



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

June 8, 2016

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Ms. Belinda Vega to the Board of Fire and Police Pension for the term ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Vega's current term expires on June 30, 2016.

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

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Belinda Vega
Commission: Board of Fire and Police Pension
End of Term: 6/30/2021

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:** Board of Fire and Police Pension
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Columbia Law School
7. **Occupation/profession:** Partner, Gerard Fox Law
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
10. **Current composition of the commission:**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appt. Date	Term End
Nathanson, Adam	West LA	5	Caucasian	M	08-Apr-15	30-Jun-20
Pendleton, Brian	South Valley	4	Caucasian	M	15-Oct-15	30-Jun-18
Salimpour, Pedram	South Valley	5	Caucasian	M	19-Nov-13	30-Jun-17
Tapia, Corinne E.	West LA	11	Latina	F	19-Nov-13	30-Jun-19
Vega, Belinda M	Central	4	Latina	F	01-Nov-12	30-Jun-16

Belinda Martinez Vega is a Partner in the Century City office of Gerard Fox Law. She has extensive experience in all phases of business litigation across a wide swath of industries. Her practice focuses on a broad range of complex commercial litigation, including matters involving unfair business practices, securities litigation, intellectual property, contract disputes, and fraud. In addition to her business litigation practice, Ms. Vega is often hired by companies to conduct internal investigations in response to government inquiries and allegations of misconduct. She has extensive experience providing strategic counseling to companies on regulatory compliance and corporate best practices. Clients turn to Ms. Vega for her aggressive, effective and efficient approach to getting the best results.

Ms. Vega recently first-chaired a books & records trial in which she was successful from keeping her clients' financial records from being disclosed to outside parties claiming to have shareholder and director rights. She also recently completed two internal investigations, representing the Board of Directors of a multi-million dollar corporation and advising on disclosure obligations. She has also successfully negotiated several high-level executive severance packages for studio and media executives.

Prior to Gerard Fox Law, Ms. Vega was Counsel at O'Melveny & Myers in the Business Trials and Litigation, White Collar Criminal Defense and Antitrust Practice Groups. There, she represented clients such as ExxonMobil, CIGNA, BP and SK hynix Inc., in numerous high profile cases. Ms. Vega assisted in SK hynix's defense against Rambus' worldwide litigation campaign to enforce patents on industry standard computer memory products, resulting in a \$250 million sanctions award against Rambus and in favor of SK hynix for document spoliation. Ms. Vega further successfully defended ExxonMobil against the Alaska Department of Natural Resources in two bench trials and one appeal to the Supreme Court involving a dispute over oil and gas leases.

Ms. Vega is a Commissioner on the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension (LAFPP) Board, which manages over \$18 billion in assets. She was appointed by former Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and re-appointed by Mayor Eric Garcetti. Ms. Vega is also Vice-President of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT), a non-profit organization that develops parks and gardens for inner-city communities in Los Angeles. She is also a member of the American Bar Association, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Federal Bar Association and the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles.

Ms. Vega is a frequent speaker at law schools, industry conferences and continuing legal education seminars on advising companies on corporate best practices and conducting internal investigations. Ms. Vega has also taught White Collar Crime as an Adjunct Professor at Southwestern Law School.

Ms. Vega was recognized as a Southern California "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers and published in *Los Angeles Magazine* in 2013.

Ms. Vega received her J.D. degree from Columbia Law School in 1999, where she served as Editor of the Columbia Business Law Review and on the executive board of the Columbia Law Women's Association and Latin American Law Students' Association. She graduated with Honors from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1995, with a Bachelor's Degree of Arts in Political Science and Chicano Studies.

Ms. Vega is fluent in Spanish and grew up in La Puente, California. She enjoys snowboarding and hiking and is trying to learn how to surf. She lives in Los Angeles, California with her husband, Benjamin Abel Vega, and her son, Elijah Benjamin Vega.



June 8, 2016

Ms. Belinda Vega

Dear Ms. Vega:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Board of Fire and Police Pension for the term ending June 30, 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.

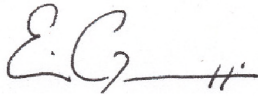
As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with David Ryu, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Paul Krekorian, the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Budget and Finance 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. Garcetti", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment I
Ms. Belinda Vega
June 8, 2016

Nominee Check List

I. Within seven days:

Mail, fax or email the following forms to: Claudia Luna, Office of the Mayor, Office of Intergovernmental Relations, 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** (contact at (213) 473-7004).

_____ **Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination** (contact at (213) 473-7002).

Staff in the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Relations will assist you with these arrangements.