

ERIC GARCETTI MAYOR

May 23, 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. Cynthia Gonzalez to the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2023. Ms. Gonzalez will fill the vacancy created by Gail Willis, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Gonzalez 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:Cynthia GonzalezCommission:South Los Angeles Area Planning CommissionEnd of Term:6/30/2023

Appointee Information

- 1. Race/ethnicity: Latinx
- 2. Gender: Female
- 3. Council district and neighborhood of residence: 15 South LA
- 4. Are you a registered voter? Yes
- 5. Prior commission experience:

6. Highest level of education completed: Ph.D., Social and Cultural Anthropology, California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS)

7. Occupation/profession: Director, Community-Partnered Policy and Action Stream, Pardee RAND Graduate School

- 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
Pruitt, Stacey	South LA	10	African American	F	30-Jun-24
Bates, Eric	South LA	10	African American	м	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

Cynthia Gonzalez, PhD, MP

CURRENT POSITION	Pardee RAND Graduate School Director, Community-Partnered Policy and Action Stream	Santa Monica, CA December 2020
EDUCATION	California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) Ph.D., Social and Cultural Anthropology Department of Anthropology and Social Change Dissertation: Watts, Our Town: "Nothing About Us, Without Us, Is for Us" An Auto-Ethnographic Account of Life in Watts Committee Chair: Fouzieyha Towghi, PhD, MPH Internal Committee Member: Mutombo M'Panya, PhD External Committee Member: Pablo Gonzalez, PhD, MA Community Member: Timothy Watkins, WLCAC President & CEO	San Francisco, CA May 2014
	University of Southern California (USC) M.P.H., Biostatistics and Epidemiology Department of Preventive Medicine, Keck School of Medicine Thesis: Community Assessment of Nueva Esperanza, Panama Faculty Advisor: Lourdes Baezconde-Garbanati, PhD, MPH	Los Angeles, CA December 2009
	B.A., Chicana/o Studies Major and Public Health Minor School of Letters and Science, Latin Honors University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)	Los Angeles, CA June 2007
TRAINING	The Association of College and University Educators Faculty Participant, Effective Online Teaching Practices Certificate program on best online-teaching practices.	2021 - present
	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Leader, Culture of Health Leaders Program Leadership development program focused on equity approaches.	2019-2022
	American Evaluation Association Fellow, Minority Serving Institutions Faculty Fellowship Training in culturally relevant evaluation methods.	2018
	Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science Emerging Scientist, Urban Health Institute Retention program for underrepresented faculty in research.	2015-2017
	University of California, Los Angeles Assistant Project Scientist, Division of Nephrology David Geffen School of Medicine	2015-2016
	Conduct nephrology health education research via an equity lens. Pardee RAND Graduate School Fellow, Summer Faculty Workshop in Policy Research & Analysis	2015
	Training on policy research for implementation in faculty work. National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD Scholar, NIMHD Annual Translational Health Disparities Course: Integrating Principles of Science, Practice, and Policy in Health Disparities Research.	2014

		Abbreviated CV April 2022
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	 Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science Assistant Professor, College of Science and Health MPH 524: Community Engagement in Public Health (2014-prese) MPH 502: Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health (2014-2021) MPH 582: Public Health Thesis (2019, 2020) Thesis Advisor, Master in Biomedical Science Program (2016-20) UCHS 101: Introduction to Public Health (2017-2019) UCHS 102: Introduction to Health Disparities (2017-2019) MPH 595: Culminating Experience, Capstone Chair (2014-2019) MPH 527: Race, Culture, and Public Health (2017) Claremont Graduate University (MPH and PHD Programs) Adjunct Professor, School of Community and Global Health CGH 308: Foundations of Program Planning UNIversity of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) UCLA/CDU School of Medicine Selective Couse for First and Second Year Medical Students: Health Equity, Civil Rights, and Health Impact Assessments 	Los Angeles, CA nt)
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	 Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science Principal Investigator, AXIS Pilot Funding (2017-2019) Advisor, Academic-Community Team for Improving Vaccine Acceptability/Targeted Engagement (ACTIVATE) Triad Leaders University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Sub-awardee, Share, Trust, Organize, Partner: The COVID-19 California Alliance (STOP COVID-19 CA) Housing Authority of the City of LA Data Partner, Watts Rising Collaborative (2019 – 2023) Facilitator, Watts Rising Collaborative (2019) Kaiser Permanente Ethnographic Research Consultant (2015-2016) Awardee, Community Benefits Grant (2017) University of Southern California (USC) Co-Investigator, USC Child and Adult Watts Health Study 	Los Angeles, CA 2019-2023 Los Angeles, CA 2020-2022 Los Angeles, CA 2019-present Los Angeles, CA 2015-2017 Los Angeles, CA 2018 - 2019
ADMNISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE	 Pardee RAND Graduate School – RAND Corporation Adjunct Faculty, Community-Partnered Policy and Action Stream Transition period to learn more about the stream. Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) Senior Project Manager, Watts Rising Collaborative Manage the Watts Rising Collaborative (~\$120M), a place-based effort for community development, environmental and public health, displacement avoidance, led by community engagement. Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science Assistant Professor, College of Science and Health (2014-2019) Develop undergraduate curriculum and prepare for accreditation. Assistant Director (2014-2017); Associate Director (2017-2019) Division of Community Engagement, College of Medicine (1) oversee staff and division budget; (2) plan and implement community programs/projects; (3) work with students, faculty, and community establish inclusive and ethical community-academic partnerships Health Disparities Curriculum Specialist, Urban Health Institute (2) Responsible for developing curriculum, planning, and implement conference on health disparities and health equity for students interested in advocacy and equity work through collaborative partners 	munity engagement nity constituents to 2014 – 2019) nenting an annual and professionals

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		April 2022
CONSULTING EXPERIENCE	UCLA – COVID-19 Air Quality Study Community Engagement Consultant, School of Public Health	Los Angeles, CA 2020
	LAC Department of Arts and Culture, Community Engagement Consultant, MLK Health Campus	Los Angeles, CA 2020
	Kaiser Permanente, Southern California Region Panel Reviewer of KP Innovation efforts	Los Angeles, CA 2017
	UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, Dept. of Social Welfare	Los Angeles, CA
	Thought Partner, Watts Leadership Institute	2016 – 2019
	City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Economic Development	Los Angeles, CA
	Academic Partner, LA Promise Zone Young Ethnographers	2016
HONORS &	Delta Omega National Public Health Honor Society	Washington, D.C.
SPECIAL AWARDS	 Delta Omega Award for Innovative Public Health Curriculum Inducted Faculty Member, Gamma Phi Chapter, CDU 	2014-2015
	Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science	Los Angeles, CA
	 Rising Star Faculty Award 	2014
	 Awardee, CDU Mini-Grant (community) 	2016, 2017
	CA State 64th Assembly District Office of Mike Gipson	Los Angeles, CA
	 2016 Honoree, Women in Leadership 	2016
	 Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy Awardee, Champions Award for the Health Equity Awards 	New Orleans, LA 2017
UNIVERSITY	Pardee RAND Graduate School, RAND Corporation	Santa Monica, CA
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	 Member, Mentor Program, Career Services Planning Committee Member, Faculty Leaders Program Member, LatinX y Mas, Employee Resource Group Planning Committee Member, Faculty Leaders Program Committee Member, Admissions Committee 	2020-present
	University of California, Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA
	 Office Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Advisory Board Member, UCLA Department of Medicine (2019 – present) UCLA CTSI Community Engagement Research Program Co-Chair, Community Engagement Committee (2017) Member, Community Engagement Committee (2018 – present) Member, Consultation Service Workgroup (2017 – present) 	2017-present
	Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science	Los Angeles, CA
	 Board Member, Faculty Academic Senate (2016-2018) Member, WSCUC Re-Accreditation Committee (2016-2018) 	2015-2021
	 Member, University Strategic Planning Committee (2017) Member, Undergraduate Program Development Committee (201 	17)
PROFESSIONAL & SCHOLARLY ASSOCIATIONS	 Reviewer, WM Kellogg Foundation Racial Equity 2030 (2021) Reviewer, Urbanities: Journal of Urban Ethnography (2017) Application Reader, Gamma Phi Chapter – CDU, Delta Omeg Health Society (2016) Reviewer, Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities (2015) Member, International Urban Symposium (2014-2016) 	
	 Lundquist Fellows Program Mentor, Partnership for Los Angeles Founding Partner, Trauma Prevention & Healing Center, LAC-DI 	

SELECTED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, "Leveling the Playing Field: Techniques for Engaging Community and Academia," CDU Grand Rounds, Los Angeles, CA, 2015
- Presenter, "Community Faculty: A Model for Community-Academic Partnerships," Community-Campus Partnerships for Health, Clinical & Translational Science Awards Member Interest Group, Webinar, 2015
- Live Radio Guest, "Community Conditions 50 Years Since 1965 Watts Riots," BBC News Radio, 2015

- Live Radio Guest, "50 Years Since 1965 Watts Riots," KCRW Radio, 2015.
- Featured Interviewee, Gazzar, Brenda. (2015). "<u>Revisiting the Watts Riots 50 years later: the explosion</u> was almost predictable." Los Angeles Daily News (August 8). Accessed August 9, 2015.
- Featured Interviewee, Bermudez, Esmeralda and Paloma Esquivel. (2015). "<u>Shared Struggles for Latinos</u> and Blacks in Watts." Los Angeles Times (Online release August 7). Accessed August 9, 2015.
- Guest Lecturer, "Introduction to Participatory Research, Community Engagement, and More," University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Health, Community Health Sciences, Los Angeles, CA, 2016
- Panelist, "Women of Color in Health Professional Research" Mi Mentor, Los Angeles, CA, 2016.
- Presenter, "Community Assessment: An Example of Community Engagement at CDU" CDU College of Medicine Dean's Council, Los Angeles, CA, 2016
- Presenter, "Community Health" King/Drew High School of Medicine and Science 9th Annual Career Day
- Building Community Networks & Designing Your Own Destiny, 2018.
- Presenter, "Watts: The Hub of the Universe" Ballmer Group. Los Angeles, CA, 2017.
- Radio Guest, "Social Determinants of Health" Good News Radio. May 24, 2018. Los Angeles, CA
- Presenter, "Place Matters Watts: The Hub of the Universe" Los Angeles Harbor College EOPS Program, Motivation Booster. Los Angeles, CA, 2018.
- Presenter, "Place Matters Watts: The Hub of the Universe" UCLA CTSI Special Populations Presentation. Los Angeles, CA, 2018.
- Presenter, "Practicing Community Engagement: Some Considerations" CTSI Community Partnered and Implementation Science Research Series. Los Angeles BioMed. Los Angeles, CA, 2018.
- Speaker, "Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Healing Center" Healing Center Opening. LACDPH. Los Angeles, CA, 2018.
- Panelist. A Mental Health Roundtable. DEVO Employee Resource Group. The RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA (virtual). May 26, 2021.
- Moderator. "Engaging Latinx Populations in CBPR" Latinx y Mas Employee Resource Group. The RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA (virtual). October 18, 2021.
- Moderator. A Conversation with Dr. Barbara Ferrer. Latinx y Mas Employee Resource Group in partnership with Community-Partnered Policy and Action Stream. December 01, 2021.
- Keynote, "If you're note at the table, you're on the menu: Reflections on participatory engagement at the intersections of theory & practice." UCLA Global Health Conference. Los Angeles, CA. January 29, 2021.
- Moderator, A Fireside Chat with Julie Chavez Rodriguez, Granddaughter of Cesar Chavez. Community-Partnered Stream in partnership with Latinx Y Mas Employee Resource Group. Pardee RAND Graduate School, The Pardee RAND Corporation. March 30, 2022.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, "Intergenerational Perspectives: 50 Years Post-965 Watts Revolt," Watts Labor Community Action Committee, Los Angeles, California, August 11, 2015
- Moderator, "50 Years Since the 1965 Watts Revolt" Los Angeles Commemoration Event, August 2015.
- Presenter, "Diversity Initiatives in Public Policy," Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 37th Annual Fall Research Conference, Miami, Florida, November 12, 2015
- Presenter, "Place Matters: Integrating Academia, Government, and Community for a Healthy South LA." Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy Health Disparities Conference (February 29–March 2, 2016) New Orleans, LA.
- Presenter, "Building the Next Generation of Health Professionals: A Student-Centered Initiative." 2016 Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) Annual Meeting (March 20-22, 2016) Arlington, VA
- Presenter, "Alumni Update: Policy, Community Advocacy, and Scholarship" Pardee RAND Graduate School, Faculty Leaders Program (July 2016) Santa Monica, CA
- Moderator, "Interview with the Lacks Family and Author of The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" Cells Seeking Justice (July 2016) Los Angeles, CA
- Presenter, "Social Justice and Equity: What is social justice and how can we work within its context?" UNAC/UHCP Convention (October 2, 2016), San Diego, CA
- Panelist, "Community Based Participatory Research and Ethics" Community Health Councils First Annual CBPR Summit (Fall 2017).
- Presenter. "Watts Community Studio" Minority Health Conference. USC/UCLA Medical Student Group, Los Angeles, CA, 2017
- Presenter, "Public Health and Community Advocacy" CSU, Poly Pomona. October 2017.
- Panelist, "Promising Practices: Incorporating Inter-Professional Education into Curriculum" ASPPH

Annual Conference.

- Presenter, "Health Equity: The Case for Watts" LMSA Conference: Breaking Border, Building Bridges, Paving the Future of Medicine. March 03, 2018. Los Angeles, CA
- Panelist, "Engaging Youth and Millennials in Cancer Awareness and Prevention: Some Considerations" Prevention, Treatment, and Control of Cancer in Our Community Conference. August 15, 2018. Los Angeles, CA.
- Presenter. "Considering the Student" Counselor and Science Teacher Day. Los Angeles Unified School District. Los Angeles, CA.
- Panelist, "Watts Rising: Data Partner" LANI Conference. May 15, 2018. Los Angeles, CA
- Presenter, "Watts Community Studio" Place@CDU 2018. November 15, 2018. Los Angeles, CA
- Moderator, "Transformative Impact from Community Collaboration". Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing (SCANPH) 31st Annual Conference. October 25, 2019. Los Angeles, CA.

SELECTED WORKSHOPS

- "Working in Community," Urban Peace, LAPD Community Safety Partnerships, Los Angeles, CA 2015.
- "Social Research: Watts Community Studio Methodology" City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office, Promise Zones, Los Angeles, CA, March 18, 2016.
- "Los Angeles Promise Zone Data Analysis," Los Angeles Promise Zone, City of Los Angeles Mayors' Office of Economic Opportunity (October 26, 2016), Los Angeles, CA
- "Data Visualization and Presentation: Presenting Data to Community" CDU Urban Health Institute's Workforce Development Series: Develop@CDU (Jan 2017) Los Angeles, CA
- "Introduction to Global Health" CDU International Education Week. October 16, 2017.
- "Community Engagement" Medical Students Pre-Matriculation Workshop. July 17, 2018
- "A Healthy Community Begins with You" Urban Peace Institute, Latino Leadership Group. Los Angeles, CA, February 14, 2018.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Research Papers

- McSorley, A.-M. M., Peipert, J. D., Gonzalez, C., Norris, K. C., Goalby, C. J., Peace, L. J. and Waterman, A. D. (2017), Dialysis Providers' Perceptions of Barriers to Transplant for Black and Low-Income Patients: A Mixed Methods Analysis Guided by the Socio-Ecological Model for Transplant. World Medical & Health Policy, 9: 399–417. doi:10.1002/wmh3.251
- George S, Vassar SD, Norris K, Coleman B, Gonzalez C, Ishimori M, Morris DA, Mtume N, Shapiro MF, Lucas-Wright A, and Brown AF (2019) Researcher perspectives on embedding community stakeholders in T1–T2 research: A potential new model for full- spectrum translational research. Journal of Clinical and Translational Science 3: 120–124. doi: 10.1017/cts.2019.384
- 3. Carson SL, **Gonzalez C**, Lopez S, Morris D, Mtume N, Lucas-Wright A, Vassar SD, Norris KC, and Brown AF. (2020) Reflections on the Importance of Community-Partnered Research Strategies for Health Equity in the Era of COVID-19. Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved. In Press.
- Norris, K., & Gonzalez, C. (2020). COVID-19, health disparities and the US election. EClinicalMedicine, 28, 100617. <u>https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eclinm.2020.100617</u>.

Research Papers – Peer Reviewed (Submitted)

- 1. **Gonzalez, Cynthia**; Martinez, A; Viveros, J; Villafana, E. (2022) "Talk COVID-19: A Training for Therapists" *Journal of Ethnicity & Disease*
- 2. **Gonzalez, Cynthia**; Rosales, M; Cruz, J. (2022) "Watts Community Studio: Local Solutions to Local Problems" *Journal of Ethnicity & Disease*

Book Chapter

Gonzalez, Cynthia. (2017). "Urban Ethnography: Nothing About Us, Without Us, Is for Us". In Palgrave Handbook on Urban Ethnography by Italo Pardo and Giuliana B. Prato (editors). NY, NY: Palgrave Macmillan

Abstract

Gonzalez, Cynthia. (2014). "<u>Completed Dissertations. Watts, Our Town:</u> 'Nothing about us without us is for us,' An auto-ethnographic account of life in Watts, Los Angeles, CA." Urbanities V4(2). Retrieved from

Community Reports/Models

- 1. Watts Community Studio. 2013. "Watts Community Studio Final Report." Accessed February 1, 2014.
- 2. Young Ethnographers Program. 2016. "Young Ethnographers Program Guidebook." In Press.
- 3. Los Angeles Promise Zone. 2016. "Summary Findings." In Press.



May 23, 2022

Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

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, 2023. 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 <u>nicole.enriquez@lacity.org</u>.

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As part of the City Council confirmation process, meetings will be offered to Joe Buscaino, 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,

ERIC GARCETTI Mayor

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Attachment I Ms. Cynthia Gonzalez May 23, 2022

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: <u>myr-commissions@lacity.org</u> 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 Joe Buscaino

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