



September 25, 2023

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Julie Stromberg to the Central Area Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2025.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Stromberg 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.

Ms. Stromberg will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Andrew Friedman.

Sincerely,

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KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Julie Stromberg
Commission: Central Area Planning Commission
End of Term: 6/30/2025

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 5 - Central
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
7. **Occupation/profession:** Managing Attorney, Stromberg Law Group, P.C.
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Appointment
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Race	Gender	Term End
DelGado, Oliver	Central	10	Latinx	M	6/30/2024
VACANT					6/30/2025
Kang, Steve	Central	10	API	M	6/30/2027
Lawrence, Maleena	Central	14	African American	F	6/30/2028
Gaega, Jaime	East LA	13	API	M	6/30/2026

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EMPLOYMENT

STROMBERG LAW GROUP, P.C., Los Angeles, CA

Managing Attorney, September 2023 – Present (*pending with The State Bar of California*)

Experienced civil litigator with a practice focusing on representing persons with disabilities who experience discrimination in violation of their civil rights, and working to remove barriers to full participation by persons with disabilities in schools. Possesses deep experience with every aspect of special-education practice and cultivated the legal expertise necessary to help clients face a full spectrum of issues.

LAW OFFICES OF HIRJI & CHAU LLP, Culver City, CA

Senior Attorney, October 2021 – October 2022

Represented youth with a wide range of disabilities and their families at IEP meetings, resolution sessions, mediations, administrative due process hearings, and in state and federal courts. Significant portion of practice dedicated to representing disabled foster youth. Represented clients using a multi-disciplinary approach aiming to address the multi-faceted and complex issues each client and their family may face; including, but not limited to, special education, dependency, access to medical/mental health services, conservatorships, and more.

DISABILITY RIGHTS LEGAL CENTER (DRLC), Los Angeles, CA

Senior Staff Attorney, February 2020 – October 2021

Experienced civil rights attorney with a practice focusing on complex public interest litigation, including matters relating to disability access and education, with the goal of increasing access to justice to helping individuals assert their civil rights. Successfully represented clients in individual cases before federal, state, and administrative tribunals. With the DRLC's Litigation Director, oversaw and handled the DRLC's special education matters, including advocacy for no- to low-income clients and foster youth. Advocacy efforts include representing educational interests of foster youth in regional center matters, representing clients and families in Individual Education Program (IEP) team meetings, drafting petition for writ of mandamus on issue of first impression involving the California Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Experience litigating matters regarding disability discrimination and violation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act in federal district court. Drafted complaints filed in federal district court on various disability-related issues, and Requests for Due Process in OAH. Conducted and defendant depositions of percipient and expert witnesses. Attended and participated in resolution sessions and mediations.

OBAGI LAW GROUP, P.C. (formerly OBAGI & STODDER LLP), Los Angeles, CA

Of Counsel, April 2014 – February 2020

Experienced litigation attorney with representative cases that included the defense of corporations and representation of plaintiffs in environmental exposure and product liability actions, landlord-tenant disputes, creditor-borrower disputes, elder abuse claims, as well as criminal and family law matters.

LEARNING RIGHTS LAW CENTER, Los Angeles, CA

Volunteer Attorney, November 2018 – June 2019

Performed intake interviews with clients regarding special education law matters in the Center's Education Rights Clinics. Advised clients on how to prepare for and respond to an IEP, steps to take in obtaining services for students, filing Compliance Complaint with California Department of Education, requesting an independent educational evaluation ("IEE") and/or IEP, and other related matters. Conducted legal research on learning disability cases for Learning Disabilities of America's 56th Annual International Conference and prepared PowerPoint presentation summarizing the legal research. Drafted California Department of Education Compliance Complaints. Researched new and active bills in the California State Legislature, monitored status of the bills, summarized key points in the bills, and drafted letters of support for pending bills. Analyzed assessments and IEPs and drafted response recommendations to IEPs.

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HARRIETT BUHAI CENTER FOR FAMILY LAW, Los Angeles, CA

Pro Bono Attorney, April 2014 – March 2017

Interviewed and advised clients on family law matters. Conducted intake interviews. Evaluated cases for the Center's consideration. Drafted letters to clients on status of cases and future action items.

KUTAK ROCK LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Litigation Associate, January 2009 – December 2011; Law Clerk, October 2008 – December 2008

Represented Fortune 500 companies in complex litigation matters in federal and state courts, with a focus on products liability, toxic tort, and environmental litigation. Conducted and defended depositions of percipient and expert witnesses. Worked closely with expert witnesses. Represented clients in complex cases involving multiple plaintiffs and environmental exposure issues. Managed cases in all aspects of pleading and discovery stages. Managed consultants and legal strategies on contaminated property remediation matters.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, Los Angeles, CA

Certified Law Clerk, January – April 2008

Tried cases in Preliminary Hearings Unit. Interviewed/prepared witnesses for trial. Performed legal research.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

GREATER WILSHIRE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GWNC), Los Angeles, CA

Elected Board Member, Regional Director Area 15 (Windsor Village – 2014-2020), Alternate Regional Director Area 2 (Brookside – 2021 – Present), Board Secretary (2019-2020), March 2014 – 2020, Transportation Committee Member (2021-Present)

Voted and advised on matters impacting communities in the Greater Wilshire area. Elected by Board Members to serve as Secretary of the GWNC. Appointed as one of two Budget Representatives for the GWNC (2016-Present). Chaired the 2015, 2017/2018, 2021/2022, and 2023 Neighborhood Purposes Grant Awards. As a GWNC Land Use Committee member (2014-2018), offered recommendations on various land use matters ranging from development to conditional use permits. As Chair of the GWNC Transportation Committee, coordinated various programs with the City to repair streets, sidewalks, and alleys in the Greater Wilshire area. Founder and Chair of the GWNC Environmental and Sustainability Committee to develop educational and outreach programs to unite community members and encourage adopting a sustainable lifestyle. Organized various events for the GWNC, including the first Drought-Tolerant Garden Tour, first Green Fair, Crime Town Hall, Aedes Mosquito Town Hall, etc. Organized educational event on biodiversity with the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles. Currently serving as a member of the Transportation Committee.

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE (LACC) FOUNDATION, Los Angeles, CA

Executive Committee Member & Board Member, August 2015-Present

Member of the Executive Committee overseeing the operations of the Foundation. Member of committee coordinating project to create housing on campus for students who are veterans. Chair of the LACC Foundation Scholarship Committee from 2016-2019. Chair and member of the Foundation's Audit Committee. Created and co-Chair of the Foundation Mentorship Committee.

COMMUNITY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CFAC), Los Angeles, CA

Member, November 2015-March 2020

Appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti based on recommendation of Councilmember David Ryu (Council District 4) to serve as the Council District 4 representative on CFAC. Evaluated issues impacting Los Angeles' vast urban forest, developed measures to help address related issues, and drafted policy statements on these issues. Founded and Chaired CFAC's Ad-Hoc Policy Committee. Advocated for and initiated citywide policies for Los Angeles' urban forest and its management. Drafted proposed legislation for City Council to adopt. Worked closely with the Council District 4 and Urban Forestry Division to devise creative ways to use current funding sources to replant the City's urban forest. Collaborated with various city departments, including LA Sanitation and Environment ("LASAN"), in addressing environmental issues impacting the City of Los

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Angeles and creating outreach City of Los Angeles biodiversity preservation. Appointed Chair of CFAC in December 2019.

OFFICE OF LOS ANGELES MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI, Los Angeles, CA

Chair, Gang Reduction Youth Development (GRYD) Procurement Decisions Appeals Board, 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2022

Lead Appeals Board hearings for the GRYD Procurement Decisions. Evaluated appeals to determine if arguments met standard of review. Assessed appeals to determine if review should be granted.

EMERGE CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles, CA

Southern California Program Alumna, December 2014 – June 2015

Graduate of a 7-month cohort-based political leadership training program for Democratic women. Participated in committee to evaluate program applications and select new admittees.

FRIENDS OF HAROLD A. HENRY PARK, Los Angeles, CA

Chair, 2013 – 2020

Pro bono liaison between the City and community to preserve the historic characteristics of Harold Henry Park with a thoughtful renovation ensuring compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

EDUCATION

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, CA

Juris Doctor, May 2008

Experience: Extern for the Hon. Carla M. Woehrlé, United States District Court, Central District of California (2007); Extern for the Hon. Donna Groman, Superior Court of California (2006)

Honors: Dean's Service Award recipient (2008); District Attorney Clinic/William C. Hobbs Clinic (2007-2008); First Honors Awards: Negotiations; Feminist Jurisprudence.

Law Review: Loyola of Los Angeles International and Comparative Law Review, Chief Research Editor

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Bachelor of Arts, English & Philosophy, May 2001

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Los Angeles City College Foundation Newsletter *Women's History Month* Board Spotlight, Mar. 2023 (feature);
- Tortoiseland, Founding Board Member and Secretary (June 2022-present);
- Park La Brea/Beverly Press, *An Unwavering Passion for Advocacy*, Nov. 11, 2021 (feature);
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT), Garden Party, Honoree (2021);
- Los Angeles City Council District 4, *Wonder Woman of the 4th District* (2019);
- California Democratic Party, Delegate (Assembly 50/51), Appointed by Assemblymembers Richard Bloom and Rick Chavez Zbur (2017-Present);
- Larchmont Chronicle, *Woman of Larchmont 2015* (Aug. 2015);
- Larchmont Chronicle, *Woman of Accomplishment* (2016-Present);
- Miracle Mile Democratic Club *Member of the Year* (2016);
- Red Tricycle Los Angeles *Power Mom 2016*;
- Larchmont Ledger, *People In My Neighborhood* (Feb. 2017);

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- Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA), Board Member (2006-2022), Foundation Board Member and Co-Chair of Fran Kandel Public Interest Fellowship Selection Committee (2022-2023), Legislation Committee Co-Chair (2019-2022), Reproductive Rights and Pro-Choice Committee Co-Chair (2016-2019);
- Craft Contemporary, Board Member (2019-Present), Executive Board Member (2019-2022), Development Committee Chair (2019-2022), Member of the Education Advisory Committee (2022-Present);
- Equality California (EQCA), Board of Advisors /Equality Council Member (2017-2021);
- Miracle Mile Democratic Club, Board Member (August 2015-2020);
- National Women's Political Caucus West LA, Director of Operations and Board Member (December 2016-2020);
- Safe Sidewalks LA Community Advisory Committee (City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering), Member (2017-2020);
- City of Los Angeles Food Waste Task Force (City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works), Member (2017-2019);
- Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley, Executive Board Member and Endorsement Committee Member (2017-2019);
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, Garden Party Committee Member (2017-2019);
- Council District 4 Discretionary Funds Task Force, Member (2017-2019);
- Los Angeles UC Berkeley Alumni Association Chapter, Board Member (2011-Present) and Vice-President (2014-2015);
- Orange County UC Berkeley Alumni Association, California Alumni Association (CAA) Leadership Scholarship Awards Chair for District 113 (Feb. 2009-Dec. 2011).

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- *Pro Bono Conversations: Disability Rights Legal Center and Baker & Botts LLP*; Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA); Program Organizer and Speaker; July 15, 2021.
- *Advocating for Your Child: IEP Process in Today's World*; Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA); Program Organizer and Speaker; Aug. 13, 2020.
- *Special Education Case Law Recent Developments*; Los Angeles County Public Defender Resource Attorneys Group; Presenter; Jun. 18, 2019.
- *Reproductive Rights: Action & Advocacy Training for Attorneys*; Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA); Program Organizer and Speaker; May 20, 2019.
- *2018 Specific Learning Disabilities Case Review*; Southern California Special Education Task Force; Presenter; Mar. 5, 2019.
- *Special Education Law*; Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA); Program Organizer and Moderator; Jan. 31, 2018.
- *The Role of Women in Political Parties: A Bipartisan Conversation*; Ready to Run; Mount St. Mary's University; Panel Moderator; Apr. 29, 2018.
- *Women's History Month Celebration*; Ameriprise Financial Services; Panelist; Mar. 17, 2018.
- *A Pro-Choice Victory in Alabama: Reproductive Health Services v. Steven T. Marshall*; Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles Newsletter; Sept. 2017.

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- *Water Conservation and the California Drought*; Needlework Guild of America (Hancock Park); Speaker; Oct. 1, 2015.
- California Women Lawyers 2014 Annual Conference; *Everything New Lawyers Need to Know*; Panelist; May 16, 2014.
- *EPA's Proposed Revisions to the Chromium Electroplating MACT Standards*, ABA Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Committee, Committee News, Fall/Winter 2010-2011.
- *Burlington Northern: The Requisite Intent for Arranger Liability Under CERCLA*, ABA Toxic Torts & Environmental Law Committee News, Fall 2009.



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

September 25, 2023

Dear Ms. Stromberg:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Central Area Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2025, 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.

As part of the appointment process, Katy Yaroslavsky, 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.

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.

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
Ms. Julie Stromberg
September 25, 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 OR mail them to:

Office of the Mayor
Attn: Thomas Arechiga
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. Before your appointment is heard in committee or full council (you will be contacted by the Clerk's Office with this date):

- ☐ 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. Be sure to take no more than 21 days to file, per City law.

- 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 Katy Yaroslavsky
- ☐ 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