



**ERIC GARCETTI**  
**MAYOR**

August 29, 2017

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Mr. Jason Seward to the Innovation and Performance Commission for the term ending September 6, 2021. Mr. Seward's current term expires on September 6, 2017.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Seward is qualified for the work that will devolve upon him, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

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ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Jason Seward  
**Commission:** Innovation and Performance Commission  
**End of Term:** 9/6/2021

### Appointee Information

- 1. Race/ethnicity:** African American
- 2. Gender:** Male
- 3. Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 4 - Central
- 4. Are you a registered voter?** Yes
- 5. Prior commission experience:** Convention Center and Exhibition Authority, Innovation and Performance Commission
- 6. Highest level of education completed:** M.P.A, University of Southern California
- 7. Occupation/profession:** Founder and Producer, Your Turn Intern Expo & Celebrity Fest
- 8. Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
- 9. Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
- 10. Current composition of Mayoral appointees on commission:**

| Commissioner  | APC     | CD | Ethnicity              | Gender | Term End  |
|---------------|---------|----|------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Hoang, Tony   | Central | 14 | Asian Pacific Islander | M      | 06-Sep-18 |
| Kaz, Lisa     | Central | 4  | Caucasian              | F      | 06-Sep-19 |
| Seward, Jason | Central | 4  | African American       | M      | 06-Sep-17 |
| Sargent, Todd | East LA | 1  | Caucasian              | M      | 06-Sep-17 |

# JASON L. SEWARD, MPA

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Your Turn Intern Expo & Celebrity Fest

**Founder & Producer**

December 2015 – Present

- Responsible for developing and producing a 2-day consumer show in major cities that exhibits a record number of internships, promotes employer recruitment opportunities, enhances professional networking avenues between human resource professionals and college student services administrators, and culminates with a highly-anticipated entertainment experience for expo attendees.
- Created strategic avenues for a major portion of expo proceeds to support local partnering small businesses, community-based organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies that host internships to benefit college students and recent college graduates.

Millennium Momentum Foundation, Inc., Los Angeles, CA

**Founder & CEO**

July 2002 – Present

- Responsible for developing, implementing and the managing the agency's programs, operations, strategic development, and philanthropic activities and initiatives.
- Created and expanded customized financial aid and leadership training programs in 20 cities, while achieving a compelling 96% graduation rate and 91% employment matriculation rate among program graduates from 2002 thru 2013.
- Personally developed and led fundraising efforts that raised over \$1 Million in revenue to support Southern California programs and operations targeting high potential young adults from low to moderate income households.
- Developed long-term strategic partnerships and formal MOUs with community colleges and 4-year universities to support aspiring college students seeking higher education, workforce matriculation training, and/or civic engagement and conference participation opportunities.
- Developed over 25 public-private partnerships between local city municipalities and corporations doing business in those cities to financially support and professionally prepare young adults from around the Country seeking to enter higher education and/or the workforce.
- Developed formal partnership with the White House Office of Public Engagement and U.S. Department of Education to create, develop, and advance non-partisan educational conferences (White House Young America Series) in 15 states around the Country to bridge President Obama's vision with the needs of young Americans by connecting them with the local and national resources to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## City of Los Angeles

### Los Angeles Convention & Exhibition Center Authority

#### **Commissioner – Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti Appointee, Aug. 2014 – Nov. 2015**

- Advised the Mayor and City Council on public policy and budget matters impacting the financing, development, construction, and continued advancement of the Los Angeles Convention Center.
- Contributed towards the development of strategies to enhance the City of Los Angeles' prominence as a destination of choice for citywide conventions, exhibitions, trade shows, and high profile events, while performing as an economic and jobs engine for the region.
- Managed \$320 million in bonds for the development and expansion of the Los Angeles Convention Center, while serving on a 15-member Joint Powers Authority, comprised of City and County appointees.
- Evaluated the Convention Center expansion and modernization project, including review of economic impacts, timelines, costs, NFL team impact to design, travel / traffic impact, development timelines, cost estimation, operational impact, and more.

## Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

### Office of Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Los Angeles

#### **Supervisor's Deputy – Social Services, Library & South LA Grid, June 1998 – Oct. 2006**

- Advised the Supervisor for 8.5 years on public policy, budget, and constituent services impacting County of Los Angeles Libraries, Public Social Services, Natural History Museum, Children & Family Services, Housing, South LA, and South Bay Cities.
- Managed youth engagement and special event production for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District.
- Created strategies to advance the County of Los Angeles Youth Commission
- Created procedural mandates that required Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority to reduce the number of CalWORKs families that become homeless once the aided adult exhausts his/her 60-month time limit.
- Developed Board policy motions that successfully led to the identification of resources to create additional homework centers and after-school programs to benefit at-risk youth attending County of Los Angeles libraries.
- Developed Board policy motions that successfully led to budget augmentations in the amount of \$5 Million to refurbish 1 library in each of the Supervisorial Districts to meet both ADA requirements and to create more user-friendly facilities for library patrons.
- Developed Library Department policies to significantly enhance the recruitment and retention of qualified County Librarians to meet the changing staffing needs of the County Library system.
- Developed Board policy motions that successfully identified over \$1 Million in County budget resources to supplement children's books and materials for 2<sup>nd</sup> District libraries.
- Worked with County Librarian and CAO staff to identify cost savings to improve security within County Library facilities, resulting in customized alarm systems, security gates, and improved exterior lighting.
- Strengthened 2<sup>nd</sup> District constituent services for South LA by extensively engaging youth and incorporating input from, block clubs and homeowners associations on issue follow-up, office progress tracking, and resolution.
- Led staff effort to successfully identify funds in budget deliberations to provide technical assistance to South LA service providers seeking to maintain their operations and to meet increased LA County client demand.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

### **LA36, Los Angeles Cable Television Access Corporation, Board Member**

9/2014 to 9/2016

- Advised the company and Board on operating and managing an interconnected citywide public and educational access cable television channel serving the Los Angeles region.
- Promoted learning through the development and distribution of innovative cable television programming, while connecting educational and cultural resources that meet local community needs.

### **Filipino-American Service Group, Inc. (FASGI), Board Member & Governance Chair**

1/2005 to 1/2015

- Advised the Board on strategic direction of agency rendering social services to veterans, youth and seniors.
- Lead efforts to identify needed Board Member skills, created Board Orientation protocols, and enhanced Board Member evaluation systems and procedures.

### **The Honorable Barack Obama for President 2012, Volunteer (2012)**

- Raised over \$25,000.00 in campaign contributions in support of the President's re-election.
- Served as a key campaign volunteer, achieving over 2,500 unduplicated phone banking calls in support of Barack Obama for President.

### **The Clinton Foundation, Los Angeles Region Co-Chair & Host (2012)**

- Hosted Former President Bill Clinton in Los Angeles for the purpose of generating revenue for the Clinton Foundation and Co-Chaired his Millennium Network fundraisers targeting young professionals in Los Angeles.

### **Global Cooperation Society (GCS), Los Angeles – African-American Delegate 2001**

- Led Multicultural Korea Visitation Delegation to tour South Korea for the purpose of gaining in-depth knowledge of Korean culture, key industries, political infrastructure, and heritage in an effort to improve relations between African-American and Korean-Americans in United States.

### **USC Black Alumni Association, Board Member – Fundraising Chair (2000-2001)**

- Led efforts to increase funding for African-American scholarship aid and student enrollment retention.

## **EDUCATION:**

**Indiana University – Bloomington, IN**

B.A. Criminal Justice / Psychology, 1997

**University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA**

Master of Public Administration – Intergovernmental Relations Emphasis, 1999



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Mr. Jason Seward

Dear Mr. Seward:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Innovation and Performance Commission for the term ending September 6, 2021. 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 call Claudia Luna in my Office at (213) 978-0621 to make arrangements for you.

To begin the reappointment process, please review, sign and return the enclosed Remuneration Form, Undated Separation Forms, Background Check Release and Information Sheet **within one week** of receiving this letter. These documents are necessary to ensuring the most efficient, open and accountable City government possible.

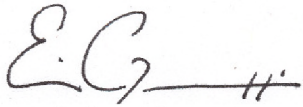
As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with David Ryu, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, the Chair of the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee. Sometime thereafter, you will be notified by the committee clerk when your reappointment 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. Claudia Luna will assist you during the confirmation process if you have questions.

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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,

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Attachment I  
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### **Nominee Check List**

#### **I. Within seven days:**

Mail or email the following forms to: Claudia Luna, Office of the Mayor, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or email: Claudia.Luna@lacity.org.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Remuneration Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Undated Separation Forms**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Background Check Release**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Commissioner Information Sheet/Voluntary Statistics**

#### **II. As soon as possible, the Mayor's Office will schedule a meeting with you and:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Your City Councilmember David Ryu**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination**

Staff in the Mayor's Office of Legislative and External Affairs will assist you with these arrangements.