



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

June 3, 2021

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, 2026. Ms. Vega's current term expires on June 30, 2021.

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: June 30, 2026

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 Mayoral appointments on the commission:**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Nathanson, Adam	West LA	5	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-25
Pendleton, Brian	South Valley	4	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-23
Salimpour, Pedram	South Valley	5	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-22
Tapia, Corinne E.	West LA	11	Latina	F	30-Jun-19
Vega, Belinda M	Central	4	Latina	F	30-Jun-21

Belinda Martinez Vega

Belinda Martinez Vega, co-chair of Venable's West Coast Litigation Group, focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation, including matters involving unfair business practices, securities litigation, contract disputes, and fraud. Belinda also represents clients in wrongful death and collision cases. She has significant experience in all aspects of litigation, from discovery to depositions, trial, and appellate work. In addition, she has been actively involved in counseling clients on corporate compliance and conducts internal investigations in response to government inquiries and allegations of misconduct.

Experience

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Commercial Litigation

On behalf of a refrigeration services company, obtained summary judgment on a wrongful death and collision case for vicarious liability and negligent supervision, involving an employee who drove his vehicle while intoxicated, causing a severe accident

Obtained summary judgment for a Las Vegas hospitality company in a securities fraud, fraud, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duty lawsuit brought by foreign investors participating in the United States EB-5 Pilot Program

First-chaired a books and records trial and won, resulting in protection of the client's financial records from disclosure to outside parties claiming to have shareholder and director rights

Defended a global oil exploration and production company 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

Defended a global solar company in multi-party state litigation against breach of contract, breach of warranty, and indemnity claims, resulting in a favorable settlement for client

Represented a real estate development entity in international arbitration proceedings involving breach of contract claims related to the construction of a luxury hotel in Baja California, Mexico

Defended, in mediation, a major international wire transfer company against claims of intentional interference, unfair business practices, and trademark violations under the Lanham Act

Antitrust Litigation

Assisted in the defense of a leading semiconductor manufacturing company in two federal trials involving patent infringement and antitrust monopoly claims, resulting in a \$250 million sanctions award against the opposing party and in favor of the company for document spoliation

Defended a global health insurance provider in multidistrict shareholder litigation against antitrust, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), and Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) claims filed because of government investigations into broker compensation practices, resulting in a settlement for the client

Securities Litigation

Defended a director and majority shareholder in a Texas shareholder class action securities litigation arising out of the sale of a company, resulting in the dismissal of claims against the client at pleading stage

Obtained a win for client, a leading financial institution, at the summary judgment stage in litigation arising from its capacity as a guarantor of bonds

Represented a high-net-worth individual and family trust in FINRA arbitration proceedings against investment advisors, related to mismanagement of funds and breach of fiduciary duties

Entertainment Litigation

Settled a dispute for a Chicago-based television station involving claims of breach of contract, fraud, and unfair business practices brought by a Colombian-owned media company

Defended a Los Angeles Spanish-language station against breach of contract and fraud claims brought by a major television network studio, resulting in settlement favorable to client

Represented talent in an arbitration proceeding against a major motion picture studio, related to claims of breach of contract, accounting, and copyright infringement, involving a film distributed internationally and sold to a cable network

Represented an animation studio in a dispute with investors and alleged shareholders involving claims of breach of contract, fraud, and breach of fiduciary duties

Reached a favorable settlement for a music licensing company in mediation over a partnership dispute involving licensing rights, copyrights, and royalties

Represented the president and CEO of an entertainment company in a criminal investigation and civil lawsuit arising from federal RICO and state conspiracy charges

Represented a leading Spanish-language television network in an internal investigation related to a potential breach of employment contracts and ethical violations by employees

Represented talent in negotiations with a Spanish-language network studio over development

services rendered to the studio, and the acquisition of ideas and all related works for the adaptation of a television series

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

White Collar Criminal Defense and Internal Investigations

Completed two international investigations, representing the board of directors of a multi-million dollar agricultural corporation, and advising on disclosure obligations

Represented an investment management firm in completing an internal investigation related to potential SEC whistle-blower issues

Assisted an investigation team representing a global oil and gas company in state civil cases, and state attorney general and district attorney general investigations related to hazardous waste substances and compliance with environmental regulations involving underground petroleum storage tanks

Defended the board of directors of a major publicly traded book publishing and advertising company in an SEC investigation of its accounting practices, and in related federal class action and state derivative lawsuits for alleged violations of federal securities laws

Represented a private research university in an internal investigation concerning ethical violations by one of its senior-level employees and related reporting obligations to federal government

Represented a dietary supplement company in a government investigation into its compliance with FDA regulations, and prepared key witnesses for grand jury and congressional hearing testimony

Represented a large manufacturer and supplier of specialized materials for aircraft and aerospace in an internal investigation involving compliance and disclosure obligations under the False Claims Act, the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), and the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS)

Defended a telemarketing company in a federal investigation into alleged violations under the False Claims Act (FCA)

Defended a co-founder of a real estate mortgage banking company in a federal investigation involving allegations of bank and loan fraud, tax fraud, and false representations

Served as interim general counsel for a private jet company; spearheaded an internal investigation into allegations of corruption and fraud by the company's former managing director

Insights

Thought Leadership

[Making Waves: Highlights from Women Attorneys at Venable \(WAVE\)](#)

April 2021

[Business News Digest](#)

February 2021

[Board Diversity – a Passing Fad or the Wave of the Future?](#)

January 21, 2021

Events

[Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is: The Ascension of ESG](#)

April 14, 2021

[BLB&G's Virtual Women's Forum](#)

June 18, 2020

[The Hispanic Heritage Foundation Investors Forum](#)

June 10, 2020

Recent News

[Belinda Vega Recognized Among the Daily Journal's Top Women Lawyers of 2021](#)

May 19, 2021

[Law360 Quotes Belinda Vega on Litigation Arising from Efforts to Diversify Boards](#)

February 24, 2021

[William Briggs and Belinda Vega Recognized Among Los Angeles Business Journal's Minority Leaders of Influence](#)

January 25, 2021

Credentials

Education

J.D., Columbia Law School, 1999

B.A., Political Science, Chicana/o Studies, University of California, 1995

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Professional Memberships and Activities

Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Member, Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles

Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Mexican-American Bar Association

Member, Latina Lawyers Bar Association

Commissioner, board of directors, Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions (appointed by Mayor Eric Garcetti)

Recognition

Daily Journal, *Top Women Lawyers*, 2021

Los Angeles Business Journal, *Leaders in Law Nominee*, 2020

Los Angeles Business Journal, *Top Minority Attorneys*, 2019 – 2021

Super Lawyers, *Rising Star*, 2013

Community

Pro Bono

Serves as counsel, Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund

Volunteerism

Vice chair, board of directors, Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust

Related Practices

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MAYOR

June 3, 2021

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, 2026. 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.

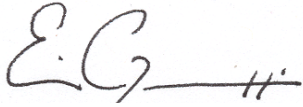
As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Nithya Raman, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Paul Krekorian, the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Budget and Finance Committee. Some time 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 black ink, appearing to read "Eric Garcetti", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment I
Ms. Belinda Vega
June 3, 2021

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 Nithya Raman**

_____ **Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination**

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