



KAREN BASS  
MAYOR

May 22, 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. Anton Farmby to the Cannabis Regulation Commission for the term ending June 30, 2023, and for the subsequent term ending June 30, 2027.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Farmby is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work which shall devolve upon him, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Mr. Farmby will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Jasson Crockett.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass".

KAREN BASS  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Anton Farmby  
**Commission:** Cannabis Regulation Commission  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2023, June 30, 2027

### Appointee Information

1. **Race:** African American
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 2 - South Valley
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:**
7. **Occupation/profession:** Vice President, SEIU United Service Workers West
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 | Race             | Gender | Term End  |
|------------------------|----------|----|------------------|--------|-----------|
| Ahn, Robert            | Central  | 10 | API              | M      | 6/30/2025 |
| Figueroa-Villa, Sandra | East LA  | 1  | Latinx           | F      | 6/30/2025 |
| Mason, Thryeris        | South LA | 8  | African American | F      | 6/30/2023 |
| Lim, Shi Young         | West LA  | 11 | API              | M      | 6/30/2026 |
| VACANT                 |          |    |                  |        | 6/30/2023 |

Anton Farmby is Vice President of SEIU United Service Workers West, which represents over 45,000 janitors, security officers, airport workers, and other property service workers throughout California. In 2023, as the leader of the Security Division at USWW, Anton oversaw the bargaining and ratification of the best security contract of any union in the country.

Anton began organizing security officers in 2009 when he was elected as President of the newly-formed SEIU Local 2006, Security Officers United in Los Angeles ("SOULA"). SOULA's campaign to organize security officers got its strength from the bonds that Anton helped build between local religious leaders, L.A. labor unions, and community organizations. In 2010, Anton helped oversee the merger between Janitors, Security Officers, Stadium/Arenas and Airport workers who formed SEIU United Service Workers West.

Anton got his start in the labor movement in 1998, through an organizing campaign while he was working at Misericordia Home, a facility that cares for physically and mentally disabled adults. In 2000, Anton became an Organizer at SEIU Local 1 in Chicago, Illinois. While at Local 1, Anton helped lead the Residential Maintenance Contract Campaign, mobilizing thousands of union members for higher standards in the industry. He also worked on campaigns to organize school bus drivers, custodial workers, and public housing employees.

In 2004, Anton and his wife moved to Cleveland Ohio where he became the Director of SEIU Local 3, representing 10,000 union members in the Midwest. From 2005 until 2009, Anton played a critical role in Cleveland's political community serving on Mayor Frank Jackson's transition team, the Selection Committee for Cleveland Hopkins Airport Director; a Co-Chair of Cleveland Jobs with Justice, and Chairman of the North Shore Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO.

Anton currently heads the organizational equity and inclusion work for USWW. In that role, he is heading the work with the USWW Executive Board and leadership to build an inclusive union where everyone feels a sense of belonging, respect, and value that fosters meaningful long-term engagement to build true solidarity across differences among our members. Anton currently resides in Los Angeles with his wife Hope and two children, Kimberly Jordan and Kaleb Joshua.



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May 22, 2023

Dear Mr. Farmby:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Cannabis Regulation Commission for the term ending June 30, 2023, and for the subsequent term ending June 30, 2027, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

To begin the appointment process, please review, sign, and return the enclosed Remuneration Form and undated Letters of Separation **within one week** of receiving this letter. These documents are necessary to ensure the most efficient, open, and accountable city government possible.

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 Personnel's 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 via the California Fair Political Practices Commission's eDisclosure website, or by mailing the forms to City Hall at 200 N. Spring Street, 24th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any inquiries regarding this form should be directed to Nicole Enriquez at the City Ethics Commission by email at [nicole.enriquez@lacity.org](mailto:nicole.enriquez@lacity.org).

As part of the appointment process, Paul Krekorian, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, the Chair of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee, may wish to meet with you to answer any questions they have. Our office will assist with arranging these meetings.

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Additionally, you will be required to attend public meetings at City Hall where your appointment will be considered. You will be hearing from our office and a City Council 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 of the date when your appointment will be presented to the full City Council. Before you may begin serving, you will be required to take the Oath of Office in the City Clerk's Office located in Room 395 of City Hall. If you require parking for these meetings, please contact my Commissions team by email at [myr-commissions@lacity.org](mailto:myr-commissions@lacity.org).

Per the City Charter, most commissioners must be registered voters of the City of Los Angeles, and must therefore reside within Los Angeles. If you move at any point during your term, or your contact information changes, please contact my Commissions team immediately at the email address listed below. While we hope that you complete a successful term, if for some reason you intend to resign, please do so in writing to my Commissions team at [myr-commissions@lacity.org](mailto:myr-commissions@lacity.org).

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 last name "Bass" clearly distinguishable.

KAREN BASS  
Mayor

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Attachment I  
Mr. Anton Farmby  
May 22, 2023

### **Nominee Check List**

**I. Within 7 days:**

- ☐ Email the below completed documents, found on the last three pages of this letter, to: [myr-commissions@lacity.org](mailto:myr-commissions@lacity.org) OR mail them to:

Office of the Mayor  
Attn: Commissions Team  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

- Remuneration Form
- Undated Separation Letters (2)

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

**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 Paul Krekorian
- ☐ Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination

**IV. Public Meetings at City Hall:**

- ☐ Planning and Land Use Management Committee Hearing
- ☐ Full Council Hearing