



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

August 14, 2025

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Mr. Cris Liban to the Board of Transportation Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2030. Mr. Liban's current term expired on June 30, 2025.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Liban is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work which shall devolve upon Him, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

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KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Cris Liban
Commission: Board of Transportation Commissioners
End of Term: June 30, 2030

Appointee Information

- 1. Race:** API
- 2. Gender:** male
- 3. Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 11 - West Los Angeles APC
- 4. Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
- 5. Prior commission experience:**
- 6. Highest level of education completed:** D.Env., University of California, Los Angeles
- 7. Occupation/profession:** Chief Sustainability Officer, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- 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	Race	Gender	Term End
Marquez, David	East LA	1	Latinx	M	6/30/2027
Nicholas, Nicole	South LA APC	8	African American	F	6/30/2029
Regalado, Raymond	Harbor	15	Latinx	M	6/30/2028
Davidian, Vigen	South Valley	3	Caucasian	M	6/30/2028
Jr. Solorio, Juan	North Valley	7	Latinx	M	6/30/2026
Tohom, Douglas	East LA	13	Latinx	M	6/30/2027
Liban, Cris	West LA	11	API	M	6/30/2025

Dr. Emmanuel CB (Cris) Liban, P.E., ENV SP

Distinguished Member, American Society of Civil Engineers | Member, National Academy of Construction

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Results-driven **Chief Sustainability Officer** with over **30 years of leadership** in **environmental policy, sustainability, transportation, and infrastructure**. Proven expertise in **climate resilience, environmental finance, energy efficiency, and sustainable development**. Spearheaded the adaptation and resiliency innovations for **\$140B+ capital projects**, managing cross-functional teams of **150+ professionals**. Recognized for driving the **issuance of ~\$2.3B Green Bonds, generation of ~\$50M in annual revenues, and secure \$450M in projected cost savings** through sustainability initiatives.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

D.Env. (Doctorate) – Environmental Science & Engineering | University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), 2003

M.S.Eng. – Civil Engineering | Loyola Marymount University, 1993

B.S. – Geology (Magna Cum Laude) | University of the Philippines, 1989

Certifications:

- **Professional Engineer (Civil)** – California
 - **Envision Sustainability Professional (ENV SP)** – Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure
 - **LEED® Accredited Professional** – US Green Building Council
 - **OSHA HAZWOPER Supervisor & Worker Certifications**
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), Los Angeles, CA

Chief Sustainability Officer (2019–Present)

- Lead **C-suite sustainability strategy**, supporting **\$140B+** in transit expansion to be adapted and resilient.
- Executing on over **100 programs and projects** in environmental compliance and sustainability.

- Subject Matter Expert in the deployment of a ~**\$2.3B Green Bonds Initiative** and secured **\$450M in projected cost savings** over 30 years.
- Established Metro's **first Net-Zero Cost business unit**, generating on average **\$50M in annual revenue** since 2017.

Executive Officer, Environmental Compliance & Sustainability (2015–2019)

- Expanded Metro's **environmental division** from **4 staff (\$4.5M budget)** to a **\$250M program**, making it a national leader in sustainable transportation.
- Developed policies for **climate resilience, water conservation, and renewable energy**, leading to **1,700% ROI on energy efficiency projects**.
- Subject Matter Expert in Metro's **first Green Bonds sale** (\$550M) and led the **largest renewable natural gas program for transit in the U.S.** (\$150M contract).

Deputy Executive Officer, Environmental Compliance & Services (2012–2015)

- Led initiatives in **policy development, climate mitigation, and infrastructure financing** to support Metro's long-term sustainability goals.
- Managed energy efficiency projects that **reduced operational costs by \$4.5M annually**.

Director, Environmental Compliance & Services (2012)

- Designed and implemented Metro's **annual sustainability strategy**, securing funding and policy alignment for long-term climate resilience.

Environmental Compliance & Services Manager (2007–2012)

- Developed and updated Metro's **Climate Action Plan, Energy Management Plan, and Water Action Plan**.

Principal Environmental Specialist (2003–2007)

- Oversaw **CEQA/NEPA environmental compliance** for major transportation projects, ensuring expedited **federal and state regulatory approvals**.

Tetra Tech, Inc., Pasadena, CA

Senior Project Manager (2003)

- Managed CEQA/NEPA environmental projects with **\$25M budgets**, overseeing risk assessment and regulatory compliance.
 - Led environmental remediation and air quality projects for **state and federal agencies**.
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The RETEC Group (now AECOM), Long Beach, CA

Project Manager (1998–2003)

- Directed environmental projects for **Fortune 500 clients** with **budgets up to \$20M**.
 - Led **multi-university research** (Stanford, UCLA, Carnegie Mellon) on **risk management for lampblack contamination**.
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Other Career Highlights (1989–1998)

- Conducted research on **stormwater management, eutrophication, and industrial risk mitigation (Research Fellow, UCLA)**.
 - Strategic consultancy with major economic sectors including Real Estate, Insurance, Finance, Energy, and Government clients to **reduce environmental liabilities and create financial value of programs and projects to communities (Various Consultancy Firms)**.
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POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS & LEADERSHIP

- **Council Member, US EPA National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy & Technology (2016–2019)**
 - **Chair & Commissioner, LA County Beach Commission (2015–2023)**
 - **Member, California Treasurer’s Green Bonds Development Committee (2019–Present)**
 - **President & Commissioner, LA City Board of Transportation Commissioners (2014–Present)**
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AWARDS & HONORS

- **Distinguished Member, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) (2022)**
 - **National Academy of Construction (NAC), Member (2021)**
 - ***Pamana ng Pilipino Award* – Republic of the Philippines (2016)**
 - **Engineering News Record *Award of Excellence* (2020)**
 - **Government Civil Engineer of the Year (ASCE) (2017, 2019)**
 - **Leadership in Sustainability Award (American Planning Association, APA) (2018)**
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VOLUNTEER & BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- **Board Chair, Philippine Development Foundation** (2024-present)
 - **Board Member, Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure** (2024-present)
 - **Lead Author, US Global Change Research Project – 5th National Climate Change Assessment (Chapter 13, Transportation)** (2021–2023)
 - **Co-Founder, International Coalition for Sustainable Infrastructure** (2019–Present)
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PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **Lead Author, 5th National Climate Change Assessment (Chapter 13, Transportation)**
- Published **peer-reviewed journal articles, technical reports, and book chapters** on **resiliency, alternative funding and financing, sustainability, climate change, leadership, and transportation.**
- Speaker at **global conferences** including through the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine; United Nations; Harvard; Milken Institute; The International Capital Market Association; Asian Civil Engineering Coordinating Council; Transportation Research Board; American Public Transportation Association; and others.



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Dear Mr. Liban:

I am pleased to inform you that I am reappointing you to the Board of Transportation Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2030, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

To begin the reappointment process, please review, sign, and return the enclosed Remuneration Form and undated Letters of Separation **within one week** of receiving this letter. These documents are necessary to ensure the most efficient, open, and accountable city government possible.

As part of the reappointment process, Traci Park, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Heather Hutt, the Chair of the Transportation Committee, may wish to meet with you to answer any questions they have. Our office will assist with arranging these meetings.

Should this apply to your commission, 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 via the California Fair Political Practices Commission's eDisclosure website, or by mailing the forms to City Hall at 200 N. Spring Street, 24th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any inquiries regarding this form should be directed to Samantha Rodriguez at the City Ethics Commission by email at samantha.rodriguez@lacity.org.

Additionally, you will be required to attend public meetings at City Hall where your reappointment will be considered. You will be hearing from our office and a City Council Clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Transportation Committee. Sometime thereafter, you will be notified of the date when your reappointment will be presented to the full City Council. Immediately following the meeting, you will again be required to take the Oath of Office in the City Clerk's Office

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located in Room 395 of City Hall. If you require parking for these meetings, please contact my Commissions team by email at myr-commissions@lacity.org.

Per the City Charter, most commissioners must be registered voters of the City of Los Angeles, and must therefore reside within Los Angeles. If you move at any point during your term, or your contact information changes, please contact my Commissions team immediately at the email listed below. While we hope that you complete a successful term, if for some reason you intend to resign, please do so in writing to my Commissions team at myr-commissions@lacity.org.

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

Sincerely,

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Nominee Check List

I. Within 7 days:

- Email the completed document listed below, found on the last page of this letter, to: myr-commissions@lacity.org OR mail them to:

Office of the Mayor
Attn: Luz Portillo
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

- Remuneration Form
- Undated Separation Letters (2)

II. Before your appointment is heard in committee or full council (you will be contacted by the Clerk's Office with this date):

- File the following forms with the City Ethics Commission. If you are required to file, you will receive these forms via email from that office. Be sure to take no more than 21 days to file, per City law.

- 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.
- CEC Form 60

III. The Mayor's Office will notify the below Councilmembers of your nomination, so that they may reach out to schedule a meeting with you should they wish.

- Your City Councilmember Traci Park
- Councilmember Heather Hutt, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination

IV. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- Transportation Committee Hearing
- Full Council Hearing