

ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA  
MAYOR

April 29, 2013

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have today appointed Mr. Raúl Pérez to the Board of Airport Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2014. Mr. Pérez will fill the vacancy created by Daniel Caroselli, who withdrew from consideration.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Pérez is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work that will devolve upon him, 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: Raúl Pérez  
Commission: Board of Airport Commissioners  
End of Term: June 30, 2014

### Appointee Information

1. Race/ethnicity: Latino
2. Gender: Male
3. Council district and neighborhood of residence: 5 – Central
4. Are you a registered voter? Yes
5. Prior commission experience: Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners
6. Attendance record of past commission appointment(s):
7. Highest level of education completed:
8. Occupation/profession: Attorney
9. Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment: See attached resume
10. Purpose of this appointment: Replacing commissioner who withdrew from consideration
11. Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):

| Commissioner             | APC          | CD | Ethnicity              | Gender | Term Ends |
|--------------------------|--------------|----|------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Joseph Aredas            | North Valley | 6  | Asian Pacific Islander | M      | June 2015 |
| Robert Beyer             | West         | 11 | Caucasian              | M      | June 2014 |
| Boyd Hight -<br>RESIGNED | West         | 11 | Caucasian              | M      | June 2014 |
| Ann Hollister            | West         | 11 | Caucasian              | F      | June 2015 |
| Michael Lawson           | Central      | 10 | African American       | M      | June 2016 |
| Fernando Torres-Gil      | Central      | 9  | Latino                 | M      | June 2013 |
| Valeria Velasco          | West         | 11 | Latina                 | F      | June 2017 |



**Raúl Pérez**  
**Partner**  
Employment and Business Litigation

**Raúl Pérez** is a partner and a civil trial attorney in the Los Angeles office of Capstone Law. He has been practicing law for approximately 20 years. Raul's practice focuses on employment and business litigation matters. He has significant experience prosecuting consumer and wage and hour class actions, as well as defending toxic tort claims and representing artists, producers, managers, agencies, record companies and video game manufacturers in transactional and litigation matters. He also has represented employers in all forums, including federal and state courts, administrative agencies, arbitrations and mediations.

Prior to joining Capstone Law, Raul was a partner at various Los Angeles firms, including Liner Grode Stein Yankelevitz Sunshine Regenstreif & Taylor LLP. Raul worked for some of the nation's more prestigious firms including Morgan Lewis & Bockius, Manatt Phelps & Phillips and Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld.

Raul has served for three years as a Commissioner to the Los Angeles Fire & Police Pension board where he is responsible for administering a multi-billion dollar pension fund for the City's retired and disabled firemen and policemen.

#### **Practice Area(s)**

Complex Business Litigation, Employment and Consumer Class Actions, Entertainment

#### **Notable Professional Accomplishments**

- Raul has overseen the settlement of over a dozen wage and hour and consumer class action cases valued at over \$25 million dollars. He also first or second chaired seven jury trials in various litigation matters.
- Raul was one of the primary attorneys in Los Angeles for a major American chemical company in its California toxic tort and asbestos litigation team, specializing in trial preparation, depositions, jury selection, law and motion, and trial of such matters.
- Raul represented one of the top three video game manufacturers in various publisher/developer disputes, including handling an arbitration against the top video platform manufacturer.
- Raul has given legal advice, counseling and training (i.e., seminars/presentations) to employers on various employment matters.

## **Education**

Raul received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1994. While at Harvard Law School, he was the Vice-President of the student council and President of La Alianza, the Latino student organization. He also clerked for the U.S. Attorney's office in Los Angeles.

He received his B.A. in Government from Harvard University in 1990. Raul was selected to represent his class at Leadership America, a summer-long leadership training program. While in College, he interned for the Department of Justice and Department of Education.

## **Civic Activities**

Raul served a six-month assignment as Assistant to the Special Interim Legal Counsel to the City of South Gate (Raul Salinas of Alvarado Smith & Sanchez) where he was part of a legal team assigned to restore integrity and good government to the scandal-plagued City.

Raul was selected as a California Senate Fellow in 1991 and was assigned to Senator Quentin Kopp representing the City of San Francisco.

## **Charitable Involvement**

Raul previously was the President of the Latino Lawyers Association, and also served as a board member for Padres Contra El Cancer, Girls Inc., Chicano Youth Leadership, Latino Theater Company, and Oneness.

## **Speaking Engagements**

Raul has been a guest speaker at numerous conferences involving entertainment and employment matters, including at Harvard Law School.

## **Admissions**

State Bar of California and U.S. District Court, Central, Eastern and Northern District.

## **Personal Background**

Raul is the youngest son of Mexican immigrants who spent most of their working life as farmworkers. Raúl is fluent in Spanish. He has three children, including toddler twins. He is married to Leticia Gomez, an office manager for a boutique litigation firm in Los Angeles. His family lives in South Carthay Circle in Los Angeles. He was a participant in the Senior Baseball League and managed his own team, the California Angels, to a championship. He is also a lector for the Good Shepherd Church in Beverly Hills.



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Mr. Raúl Pérez

Dear Mr. Pérez:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Airport Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2014. 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 Maria Civilini in my Office at (213) 922-9742 and she 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.

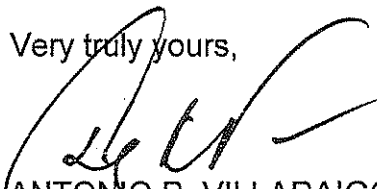
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As part of City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Paul Koretz, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Tom LaBonge, the Chair of the Trade, Commerce and Tourism Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your appointment will be considered by the Trade, Commerce and Tourism 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 Jim Bickhart'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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ARV', is written over the printed name of the Mayor.

ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA  
Mayor

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Attachment I  
Mr. Raúl Pérez  
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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: Maria Civilini 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 Paul Koretz** (contact at 213-473-7005).  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination** (contact at 213-473-7004).

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