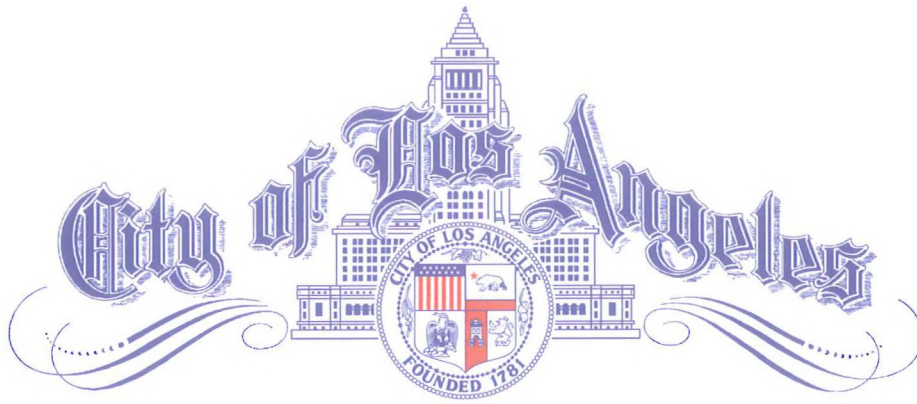




ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

January 6, 2014

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. Larry Gross to the Board of Animal Services for the term ending June 30, 2015. Mr. Gross will fill the vacancy created by Lisa McCurdy, whom I removed effective February 28, 2014 or at the time Ms. McCurdy's successor is confirmed by the City Council.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Gross is qualified for the work that will devolve upon him, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Garcetti".

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Larry Gross
Commission: Board of Animal Services
End of Term: June 30, 2015

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 4 - South Valley
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:**
7. **Occupation/profession:** Executive Director, Coalition for Economic Survival
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Replacement
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appointment Date	Term Ends
Jensvold, James	South Valley	3	Caucasian	M	20-Apr-12	30-Jun-17
McCurdy, Lisa	South Valley	5	Caucasian	F	20-Apr-12	30-Jun-15
Neilson, Maggie R.	West LA	11	Caucasian	F	05-Mar-13	30-Jun-16
Yanez, Alana	East LA	1	Latina	F	20-Apr-12	30-Jun-14
Zaft, David	Central	4	Caucasian	M	13-Aug-13	30-Jun-18



Larry Gross, Executive Director

Larry Gross is the Executive Director of the Coalition for Economic Survival (CES). He has been with CES for over 40 years, since its inception in 1973. CES is a grassroots, multi-racial, multi-ethnic tenants' rights organization serving low and moderate-income renters throughout the greater Los Angeles area. CES is committed to organizing tenants to ensure their rights and preserve affordable housing.

Under Larry's leadership:

CES has led campaigns to win rent control in the cities of Los Angeles and West Hollywood. CES led efforts to incorporate the City of West Hollywood and elected CES tenant leaders to the City Council.

CES was instrumental in enactment of the City of L.A.'s Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP), Systematic Code Enforcement Program (SCEP) and Primary Renovation Ordinance, which address slum housing conditions and housing code violations. Currently, CES is one of five L.A. City contracted Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP) tenant outreach organizations, and one of four L.A. City contracted Lead Paint Poison Prevention Programs dedicated to tenant outreach.

CES assisted four HUD tenant subsidized associations in purchasing their complexes, which they now operate and control as permanent affordable housing.

- Larry was a member of the L.A. City Housing Crisis Task Force and served as the chair of the City's State of Existing Affordable Housing Sub-committee.
- Larry was appointed by the Mayor and Chairperson of the L.A. City Council Housing and Community Development Committee to serve on the Advisory Committee for the Study of the Economic Impact of Major Rehabilitation Evictions.
- Larry was a member of L.A. City Council President Eric Garcetti's initiated Slum Housing Task Force.
- Larry was an appointee to the seven-member tenant-landlord Oversight Committee of the "Economic Study of the Rent Stabilization Ordinance and the Los Angeles Housing Market."
- Larry is currently a California Public Utilities Commission appointee to its Low Income Oversight Board (LIOB). He was appointed in January, 2012.
- Larry was elected to the Board of Directors of the ACLU/Southern California in January, 2012.
- In 2013, Larry was appointed by California Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian as an Assembly District Delegate to the California Democratic Party for the 46th Assembly District.
- Larry also serves as a Board Member of the statewide tenants' rights organization, Tenants Together and the Healthy Homes Collaborative, an association of community-based organizations committed to eliminating environmental health threats in homes and communities.

Larry Gross

Experience

Executive Director
Coalition for Economic Survival (CES)
1973 – Present

Responsibilities:

- Oversight and administration of daily operations.
- Supervision of professional staff, interns, and community volunteers/activists.
- Fundraising, grant writing, and membership recruitment.
- Financial management of the organization.
- Public speaking, community outreach, and media relations.
- Board, leaders, and membership development.
- Development of policy-issues and organizing campaigns.
- Administration, oversight and financial management of grants from the Los Angeles Housing Department to provide outreach, education, and training to tenants living in HUD subsidized housing at risk of having mortgage prepaid by owner in order to remove federal rent restrictions.
- Administration, oversight and financial management of grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide outreach, education, and training to tenants living in HUD subsidized housing at risk of having mortgage prepaid by owner in order to remove federal rent restrictions. Also, providing outreach, education and training to tenants with Section 8 rent subsidies living in HUD subsidized housing where owners are considering opting-out of their Section 8 contract and, thus putting the housing affordability at-risk.
- Administration, oversight, and financial management of numerous grants from the City of Los Angeles Housing Department geared to provide outreach to tenants living in substandard housing, ensure participation in City code enforcement and lead paint poisoning prevention programs, and secure safe and healthy housing.

Training

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: Technical Assistance Training for Outreach and Training Grantees, Washington, D.C., December, 1998.
- National Housing Trust: Challenges and Opportunities – How to Preserve Federally Assisted Housing in your Community, Miami, FL., February, 1997.
- Midwest Academy: Administration and Management Training, Portland, OR., September, 1980.
- Midwest Academy: Organizing Training, Portland, OR., May, 1980.
- Managing Unacceptable Work Behavior, Careertrack Seminars, Pasadena, CA., December, 2006.
- Evelyn Wood Reading Dynamics, Burbank, CA, February, 2008.
- Progressive Technology Project: Community Organizing Communications Technology, St. Paul, MN., July, 2008.
- Center for Nonprofit Management: Setting the Right Course: Planning Strategies for Dynamic Times, LA, CA., March 2011.

Appointments

- Member, City of Los Angeles Housing Crisis Task Force – Chairperson, State of Existing Affordable Housing Subcommittee, 1999-2000.
- Member, City of Los Angeles Major Rehabilitation Study Advisory Committee – Appointed by the Mayor of Los Angeles and Chair of the L.A. City Council Housing and Community Development Committee, 2002-2003.
- Member, City of Los Angeles Notice Ordinance Working Group convened by the Los Angeles Housing Department at the direction of the Los Angeles City Council, 2003.
- Member, City of Los Angeles Housing Element Task Force, 2007 – 2008.
- Member, City of Los Angeles Housing Department Rent Stabilization Study Oversight Committee, 2007 – 2009.
- Member, California Public Utilities Commission's Low Income Oversight Board, 2012 – present.

Affiliations

- Board of Directors Member, Tenants Together, California's only statewide renters' rights organization, 2008 – present.
- Board of Directors Member, Healthy Homes Collaborative, a non-profit association of community-based organizations committed to eliminating environmental health threats in homes and communities, 2009 – present.
- Board of Directors Member, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California, 2011 – present.



ERIC GARCETTI

MAYOR

January 6, 2014

Mr. Larry Gross

Dear Mr. Gross:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Animal Services for the term ending June 30, 2015. 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 Justin Gonzalez in my Office at (213) 300-9935 to make arrangements for you.

To begin the appointment 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. 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, California 90012. The division phone number is (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. You are required to 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 the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Tom LaBonge, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Paul Koretz, the Chair of the Personnel and Animal Welfare 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 Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee.

Some time thereafter, you will 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 in Room 395 of City Hall. Julie Ciardullo with the Mayor's staff will 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.

Congratulations and thank you for agreeing to serve the people of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eric Garcetti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment I
Mr. Larry Gross
January 6, 2014

Nominee Check List

I. Within three days:

_____ **Get fingerprinted to complete a 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,
California 90012. Phone: (213) 473-9343.

II. Within seven days:

Mail, fax or email the following forms to: Julie Ciardullo, Office of the Mayor,
Office of External Affairs, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
or fax: 213-978-9719 or email: julie.ciardullo@lacity.org.

_____ **Remuneration Form**

_____ **Undated Separation Forms**

_____ **Background Check Release**

_____ **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, the Mayor's Office will schedule a meeting with you and:

_____ **Your City Councilmember Tom LaBonge** (contact at 213-473-7004).

_____ **Councilmember Paul Koretz, Chair of the Council Committee**
considering your nomination (contact at 213-473-7005).

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