



KAREN BASS  
MAYOR

August 14, 2023

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Ms. Nurit Katz to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2028. Ms. Katz's current term expired on June 30, 2023.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Katz is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work which shall devolve upon her, 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:** Nurit Katz  
**Commission:** Board of Water and Power Commissioners  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2028

### Appointee Information

- 1. Race:** Caucasian
- 2. Gender:** Female
- 3. Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 4 - 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:** Masters of Business Administration and Public Policy, University of California, Los Angeles
- 7. Occupation/profession:** Chief Sustainability Officer, University of California, Los Angeles
- 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	Race	Gender	Term End
Katz, Nurit	South Valley	4	Caucasian	F	6/30/2023
Brady, Nicole	Central	4	Caucasian	F	6/30/2026
Lehrer, Mia	Central	4	Latinx	F	6/30/2024
McClain-Hill, Cynthia	Central	14	African American	F	6/30/2027
McGraw, George	East LA	13	Caucasian	M	6/30/2025

## Nurit D. Katz

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Department of Sustainability  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Los Angeles, CA 90095

### BIOGRAPHY

A lifelong resident of the San Fernando Valley, Nurit Katz is an educator and sustainability professional who cares deeply about creating a sustainable, resilient, and healthy region for all Angelenos.

Ms. Katz currently serves on the [Board of Water and Power Commissioners](#). She has served in a number of public sector and non-profit advisory capacities including on the [LA 100 Advisory Group](#), [Los Angeles County Climate Vulnerability Assessment](#) Technical Advisory Committee and the Resilient Infrastructure Working Group for [Resilient LA](#). She currently serves on the [Biodiversity Expert Council](#) for the City of Los Angeles, and the [Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee](#).

As Chief Sustainability Officer for UCLA, Nurit Katz led the development of the university's first [comprehensive sustainability plan](#) and fosters collaboration across the leading public university to advance sustainability through education, research, operations, and community partnerships. For six years Ms. Katz also served as Executive Officer for [Facilities Management](#) for UCLA. Nurit has over 15 years of teaching experience and is an Instructor for the [UCLA Extension Sustainability Certificate Program](#). She has also taught for the [UCLA Institute of Environment and Sustainability](#) and prior to UCLA worked in environmental and outdoor education.

Ms. Katz holds an MBA and a Masters in Public Policy from the UCLA, and a BA in Environmental Education from Humboldt State University. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UCLA and was a Trainee in the National Science Foundation Research Traineeship (NRT) Innovation at the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems (INFEWS) program.

Nurit enjoys wildlife photography and urban ecology research and serves as the Outreach Coordinator for the [Los Angeles Raptor Study](#), a community science-based study of nesting raptors (hawks, owls, and falcons), supported by Friends of Griffith Park.

### EDUCATION

PhD student, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (2027)  
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Masters of Business Administration  
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Masters of Public Policy  
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Leaders in Sustainability Graduate Certificate  
Humboldt State University B.A. (Liberal Studies- Environmental Education)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Chief Sustainability Officer, University of California, Los Angeles (2008 – Present)

As the first sustainability officer for UCLA, developed comprehensive program from the ground up and manage all aspects of the program at the intersection of academics, operations, and engagement. Led development of first comprehensive Sustainability Plan for the university. Align operational sustainability efforts with academic and research strategies, initiatives, institutes, and faculty interests and aspirations, leveraging the knowledge and research capacity of the university to solve sustainability challenges. Title promotion in 2012.

Executive Officer, Facilities Management, University of California, Los Angeles (2015 - 2021)

Served as deputy for 900+ employee department that provides a diverse array of services to the 419-acre campus and medical enterprise, including utility distribution and a 42MW cogeneration plant, \$240 million budget. Involved in all aspects of management of the organization. Built leadership development programs and first strategic plan for the department.

Instructor, Extension, University of California, Los Angeles (2009 – Present)

Teach ENVIRON X 400 Principles of Sustainability I: Introduction in multiple formats- Classroom, Online Asynchronous, Remote, Hybrid. Other courses taught include MGMTE 863.76 ESG and Sustainability Program, POL SCI 747, ART X 479.10A Design Sustainability and Beyond the Headlines, LAW 808 Sustainability Ethics.

Lecturer, Institute of Environment and Sustainability, University of California, Los Angeles (Periodic)

Advisor for ENVIRON 185A Sustainability Action Research (2008 to Present). Taught ENVIRON M164-1/URBN PL M160-2 Environmental Politics and Governance (Summer 2014) and ENVIRON 163-1 Business and Natural Environment (Summer 2016).

Outreach Coordinator, Los Angeles Raptor Study. (2022 - Present)

Co-lead volunteer workshop and field trainings. Conduct education and outreach to residents and City officials. Collect data and locate new raptor nests through field surveys.

President, Graduate Students Association, University of California, Los Angeles (2007 - 2008 AY)

Elected by 76% of the vote to serve as chief officer for more than 11,000 graduate students. Managed GSA Central Office including budget of \$750k+ and 50+ employees and volunteers.

## **SELECTED BOARDS AND SERVICE**

Commissioner, Board of Water and Power Commissioners, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (Current, Appointed by Mayor Eric Garcetti, October 2022)

Vice-Chair, Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee (Current)

Biodiversity Expert Council, City of Los Angeles (Current)

LA Sustainability Executives Roundtable, Leadership Committee, USGBC-LA (Current)

Volunteer, Rescue and Transport, Ojai Raptor Center (Current)

2022 Power Strategic Long-Term Resource Plan (SLTRP) Advisory Group

Advisory Board, Sustainable Works (2018-2022)

LA 100 Advisory Group, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (2017 - 2021)

Resilient Los Angeles, Resilient Infrastructure Working Group, Mayor Eric Garcetti (2016 – 2017)

Advisory Board, Sustainable Business Council (2015 – 2017)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

The National Science Foundation Research Traineeship – Innovations at the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems (NRT-INFEWS). (2022-2023)  
UCLA Extension. Dean’s Award for Outstanding Instruction and Contributions to the Community (2017)  
UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. Masters of Public Policy Alumni of the Year (2015)  
Top 100 Business Trailblazers, Women Worth Watching 2015, Profiles in Diversity Journal (2015)  
UCLA Alumni Affairs. True Bruin Spirit Award: Dedication, Commitment, Service (2015)  
LA Weekly. Best of LA- 10 Best Classes in LA (2012)  
100 Inspirational Alumni, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UCLA Anderson School of Management (2011)  
UCLA Anderson School of Management. Environmental Leadership Award (2008)  
UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. Outstanding Leadership Award. (2008)  
UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. MPP Student of the Year. (2008)  
Jeffrey L. Hanson Award for Distinguished Service (2007)

## PUBLICATIONS

Cooper DS, Wood EM, **Katz ND**, Superfisky K, Osborn FM, Novoselov A, Tarczynski J and Bacasen LK (2021) Large Cities Fall Behind in “Neighborhood Biodiversity”. *Front. Conserv. Sci.* 2:734931. doi: 10.3389/fcosc.2021.734931

Cooper DS, **Katz ND**, Demirci B and Osborn FM (2022) Lessons from the Santa Monica Mountains: Continuing the cycle of conservation. *Front. Sustain. Cities* 4:923946. doi: 10.3389/frsc.2022.923946

Cooper, Daniel S.; **Katz, Nurit D.**; Rogers, Morgan; and Osborn, Fiona M. (2023) "Assessing and Improving the Ecological Function of Linear Parks Along the Lower Los Angeles River Channel, Los Angeles County, California, US," *Cities and the Environment (CATE)*: Vol. 16: Iss. 1, Article 4. DOI: 10.15365/cate.2023.160104

## Wildlife Photography

Katz, N. Great-Horned Owlets, Red-shouldered Hawk Nestling. *Persistence Amid the Pandemic, The Wildlife Professional*. July/August 2021. p.42 and p.43.

Katz, N. Cooper’s Hawk Juvenile, Red-tailed Hawk. *Bird-Watching Goes Both Ways, Alta Magazine*. February 2021. p.11 (Article Cover) and p.12.

Katz, Nurit. Los Angeles, Allen’s Hummingbird, Great Egret, Toyon, Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve, Desert Cottontail, Wild Rose with Bee, Neon Skimmer, *2021 Sustainable LA Grand Challenge Sustainability Report Card for Los Angeles County Ecosystem Health*. 2021. Cover, p.

Katz, N. Lazuli Bunting. *2020 Biodiversity Report, City of Los Angeles*. p.15 (Chapter Cover)

Katz, N. Red-tailed Hawk, California Quail. *2018 Biodiversity Report, City of Los Angeles*. p.23 (Chapter Cover), p.69 (Chapter Cover)



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MAYOR

August 14, 2023

Dear Ms. Katz:

I am pleased to inform you that I am reappointing you to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2028, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

To begin the reappointment 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.

As part of the reappointment process, Nithya Raman, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, the Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee, may wish to meet with you to answer any questions they have. Our office will assist with arranging these meetings.

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).

Additionally, you will be required to attend public meetings at City Hall where your reappointment will be considered. You will be hearing from our office and a City Council Clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Energy and Environment Committee. Sometime thereafter, you will be notified of the date when your reappointment will be presented to the full City Council. Immediately following the meeting, you will again 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).

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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 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 written in a cursive, flowing style.

KAREN BASS  
Mayor

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Attachment I  
Ms. Nurit Katz  
August 14, 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 Nithya Raman
- Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination

### IV. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- Energy and Environment Committee Hearing
- Full Council Hearing