



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

March 21, 2023

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. Vigen Davidian to the Board of Transportation Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2023. Mr. Davidian will fill the vacancy created by John Ly, whom I removed effective May 5, 2023 or at the time Mr. Ly's successor is confirmed by the City Council.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Davidian 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 that reads "Karen Bass".

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Viggen Davidian
Commission: Board of Transportation Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2023

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 3 - South Valley
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** MS, Civil Engineering, University of California, Berkeley
7. **Occupation/profession:** Vice President, Iteris, Inc.
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):**

VIGGEN DAVIDIAN, PE

Vice President, Iteris, Inc.



EDUCATION

MS, Civil Engineering
(Transportation), University of California, Berkeley, 1981

BS, Civil Engineering, Iowa State University, 1979

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

With Iteris: **29** Total: **41**

REGISTRATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

Professional Engineer (Civil PE)
CA #36335, 1983

NHI Certificate of Training
Project Development and Environmental Documentation, FHWA

PRIOR POSITIONS

Principal, **DKS Associates** 1989-1994

Cal Poly Pomona, Part-time Faculty, 2008-2012

Principal Engineer, **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)** 1984-1989

Senior Engineer, **Gruen Associates** 1982-1984

Highway Engineer in Training, **Iowa Department of Transportation** 1979-1980

AFFILIATIONS

Fellow, Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)

Life Member, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

Phi Kappa Phi, Engineering Honor Society

Chi Epsilon, Civil Engineering Honor Society

Viggen has over 41 years of professional and project leadership experience in traffic and civil engineering, multimodal transportation planning, and environmental analysis in both the private and public sectors.

He is Vice President with **Iteris, Inc.**, a leading national transportation and mobility technology firm. He has been with the company since 1994 and is the National Practice Leader for Iteris' Transportation Planning/Engineering practices and a business development lead. Viggen holds a Master of Science Degree in Transportation Engineering from University of California, Berkeley, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Iowa State University. He is a registered Professional Engineer in California. Viggen is a Fellow of Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and a Life Member of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and has served as Vice President on the ASCE's Los Angeles Section Board of Directors. A resident of City of Los Angeles since moving to southern California in 1982, Viggen has lived in West Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley and worked in the mid-Wilshire area and Downtown Los Angeles.

Viggen's technical expertise include comprehensive multi-modal area and corridor studies, parking, traffic and transit operations and simulation, travel demand forecasting, alternatives analyses, ITS Technologies, and environmental impact assessment for major highway and transit projects. He also specializes in transportation performance measurement and monitoring systems for local and regional agencies as well as strategic master plans for transportation infrastructure development, prioritization, and financing.

Viggen is a well-known transportation industry leader in southern California. During the past 40 years, he has managed or served as a key discipline leader in planning, environmental assessment, and design of many of the Metro's rail and bus rapid transit lines that have been implemented in the City of Los Angeles (list on the next page). He has worked closely with the staffs of the City's Department of City Planning, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Engineering and many council districts and elected officials as part of transportation policy development. Viggen also has close working relationships with LA Metro staff and management, Caltrans District 7, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and many local jurisdictions. While at SCAG, Viggen was the principal analyst and author of the Transportation Impacts Study for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

Viggen has a comprehensive knowledge of federal, state, regional, and local transportation and parking guidelines, regulations and processes for system planning, environmental assessment, design, financing, and construction. He is experienced in the academic environment with teaching and mentoring transportation engineers and planners. He is skilled in conflict resolution and consensus building with multi-jurisdictional policy and technical advisory committees, elected officials, commissions, agency management and staffs.

A strong believer in giving back to the community, Viggen has volunteered and served in significant leadership roles, including board member, with various community-based and youth non-profit organizations for over four decades. He has also served for many years as a volunteer interview and evaluation panel member for LADOT's staff evaluation and promotion program.

Representative Major City of Los Angeles and LA Metro projects:

During his career, Viggen has served as project manager or traffic/transportation discipline lead on many multidisciplinary teams for the following major corridor and area studies for the City of Los Angeles or Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) helping build southern California's multimodal transportation system.

- Numerous City of Los Angeles Community Plan Update (CPU) Transportation Plans and EIRs from the San Fernando Valley to the South Los Angeles, and Mid-City to the Westside and San Pedro
- Warner Center Specific Plan, Mobility Fee and EIR
- West Ventura Boulevard Parking Study
- Wilshire Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit Project
- Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway Project
- East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor (Van Nuys Light Rail) Advance Conceptual Engineering
- San Fernando Valley North-South Transit Corridors Project
- Metro Orange Line Grade Crossing Needs and Safety Analysis
- Metro Orange Line Canoga Extension EIR/EIS
- San Fernando Valley Short and Long-Term Mobility Plans
- Metro Exposition Line EIR/EIS Phase II
- Crenshaw LRT Transit Oriented Districts
- Crenshaw LRT Grade Separation and Safety Study
- I-405 Sepulveda Pass Express Lanes
- I-10 and I-110 Express Lane Operational and Tolling Policy
- LAX, Ontario and Palmdale Airport Master Plans
- Last Mile Freight Los Angeles Citywide Pilot Projects
- Downtown Los Angeles Mobility Plan
- San Fernando Valley and Malibu/Las Virgenes Mobility Matrix
- Countywide Significant Arterial Network (CSAN) and Performance Measurement System
- Los Angeles County Freeway System Assessment and Hot Spots Analysis
- Los Angeles County Arterial Performance Measurement Pilot Project Tool
- North LA County Multimodal Transportation Improvement Study (NCMTIS)
- SB 743 Mitigation Measures Analysis
- Over 30 Countywide, Subregional and Local Travel Demand Models
- South Bay Measure R Highway Program Implementation Plan
- SCAG High Quality Transit Area (HQTA) Analysis

Summary of Volunteer Activities:

- Over 40 years of volunteer leadership positions with Armenian General Athletic Union and Scouts (Homenetmen) Organization, providing community and youth after-school athletic and cultural programs
- Member, Education Committee, Ferrahian School, Encino and North Hills
- Member, Board of Governors Armenian American Museum and Cultural Center of California, Glendale
- Vice President, American Society of Civil Engineers, Los Angeles Chapter
- Volunteer member of Property Search and Construction Committee for Western Prelacy Headquarters Building for Armenian Apostolic Church Western United States, Tujunga



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Dear Mr. Davidian:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Transportation Commissioners 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 nicole.enriquez@lacity.org.

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As part of the City Council confirmation process, meetings will be offered to Bob Blumenfield, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Heather Hutt, the Chair of the Transportation 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 Transportation 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and the last name "Bass" clearly legible.

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment I
Mr. Vigen Davidian
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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 Bob Blumenfield

_____ Councilmember Heather Hutt, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination