

Los Angeles City Ethics Commission

September 6, 2013

The Honorable City Council c/o Holly Wolcott, Interim City Clerk 200 North Spring Street City Hall – 3rd Floor Los Angeles CA 90012

Re: Council File Number 13-1049

Appointment of Eric Eisenberg to the Board of Transportation Commissioners

FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Dear Councilmembers:

On August 14, 2013, the Mayor transmitted to the City Clerk a letter indicating his appointment of Mr. Eric Eisenberg to the Board of Transportation Commissioners. The Ethics Commission received Mr. Eisenberg's pre-confirmation statement of economic interests (SEI) on September 4, 2013, and this letter is provided for your consideration as part of the confirmation process. A copy of this letter is also being provided to Mr. Eisenberg to help him avoid potential conflicts of interests that may arise in the course of his tenure as a member of the Board of Transportation Commissioners.

Mr. Eisenberg reports on his SEI his ownership interests in Hollywood Renaissance Development and Oban Renaissance, LLC. Additionally, he reports real property held by these entities which are listed on Attachment A. Finally, Mr. Eisenberg reports several sources of income of \$10,000 or more to Hollywood Renaissance Development and Oban Renaissance, LLC, which are listed on Attachment B. If a matter involving any of these interests comes before the Board of Transportation Commissioners, Mr. Eisenberg should, before acting, seek the advice of the City Attorney regarding whether he should disqualify himself. We are unable to assess if or how frequently Mr. Eisenberg would be in a position of having to recuse himself.

Interests disclosed on an SEI are not the only interests that can give rise to a conflict of interests. For example, state law may require recusal by a board or commission member due to certain business activities of the clients of that member's employer. Additionally, recusal may be required under City Charter § 222, which states that the City Attorney may provide a written opinion concerning the obligation of a City official to refrain from acting on a matter when it may violate state law or when action may not be in the public interest.

If a matter raises a potential conflict of interests, we encourage Mr. Eisenberg to seek the advice of the City Attorney before acting. If Mr. Eisenberg is required to disqualify himself from acting on a matter, Los Angeles Municipal Code § 49.5.6(J) and Executive Directive 2005-1 require him to file a Recusal Notification Form (CEC Form 51) with the Ethics Commission and the Mayor's office. If a board or commission member is disqualified from acting on three or more agenda items in a year because of a conflict caused by the same interest, the Ethics

Commission is required by City Charter § 707 to review the conflict. If the Ethics Commission determines that the member has a significant and continuing conflict of interests, it must order divestment of the interest that is causing the conflict.

In addition to reviewing a nominee's SEI, the Ethics Commission also verifies that the nominee is a registered City voter. We have received a completed Residence Verification Form for Mr. Eisenberg, which affirms that he is registered to vote in the City.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (213) 978-1960.

Sincerely,

Alexandria Latragna Ethics Program Analyst

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Attachments

cc:

Mayor Eric Garcetti Mr. Eric Eisenberg

Attachment A

Eric EisenbergPre-confirmation Form 700
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Schedule A-2 Real Property Held by Business Entity or Trust

Property Held by Hollywood Renaissance Development	Property Held by Oban Renaissance LLC
309-311 w 7 th Street	615 S Centre Street
Los Angeles, CA 90731	Los Angeles, CA 90731
312 N Gaffey St	529-539 W 9 th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90731	Los Angeles, CA 90731
6358 Yucca Street	627-629 S Pacific Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90028	Los Angeles, CA 90731
401-425 W 6 th Street	915 & 957 S Pacific Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90031	Los Angeles, CA 90733
437-447 W 6 th Street	285 W 6 th Street #103
Los Angeles, CA 89731	Los Angeles, CA 90733
	1425 Beacon Street Los Angeles, CA 90731

<u>Attachment B</u>

Eric Eisenberg
Pre-confirmation Form 700
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Schedule A-2 Sources of Income of \$10,000 or more

Income to Hollywood Renaissance Development	Income to Oban Renaissance LLC
AT&T	Alex Ruiz
Christopher Lang	David Murillo
Coeli Lapira and Jinglan Liu	Havana Lounge
Daniel Sandoval	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Esmeralda Rojos	Michael Ng
Fred Wright	Renz Ware
Godmothers Bar	The Potters Center
Gretchen Kennedy	Wendell Johnson
Hong Ngy and Huylang Ung	
Jerry Gusha	
Laureen Vivian	
Michael Schueller	
Mommies Nutritional Center	
Parkhust Gallery	
Roman Carrillo	
Venessa Perry and Selina Keating	
WIC Center	