



ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
MAYOR

October 26, 2012

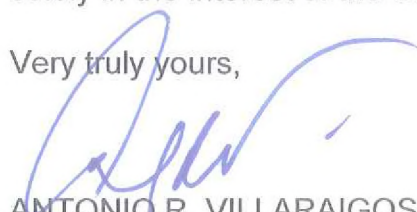
Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have today appointed Ms. Belinda M. Vega to the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2017. Ms. Vega will fill the vacancy created by Rafael Bernardino, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Vega is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work that will devolve upon her, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Very truly yours,


ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Belinda M. Vega
Commission: Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners
End of Term: June 30, 2017

Appointee Information

1. Race/ethnicity: Latina
2. Gender: Female
3. Council district and neighborhood of residence: 4 - Central
4. Are you a registered voter? Yes
5. Prior commission experience: Rent Adjustment Commission
6. Attendance record of past commission appointment(s):
7. Highest level of education completed: JD
8. Occupation/profession: Attorney
9. Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment: See attached resume
10. Purpose of this appointment:
11. Current composition of the commission for Mayoral Appointments (excluding appointee):

Commissioner	Appointing Authority	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Date Appointed	Term Ends
Bernardino, Rafael RESIGNED	Villaraigosa	South Valley	2	Latino	M	15-Aug-11	30-Jun-16
Hansell, Dean	Villaraigosa	Central	4	Caucasian	M	14-Aug-01	30-Jun-15
Lippe, Gregory N.	Villaraigosa	South Valley	3	Caucasian	M	18-Apr-12	30-Jun-17
Moore, Wayne	Villaraigosa	Central	5	African American	M	13-Jan-10	30-Jun-14
Perez, Raul	Villaraigosa	East	14	Latino	M	06-Aug-09	30-Jun-13

EXPERIENCE

HIRSCHMANN & TSENG LLP

Senior Counsel

Los Angeles, California

June 2011 to Present

Senior Counsel at litigation boutique law firm. Specialize in white collar criminal defense, securities, intellectual property and complex commercial business litigation. Represent clients in all phases of business disputes; Ability to assume lead responsibility in litigation, compliance, internal investigations and general corporate matters.

O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP

Counsel

Los Angeles, California

September 1999 to June 2011

Counsel in Business Trials and Litigation Practice Group. Senior-level experience leading complex commercial civil litigation and advising in-house counsel on litigation strategy, regulatory law, compliance and corporate best practices. Appeared before trial and appellate courts, administrative forums and alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

Representations include:

Securities Litigation

- Defended the board of directors of a major publicly-traded book publishing and advertising company in a government investigation of its accounting practices and in related federal class action and state derivative suits for alleged violations of federal securities laws.
 - Led team of attorneys in internal investigation into the company's accounting practices, managed and supervised forensic accountants, presented results of investigation to board of directors, developed plan for discovery and led document production team, developed litigation plan and budget for client, led team in consolidation of related federal actions, advised client on disclosure issues, drafted motions to dismiss shareholder derivative suits, and negotiated resolution with Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Represented directors and officers of publicly traded parent and subsidiary companies against misrepresentation, breach of fiduciary duty and related breach of contract claims arising from a series of complex cross-border private investment in a public entity (PIPE) investments.
 - Developed discovery and litigation plan, coordinated and conducted discovery, supervised legal research, argued discovery motions and advised on corporate governance related to restructuring of the company.
- Defended global health services company in multi-district shareholder litigation against antitrust, RICO and ERISA claims filed as a result of government investigations into broker compensation practices in the insurance industry.
 - Coordinated and conducted discovery, led briefing of summary judgment motions and mediation brief, developed expertise of insurance regulations and insurance-broker agreements, coordinated with joint defense counsel on litigation strategy and prepared expert economist for damages testimony.
 - Developed key argument in mediation with the California Insurance Commissioner that successfully settled case for client.

Complex Commercial Civil Litigation

- Represented leading semiconductor manufacturing company in two multi-million dollar federal trials involving unfair competition, patent infringement and monopoly claims, in a state multi-billion dollar antitrust case arising out of conspiracy and price-fixing allegations and in patent prosecutions in Europe and Germany.
 - Managed and supervised trial team, prepared principal factual witness for testimony in both federal trials and before Federal Trade Commission (FTC), developed expertise in intellectual property licensing agreements, prepared antitrust economists for testimony, led briefing, and argued motions.
 - Specifically recognized by client for the excellent management of the trial team.

Belinda Martinez Vega

- Represented global oil exploration and production company in agency and appellate proceedings in a dispute over its contractual and legal obligations for oil and gas interests in Alaska before the Department of Natural Resources and the Superior and Supreme Courts of Alaska.
 - Led briefing team in agency and appellate proceedings, developed expertise in Alaska regulatory law, developed expertise in oil and gas lease agreements, managed local counsel and prepared factual and expert witnesses for trial testimony.
 - Played key role in reversing the Department's decision to terminate clients' oil and gas interests.

Intellectual Property Litigation

- Defended a major international company in the business of wire transferring money against claims of intentional interference, unfair business practices and trademark violations under the Lanham Act.
 - Developed discovery and litigation plan, led discovery, led briefing team for mediation, led presentation of claims in mediation, counseled client on litigation strategy and risks and negotiated settlement.
- Represented a major computer services development company in federal litigation involving unfair competition, intentional interference, breach of duty and trade secret misappropriation claims.
 - Developed discovery plan, coordinated and conducted discovery, defended depositions, collaborated with joint defense counsel and advised client on discovery-related issues.

White Collar Defense

- Defended a company in a government investigation into violations under the False Claims Act.
 - Led investigation, conducted witness interviews, collaborated with joint defense counsel, advised client on defense strategy and negotiations with government and presented results of investigation and recommendations to client and joint defense counsel.
- Represented the President and CEO of an entertainment company in a criminal investigation and lawsuit arising from federal RICO and state conspiracy charges.
 - Led investigation, conducted witness interviews, presented results of investigation to client, drafted evidentiary and discovery motions and advised client on defense strategy.
- Represented a dietary supplement company in a government investigation into its compliance with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations.
 - Led team in internal investigation, developed expertise in FDA regulations, prepared witnesses for Grand Jury Proceedings, prepared witnesses for Congressional hearings and negotiated resolution with U.S. Department of Justice.

Regulatory / Compliance

- Represented a global oil and gas company in civil cases and government investigations into compliance with environmental regulations.
 - Led internal investigations, developed and implemented environmental compliance program, developed expertise in environmental regulations, led briefing for summary judgment motions, negotiated settlements with California Attorney General, Los Angeles and Orange County District Attorneys.
- Represented a large manufacturer and supplier of specialized materials for aircraft and aerospace in an internal investigation involving compliance and disclosure obligations under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS).
 - Led investigation, conducted witness interviews and presented results of investigation and recommendations to company's executive team.

Employment

- Represented leading Spanish-language television network in an internal investigation relating to potential breach of employment contracts and ethical violations by employees.
 - Led investigation, managed and supervised team, researched claims, presented results of investigation to senior officers and advised client on legal action.
- Represented a private research university in an internal investigation relating to ethical violations by one of its senior-level employees and related reporting obligations under federal law.
 - Assisted in internal investigation, conducted witness interviews, researched legal issues, presented results of investigation to office of the general counsel and advised client on litigation plan and reporting obligations to federal government.

Belinda Martinez Vega

Real Estate Litigation

- Defended a co-founder of a mortgage banking company in a federal investigation involving allegations of bank and loan fraud and false representations.
 - Led internal investigation, represented client before grand jury proceedings, helped lead defense team in negotiations for a plea agreement.
- Represented individuals in litigation and mediation proceedings against building contractor involving accounting and breach of contract claims.
 - Developed case management and litigation strategy, coordinated and conducted discovery, argued dispositive motions before court, drafted mediation brief and negotiated successful settlement for client.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

- Represented a development company in international arbitration proceedings involving breach of contract claims related to the development of a luxury hotel in Mexico.
 - Led briefing team, prepared expert for testimony, managed local counsel and led team in preparation of evidence and testimony.
- Represented an independent production company in mediation and arbitration proceedings against a leading TV network involving breach of duty, breach of contract and accounting claims.
 - Led briefing team, prepared expert for testimony, led presentation of claims in mediation and arbitration.

Pro Bono Matters

- Authored an *amicus curiae* brief to the U.S. Supreme Court on interplay between federal immigration law and California criminal statutes on behalf of the California Public Defenders Association.
- Testified before the California Senate Judiciary Committee against proposed changes to the California Cartwright Act on behalf of TechNet, a bipartisan group of Silicon Valley CEOs.

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

J.D.

Columbia Business Law Journal

New York, New York

1999

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

B.A., Political Science

Graduated with High Honors

Los Angeles, California

1995

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

California (S.B. No. 208236)

Ninth Circuit and U.S. District Courts for Northern and Central Districts.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Diversity and the Law (Co-presented with Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Spring 2006); *Designing and Implementing an Effective Corporate Compliance Program*, ABA Criminal Litigation Newsletter, (Spring 2007); *Discovery: Planning, Strategy and Dealing with Abusive Discovery Tactics*, Continuing Bar of Education Program (2008); *Everything You Need To Know To Be Ready For Trial*, Continuing Bar of Education Program (2010).

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Los Angeles City Rent Adjustment Commissioner, Appointed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa	May 2009 to Present
Adjunct Professor for Southwestern Law School, White Collar Crime	Spring 2009
Federal Bar Association	2011 to Present
Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles	2000 to Present



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Ms. Belinda M. Vega



Dear Ms. Vega:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2017. In order to complete the process as quickly as possible, there are several steps that must be taken, many of which require a trip downtown. If you require parking during these procedures, please call Sui Duong in my Office at (213) 978-0724 and he will arrange it for you.

To begin the appointment process, please review, sign and return the enclosed City Commissioner Ethics Pledge, Commission Remuneration Form, Undated Separation Form and Background Release **within one week** of receiving this letter. These documents are necessary to help us ensure the most efficient, open and accountable City government possible. Further, Mayor's Office policy requires you to be fingerprinted as part of the background check that is done on all potential Commissioners. To do so, please bring this letter to the Background Unit of Employment Services Division, Personnel Department Building, 700 East Temple Street, Room 235, Los Angeles, (213) 473-9343. Fingerprints must be taken **within three working days** from the receipt of this letter.

Under separate cover 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. City law requires that you complete and return this form **within 21 days** of your nomination to the City Ethics Commission, 200 North Spring Street, City Hall, 24th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any inquiries regarding this form should be directed to Shannon Prior at the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960.

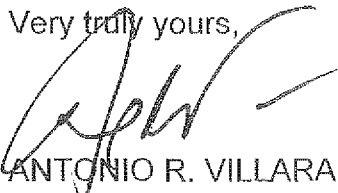
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As part of City Council confirmation process, you will need to arrange a meeting with Tom LaBonge, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Paul Krekorian, the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your appointment will be considered by the Budget and Finance Committee. Some time thereafter, you will also be notified by the committee clerk when your appointment 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, Room 395, City Hall. Deputy Mayor Monique Earl's staff will be responsible to assist you during the confirmation process if you have questions.

Commissioners must be residents of the City of Los Angeles. 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.

Warmest congratulations and thank you for agreeing to continue helping in my efforts to serve the people of the City of Los Angeles.

Very truly yours,



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Attachment I
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Nominee Check List

I. Within three days:

- ☐ **Get fingerprinted to complete background check.**
No appointment is necessary. Bring the Mayor's letter to:
Background Unit of Employment Services Division, Personnel
Department Building, 700 East Temple Street, Room 235, Los Angeles,
(213) 473-9343.

II. Within one week:

Mail or fax the following forms to: Office of the Mayor, Attn: Sui Duong, Office of Legal Counsel, 200 N. Spring St., # 303, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Fax: (213) 978-0720.

- ☐ **Ethics Pledge**
- ☐ **Remuneration Form**
- ☐ **Undated Separation Form**
- ☐ **Background Check Release**
- ☐ **Commissioner Information Sheet/Voluntary Statistics**

III. Within 21 days:

File the following forms with the City Ethics Commission. *If you are required to file, you will receive these forms in the mail 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.
- ☐ **Residence Verification Form**

IV. As soon as possible, schedule a meeting with:

- ☐ **Your City Councilmember Tom LaBonge** (contact at 213-473-7004).
- ☐ **Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination** (contact at 213-473-7002).

A member of Deputy Mayor Monique Earl's staff can assist you with these arrangements. (Mayor's Office: 213-978-0600)