Background Unit.

_____ Email the below forms, found on the last three pages of this letter, to: myr-commissions@lacity.org OR mail them to: Commissions Team, Office of the Mayor, City Hall – Room 303, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

- Remuneration Form
- Undated Separation Letters

II. 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**

III. The Mayor’s Office will notify the below Councilmembers of your nomination, so that they may reach out to schedule a meeting with you should they wish.

_____ Your City Councilmember Nithya Raman

_____ Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination.