



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

May 13, 2022

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Stacey Pruitt to the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Pruitt will fill the vacancy created by Daedre Levine, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Pruitt 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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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Stacey Pruitt
Commission: South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission
End of Term: 6/30/2024

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** African American
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 10 - South LA
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Loyola Law School
7. **Occupation/profession:** Senior Deputy District Counsel, South Coast Air Quality Management District
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume/bio
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Appointment
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Vacant					30-Jun-24
Bates, Eric	South LA	10	African American	M	30-Jun-22
Orozco, Jaqueline	South LA	15	Latina	F	30-Jun-25
Stern, Stevie	South LA	10	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-21
Vacant					30-Jun-23

STACEY PRUITT, ESQ

Municipal Law – Prosecution – Civil Law - Land Use –Diversity and Inclusion

Dedicated, Community-Oriented, Municipal, Criminal, Environmental, Civil and Land Use Lawyer, with over 22 years of legal representation in municipal, civil, criminal, employment and regulatory law listens to the pulse of the workplace and community at large, to ensure all voices are heard to enable creation of policy, inclusion, diversity, equity and law to aid employees and community stakeholders alike. Brings a wealth of managerial experience with cross-functional teams and strategic partnerships. Believes that transparency is essential to creating a strong, cohesive community in government, the workplace, and grassroots.

- **Ensured public meeting transparency compliance** with U.S. government Ralph M. Brown Act
- **Negotiated ADA Compliance** through office mediations in lieu of court trials
- **Restored community faith and trust in police department and officers** by reducing excessive force complaints and reinforcing principles of tolerance, equity, inclusion and justice; maintained and updated training manual
- **Decreased threat of gang intimidation and violence** via implementation of injunctive relief

SERVANT LEADERSHIP • HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY • INVESTIGATIONS • LITIGATION • ADMINISTRATION • STRATEGIC DIRECTION •
 MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKING • FACILITATION • COMMUNITY OUTREACH • CLIENT COUNSELING • PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT • POLICIES &
 PROCEDURES • TECHNICAL WRITING • ADJUDICATION • NEEDS ANALYSIS • POLICY DEVELOPMENT • PROGRAMMING • TEAM DEVELOPMENT
 • RESULTS FOCUS • PROBLEM SOLVING • CONSISTENT ABILITY TO LEAD • RECRUITING

Executive Value Offered

- ✓ **CA Environmental Quality ACT (CEQA)** – evaluates projects under CEQA guidelines and process flowchart
- ✓ **Presentations and Facilitation** – creates opportunities to engage with community and present information
- ✓ **Training** – works diligently to ensure all Deputy City Attorneys have the training necessary for duties
- ✓ **Leadership** – builds and maintains strong relationships with elected officials, staff and community
- ✓ **Communication** – provides excellent written and verbal communication with transparency at the forefront
- ✓ **Diversity and Inclusion** – formal, certified training in Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Engagement

Career Trajectory and Education

SENIOR DEPUTY DISTRICT COUNSEL	SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT	2017 - PRESENT
DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY	INGLEWOOD CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	2004 - 2017
SENIOR LAW CLERK	LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	2000 - 2004
LAW CLERK	LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	1999 - 2000

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, LOS ANGELES, CA
 UNIVERSITY OF WEST LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES, CA
 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CA

JURIS DOCTOR
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, PARALEGAL STUDIES
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION STUDIES

Professional Achievements

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

(850 EMPLOYEES)

Los Angeles, CA • 07/2017 - Present

SENIOR DEPUTY DISTRICT COUNSEL

Advise and counsel members of the AB617 Environmental/Social Justice team. Represent District in complex prosecutorial and administrative proceedings before Superior Court, State and Federal agencies. Create and edit charters for multiple environmental justice communities. Draft and review District rules for form and content. Interpret and enforce District rules and regulations. Assess and negotiate penalties to draft stipulated compliance agreements. Review Notices of Violation issued by Compliance and Enforcement inspectors. Draft and argue Orders for Abatement for non-compliant entities. Establish and maintain effective and productive working relationships with all levels of internal and external stakeholders. Plan and organize compliance goals and investigate District rule violation sources with Compliance and Enforcement. Perform CEQA review. Prepare legal opinions for the Executive Officer, Intra-agency department heads, external government agencies, commissions and committees.

KEY COMPETENCIES: RESEARCH, LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS, MULTI-LEVEL PRESENTATIONS, DUE DILIGENCE

Ensured public meeting transparency compliance with U.S. government Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act)

- Researched current Brown Act and relevant case law to guarantee current knowledge
- Authored pertinent summary of the law including reference to cases
- Presented to members of Executive Staff and Environmental Justice communities

KEY COMPETENCIES: FACILITATION, LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ADVISORY, POLICY CREATION

Reduced Toxic Air Emissions through community outreach and development of Community Emissions Reduction Plan

- Reviewed and approved information for public dissemination via facilitation of emissions presentations
- Attended, monitored, and controlled public meetings to assure all voices were heard
- Reviewed CERP for submission to California Air Resource Board (CARB) for approval

KEY COMPETENCIES: CROSS-FUNCTIONAL LEADERSHIP, INTERAGENCY COOPERATION, COMMUNITY RELATIONS, ORGANIZATION

Acted to eradicate nuisance fugitive coastal emissions

- Interacted with California Air Resource Board (CARB) for Agency Guidance and Policy Interpretation
- Coordinated interagency meetings with Port Police, local fire department, and US Coast Guard to create policy
- Aligned efforts of groups to respond immediately and use authority to measure emissions on ships with crude cargo
- Insured compliance with California Coastal Commission mandates
- Interacted with multiple City Councils to resolve sensitive beach burning inquiries, complaints and compliance
- Collaborated to initiate novel issuance of violation notices at port of Los Angeles

INGLEWOOD CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

(9 ATTORNEYS, 10 SUPPORT STAFF, 800+ CITY OF INGLEWOOD EMPLOYEES)

Inglewood, CA • 04/2004 - 06/2017

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

Coordinated and trained prosecutors re: Injunctions with Specialized Gang Unit. Reviewed, analyzed, and initiated criminal investigations. Reconciled findings and coordinated record retention. Trained and supervised new prosecutors and volunteer attorneys and subordinate staff. Managed day to day workflow. Drafted legal documents and contracts. Monitored deficiencies in investigations to provide recommendations for best practices and compile comprehensive investigative reports for police officers, code enforcement officers and building and safety inspectors. Monitored nuisance, regulatory, municipal code, and land use violations. Conducted sworn officer training in tolerance and inclusion, updated training manual to reflect policy changes, facilitated HR training for workplace bullying and harassment. Planned and directed daily workflow for legal support staff.

KEY COMPETENCIES: LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY INTERACTION, NEEDS ANALYSIS, TRAINING, COMMUNICATION, PRESENTATIONS***Increased conviction rate to above 90% and restored community faith and trust in police department and officers***

- Analyzed numerous reports of officer-involved shooting and excessive force complaints
- Facilitated in-person public demeanor training to police officers during roll call
- Provided instruction on proper report writing, public interaction, and courtroom decorum
- Declined to prosecute cases where officer behavior was unsuitable

KEY COMPETENCIES: NEGOTIATION, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, MOTIVATION, CIVIL RIGHTS, TRAINING, ORGANIZATION, INFLUENCING***Decreased threat of gang intimidation and violence that terrorized residents***

- Collaborated with expert in field of gang injunctions
- Established parameters of safe havens for congregation of gang members
- Counseled officers on proper service of gang injunctions that led to prosecution and sentence enhancements

KEY COMPETENCIES: LEGAL PRECEDENT, RESEARCH & WRITING, COLLABORATION, PERSUASIVE ORAL ARGUMENTS***Eradicated city's notorious reputation for illicit sex trade in massage parlors and on streets***

- Coordinated with police to execute multiple sting operations involving street and massage parlor prostitution
- Prepared arguments and briefs arguing that constitutional rights were not violated through prosecution
- Secured first convictions of massage parlor prostitution cases

Volunteer Activities**KEY COMPETENCIES:** LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, RESEARCH, COMMUNICATION, TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

- Requested study materials from Council office to create student empowerment group; Created study skill development and test taking strategy workshop for underserved students
- Spearheaded skill study workshop for Boys and Girls Club of Los Angeles
- Worked with outside agencies to develop community driven task force
- Facilitated community events with local city officials
- Garnered support and funds for council district programs

Certifications and Management Training

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION CERTIFICATE • SUPERVISORY SKILLS FOR MANAGEMENT • MANAGEMENT STYLE
ANALYSIS: HARASSMENT TRAINING • WORKPLACE BULLYING • PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE • WHISTLEBLOWERS

Affiliations and Awards and Honors

Woman of The Year, 2016 – California State Assembly, District 61, Autumn Burke

Toastmasters International – Secretary, District One 2014-15, Distinguished Toastmaster

Los Angeles District Attorney's Association

Black Women Lawyers Association

California Association of Black Lawyers

President, Baldwin Hills Homes HOA 2010-11



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Dear Ms. Pruitt:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission 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 contact my Commissions team by email at myr-commissions@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 at nicole.enriquez@lacity.org.

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As part of the City Council confirmation process, meetings will be offered to Herb Wesson, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, the Chair of the Planning and Land Use Management 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 Planning and Land Use Management 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 completed 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 Herb Wesson

_____ Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination