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December 3, 2007

Avo Davidian, Legislative Assistant
Energy and the Environment Committee
Office of the City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
Mail Stop 160

Dear Mr. Davidian:

Subject: Council File No. 07-3779 – Los Angeles Department of Water and
Power (LADWP) General Manager Appointment

On November 20, 2007, the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) appointed Mr. H. David Nahai to fill the position of General Manager of the LADWP effective upon the retirement of Mr. Ronald F. Deaton on November 30, 2007. Mr. Nahai will serve as the LADWP's Interim Chief Executive Officer and General Manager until the City Council and Mayor confirm his appointment.

Enclosed are seven letters from an array of stakeholders supporting the Board's appointment of Mr. Nahai.

If you have any questions or if further information is required, please call me at (213) 367-0025.

Sincerely,

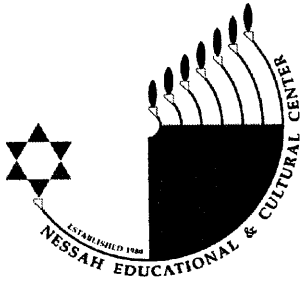
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NESSAH SYNAGOGUE

November 27, 2007

Honorable Jan Perry
Chair, Energy and Environment
Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Room 420
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Confirmation of David Nahai

Dear Councilmember Perry,

On behalf of Nessah Educational & Cultural Center, its Board of Directors, and members, this letter is to strongly support the confirmation of David Nahai as General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Nessah is a synagogue and an educational and charitable institution serving the large and growing Iranian Jewish population of Los Angeles. Nessah has been in existence for 27 years.

David Nahai is one of the foremost leaders of the Iranian Jewish community. He has served on the boards of the Iranian-American Jewish Federation, the Los Angeles Jewish Federation, the Jewish Community Foundation, and the Magbit Foundation. He served as Chair of the B'nai Zion Foundation for many years. He has been honored no fewer than three times for his humanitarian work.

Mr. Nahai is uniquely qualified to assume the position of Chief Executive Officer of LADWP. He has already brought about many positive changes at the Department in his capacity as the Vice-President and President of the Commission for the past two years. He has been a highly effective leader on the Regional Water Board for ten years (under three different Governors, serving as Chair for four terms, which is unprecedented). He is the Vice-Chair of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.

Additionally, he has incomparable private sector experience, as an owner of his own successful law firm, as a partner in major national law firms, and, for over a decade, as a bank director.

Mr. Nahai's environmental credentials are also matchless. He is the Vice President of the California League of Conservation Voters. He was a recipient of the 2003 Environmental Champion Award from the Los Angeles League.

In short, Mr. Nahai possesses both the vision and the skill to lead LADWP at a pivotal time in its history. We strongly urge the expeditious confirmation of David Nahai in this new role.

We thank you for your consideration,

Morgan Hakimi, Ph.D.
President
Nessah Educational & Cultural Center

Cc: David Nahai

The Honorable Los Angeles City Council
c/o City Clerk, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Members of the Council:

Re: Support for Appointment of H. David Nahai as General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

On behalf of the businesses, agencies and individuals that are members of the Los Angeles Business Council, we encourage you to confirm the appointment of David Nahai as General Manager for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. We have had the great privilege of working with Mr. Nahai in various capacities during his tenure as Board President of the LADWP Commission and cannot imagine a candidate better suited for the position.

Our membership sees Mr. Nahai as a true leader, and one of the few who successfully manages the difficult task of coupling pragmatism and idealism. It is no small task to preside over the largest municipal utility in the country, and Mr. Nahai has done so with honor, grace, integrity and determination. During his tenure, the LADWP board prioritized an astounding number of environmental initiatives, which include increasing LADWP's renewable portfolio standard, prioritizing green buildings, enhancing the conservation of both water and electricity, greening the LADWP fleet of vehicles, spearheading/increasing/advocating for increased environmental protection in the Owens Valley, water recycling, groundwater clean up, electrification of the Port of Los Angeles and participation in the Million Trees Initiative and in the restoration of the LA River.

Since the Mayor appointed Mr. Nahai and empanelled the LADWP Board, the Department has tripled its renewable energy resources, adopted a policy to give priority service to green buildings that meet energy and water conservation requirements, reinvigorated the City's solar rooftop program and established a host of rebates and incentives to encourage energy and water conservation. Each of these tasks has been pursued in a transparent manner and has included the consultation and consideration of the business community.

The role of General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power requires a dynamic leader with an unparalleled ability to adapt to our changing environment. On behalf of the members of the Los Angeles Business Council, I highly encourage the City Council to confirm Mr. David Nahai in this role. Both the Department and our city will flourish under his outstanding leadership.

Sincerely,
Mary Leslie, President
Los Angeles Business Council



NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

November 5, 2007

Honorable Eric Garcetti, President
City of Los Angeles City Council
Room 470
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Confirmation of H. David Nahai to City of Los Angeles Department of
Water and Power – SUPPORT**

Dear President Garcetti and Council Members:

On behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council, we are writing in strong support of the confirmation of H. David Nahai as General Manager of the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Mr. Nahai is well-qualified to head DWP and to manage the varied and complex policy and regulatory matters that will confront the Department's next General Manager. Mr. Nahai possesses extensive experience with a range of interests that form the Department of Water and Power's province through his ten years of service on the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, four of which were spent as the Board's Chair, and his work both on the board of the League of Conservation Voters and as a Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioner. Mr. Nahai has repeatedly demonstrated the ability to build accord between communities with often divergent interests, including environmental, business, and construction groups. He has additionally displayed a commitment to designing environmentally sound water and energy use policies and represents an excellent choice to lead the Department of Water and Power at a time when water conservation and renewable energy efforts must be at the fore of the Department's planning.

Eric Garcetti, President
November 5, 2007
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Having witnessed Mr. Nahai's performance in the environmental and energy policy arenas for nearly a decade, we can confidently say that his combination of hard-work, formidable intellect, and personal style will be a credit to the City and its residents. For these reasons, NRDC supports your confirmation of Mr. Nahai to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Sincerely,



David S. Beckman
Director, California Coastal Water Quality Project



Sheryl Carter / DSB
Senior Policy Analyst



Hamilton Candee
Co-Director, Western Water Project



Annie Notthoff / DSB
California Advocacy
Director

cc: Council Members

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Maria Armoudian, Environmental Affairs Commission*
D. Malcolm Carson, Board of Transportation Commissioners***

November 19, 2007

Honorable Jan Perry
Chair, Energy and Environment Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Room 420
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilwoman Perry,

The undersigned write to convey our strong support for the appointment of H. David Nahai to General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Mr. Nahai's appointment comes at a turning point in Los Angeles history. Never before has LA enjoyed a City Council so ready to address climate change, our region's water constraints and the overall need to improve the environmental performance of our utility. We believe Mr. Nahai will take those mandates and help transform the utility to one of greater sustainability and stewardship.

More importantly, Mr. Nahai will address the critical issues facing the workforce in the Department. Indeed, during his tenure as President of the Board of Commissioners of the LADWP, he has driven major initiatives to improve workforce issues, including improving the airing and treatment of employee grievances and discrimination claims; increasing job training and recruitment programs; improving and expanding the hiring practices of the utility, and negotiating energy initiatives that protect jobs, all while still increasing the amount of clean energy and conservation measures supplied to ratepayers.

It takes a courageous person to ask for the job of LADWP General Manger. Furthermore, the job demands a person with the right set of skills, experience and talent

to be successful. In short, it takes a person willing and able to provide leadership, and one with the capacity to protect the thousands of jobs and millions of ratepayers at stake.

We believe Mr. Nahai possesses those characteristics. His experience on the Commission will serve him well in this post, as will his highly-regarded service to three governors on the region's water issues, along with his proven record of engaging labor needs and concerns.

Time is of the essence in getting leadership at the utility based on actions pending before you. We urge you to calendar Mr. Nahai's confirmation hearing in the Energy and Environment Committee and to confirm his appointment at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bill Gallegos
Communities for a Better Environment

Adan Ortega, Jr.
Amigos de Los Rios

Gary Gero
California Climate Action Registry

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California Safe Schools

Martin Schlageter
Coalition for Clean Air

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Business Manager
UNITED ASSOCIATION, Vice President, District 5
California, Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Oregon, Nevada,
Washington, Idaho, New Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska

November 27, 2007

Wendy Greuel
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street, Room 475
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Appointment of David Nahai as General Manager of the DWP

Dear Honorable Council Member Greuel,

The Southern California Pipe Trades supports Mayor Villaraigosa's appointment of Mr. David Nahai for the position of General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

We believe that Mr. Nahai brings the required experience to successfully manage the operational structure of the LADWP and implement environmental sustainability in this important position. We look forward to working with Mr. Nahai on a variety of issues related to building and maintaining LADWP facilities that use renewable energy, provide water conservation, utilize green building certifications and in continuing to perform work on the existing projects and systems that LADWP operates.

Please contact me if I can provide any assistance. I remain.

Very Truly Yours

Sid C. Stolper
Business Manager/Financial Secretary
Southern California Pipe Trades
District Council # 16



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November 30, 2007

Honorable Jan Perry
Chair, Energy and Environment
Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Room 420
Los Angeles, CA 90012
By mail and e-mail

Re: Confirmation of David Nahai

Dear Councilmember Perry,

On behalf of the Iranian American Jewish Federation, its Board of Directors, and members, this letter is to urge the expeditious confirmation of David Nahai as General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

The Iranian American Jewish Federation has served the large and growing Iranian Jewish population of Los Angeles for over three decades.

David Nahai is a highly respected leader not only in the Iranian Jewish community, but in the Iranian-American community as a whole. His record of service is long and distinguished, having been at the helm of numerous charitable and community organizations. He has been honored no fewer than three times for his humanitarian work.

Mr. Nahai is uniquely qualified to assume the position of Chief Executive Officer of LADWP. He has already brought about many positive changes at the Department in his capacity as the Vice-President and President of the Commission for the past two years. He has also been a highly effective leader on the Regional Water Board for ten years (serving three different Governors, and leading as Chair for four terms, which is unprecedented). He is the Vice-Chair of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.

Additionally, he has invaluable private sector experience, as an owner of his own successful law firm, as a partner in major national law firms, and, for over a decade, as a bank director.

Mr. Nahai's environmental credentials are also unparalleled. He is the Vice President of the California League of Conservation Voters. He was a recipient of the 2003 Environmental Champion Award from the Los Angeles League.

It is small wonder that Mr. Nahai's appointment enjoys such broad support from business, labor, environmental and community groups. Mr. Nahai possesses the vision, the skill and the support to lead LADWP at a pivotal time in its history. We strongly support the confirmation of David Nahai in this role.

We thank you for your consideration,

For the Iranian American Jewish Federation

By: Sam Kermanian
Its: Secretary General

Cc: David Nahai



November 26, 2007

Honorable Jan Perry
Chair, Energy and Environment Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Room 420
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: SUPPORT FOR APPOINTMENT OF DAVID NAHAI

Dear Councilmember Perry,

On behalf of the California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV) I strongly encourage your appointment of David Nahai as the General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Mr. Nahai is uniquely qualified to fill this position bringing a record of experience and expertise in management as well as demonstrated knowledge of the critical policy issues overseen by the department.

Los Angeles and California are at a turning point in history. The challenge of global climate change is the challenge of our generation. Mr. Nahai's demonstrated leadership as chair of the LADWP Commission has prepared him to take the LADWP into the future, focusing on increasing the amount of clean energy delivered while providing conservation opportunities to ratepayers. Mr. Nahai is committed to working with the council, the board of directors, and the state and local administrations to help transform the utility to one of greater sustainability and stewardship.

As a member of the CLCV Board of Directors, Mr. Nahai has demonstrated his deep understanding of environmental issues and an unequivocal commitment to environmental protection and conservation. These are just the qualities that will serve the department well at this important time of change. The appointment of David Nahai is an opportunity to bring integrity, experience and leadership to LADWP. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan Smartt
Executive Director

cc: H. David Nahai

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