



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

June 15, 2022

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Mr. Eric Bates to the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2027. Mr. Bates's current term expires on June 30, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Garcetti'.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Eric Bates
Commission: South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission
End of Term: 6/30/2027

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** African American
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 10 - South LA
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:** South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Whittier College School of Law
7. **Occupation/profession:** Assistant Inspector General with the Los Angeles County, Office of Inspector General
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume/bio
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
10. **Current composition of the commission:**

| 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 | M | 30-Jun-22 |
| Orozco, Jaqueline | South LA | 15 | Latina | F | 30-Jun-25 |
| Stern, Stevie | South LA | 10 | Caucasian | F | 30-Jun-26 |
| Gonzalez, Cynthia | South LA | 15 | Latinx | F | 30-Jun-23 |

ERIC D. BATES

Senior Litigator – Regulation/Policy advisor

A highly experienced senior litigator with tremendous trial experience, who has demonstrated the ability to succeed in both state and federal courts. Proven success rate of 98% in federal civil rights actions. Established track record of successful analysis of state and federal regulations as well as policies of California state agencies. Ability to identify agencies' deficiencies and provide innovative, compliance solutions.

Recent Accomplishments

- Successful defense of California Department of Health Care Services in \$1 million lawsuit by Los Angeles Unified School District.
- Successful defense of State of California in \$91 million School Medi-Cal Administrative Activities program.
- Successful representation of the California Department of Finance in litigation against school districts for reimbursement of instructional funds involving \$135 million program.
- Published case of first impression opinion - United States Court of Appeals-Ninth Circuit (*Seaton v. Mayberg* (2010) 610 F.3d 530.)
- Successful litigation involving California teacher for inappropriate relationship with student, resulting in revocation of license.

Professional Experience

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, Los Angeles
California**

October 2001 - Present

Deputy Attorney General III

- Lead litigator in over 20 federal civil rights lawsuits, with successful results in 98% of the lawsuits.
- Lead litigator in Medi-Cal billing and recovery litigation, recovering in excess \$500,000 from probate estates for the State of California.
- Published case of first impression opinion - United States Court of Appeals-Ninth Circuit (*Seaton v. Mayberg* (2010) 610 F.3d 530.)

- Successfully prosecuted administrative Accusations involving negligent acts of emergency medical personnel, teachers and others licensed by the State of California, resulting in suspensions and revocation of licenses.
- Advisor of state and federal regulations to state agency staff counsels and chief counsels.
- Team member of the Complex Litigation Team created to defend the State of California in civil rights actions pursuant to the Sexual Violent Predator Act. Successful in over 98% of the federal litigation.
- Career litigation in excess of 40 criminal and civil jury trials.

LAW OFFICES OF ERIC D. BATES, Los Angeles, California

November 1998 – October 2001

Litigation Attorney

- Litigation of personal injury, criminal and entertainment actions.

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE, Los Angeles, California

July 1994 – October 1998

Deputy Public Defender

- Representation of indigent clients in criminal jury trials, conducted in excess of 200 preliminary hearing.
- Trained and supervised more than 20 incoming Deputy Public Defenders in a voluminous arraignment court.

LAW OFFICES JOHNNIE L. COCHRAN, JR., Los Angeles, California

January 1992 – June 1994

Associate / Law Clerk

- Instrumental in the newly created Entertainment Division, litigation of sports and entertainment clients including drafting and reviewing of contracts.
- Successful representation of prominent student athlete in NCAA litigation.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate, May (1993)
Whittier College, School of Law

Bachelors of Science, Marketing (1989)
California State University, Dominguez Hills



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Dear Mr. Bates:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2027. 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 reappointment 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.

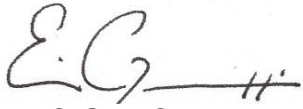
As part of the City Council confirmation process, meetings will be offered to Herb Wesson, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, the Chair of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee. Sometime 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.

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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,

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Attachment I
Mr. Eric Bates
June 15, 2022

Nominee Check List

I. Within 7 days:

_____ 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. 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