



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

October 7, 2020

Holly Wolcott
City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Los Angeles Unified School District Redistricting Commission Appointments

Dear Ms. Wolcott:

As Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, I hereby appoint the following individuals to the Los Angeles Unified School District Redistricting Commission.

- Heather Repenning, *Executive Officer for Sustainability Policy, L.A. Metro*
- Isaac Bryan, *Founding Director, UCLA Black Policy Project*
- Andrea Ambriz, *Deputy Secretary, External Affairs, California Natural Resources Agency*
- Kristie Hernandez, *Government & Community Relations, Boeing*

I certify that in my opinion, these appointees are especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work that will devolve upon them and that I make the appointments solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

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

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

cc: Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst

HEATHER REPENNING

Heather Repenning has spent nearly two decades working in public service. Currently, she is the Executive Officer for Sustainability Policy at LA Metro, setting policies that reduce emissions and curb climate change at the public transit agency serving Los Angeles County.

Heather is also the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Water District, which provides water for 26 member public agencies and nearly 19 million people in Southern California.

Repenning previously held the role of Vice President of the City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works, where she oversaw management of solid resources, wastewater, stormwater, urban canopy, streets and design and construction of public facilities. Prior to that, she served as the Director of External Affairs for Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.

Heather graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Swarthmore College and holds a Master's Degree from the University of California, Irvine in Comparative Literature. She is a Boardmember of the National Women's Political Caucus, LA Metro chapter. Heather is also the parent of a 4th grader who attends her local LAUSD school.



Isaac Bryan is a policy shaper, published scholar, and community leader. His work has helped to advance movements and policy change around issues of racial, economic, and social justice. Currently, Isaac serves as the founding Director of the UCLA Black Policy Project, head of the Public Policy Division for the Million Dollar Hoods Project, and as the Director of Public Policy for the UCLA Ralph J. Bunche Center. He has also sat on the Los Angeles Unified School District Task Force on Reimagining School Safety and on the executive board of the JusticeLA Coalition.

Formerly, Isaac served in Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office of Reentry and CENTCOM Unit where he co-authored the City's first report on the holistic needs of Angelenos with past justice system involvement. In addition to these many roles, Bryan also serves as the Senior Advisor to Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager-Dove.

ANDREA AMBRIZ

Andrea Ambriz seeks to ensure the voices of the community shape decision-making at every level. As an experienced strategist and advocate for working families and communities, Andrea currently serves as Deputy Secretary of External Affairs at the California Natural Resources Agency, appointed by California Governor Gavin Newsom. She previously served as Chief Operating Officer and a Consultant at non-profit River LA, and as Chief of Staff at SEIU Local 2015.

Formerly, Andrea served 44th U.S. President Barack Obama as White House Deputy Director of Private Sector Engagement, engaging business, community, and philanthropic leaders to create innovative partnerships and advance American priorities. Prior to the White House, she held multiple positions in the U.S. Department of the Treasury, including helping lead and create a new, national retirement savings program (*myRA*) for underbanked communities. In this and other roles at Treasury, she worked collaboratively with U.S. Congress, business and non-profit partners, consumer advocates, and community leaders on both domestic and international policy development and legislation.

Andrea has also worked in both the California State Senate and Assembly, advising legislators on diverse policy areas, ranging from the environment, labor relations, and education. Andrea currently serves on the Board of the Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles, and also as an elected member to the Mar Vista Community Council. She is a Los Angeles native, and has earned undergraduate degrees from DePaul University and holds a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of California, Berkeley.



For over 17 years, Kristie Hernández has led a life in public service with a passion for government relations, legislative affairs, policy advocacy, and community engagement. Kristie's professional experience extends into every level of government - local, state, federal, and the executive branch.

Ms. Hernandez has worked in the classroom with students at the Los Angeles Unified School District, advocated with the national Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and represented the California State Legislature's Senate Majority Leader. She also advocated for medically vulnerable communities while at AltaMed Health Services - the largest federally qualified health center organization in the country.

In 2014, Kristie was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve at the Department of Defense (DoD) in the Office of Legislative Affairs as a legislative liaison to the United States Congress. While at the Pentagon, she advised the Office of the Secretary of Defense and senior leadership on sensitive military personnel and readiness portfolios. Kristie coordinated and prepared DoD leadership for Congressional engagements and committee hearings to uphold the department's policies and budget priorities. In 2017, Kristie continued serving in the Obama Administration as the Deputy Director of Congressional Relations at Peace Corps Headquarters. She advised the Director and senior leadership on legislative priorities and strategies.

After working in Washington, D.C., Kristie returned to Los Angeles and served as the Director of UCLA's Office of Veterans Affairs Relations. Kristie worked with leadership at UCLA and the VA of Greater Los Angeles (VAGLA) to ensure compliance of the newly implemented VA lease agreement. She administered UCLA's 10 year commitment of \$16.5 million to provide supplemental veteran-related programming housed on the VAGLA campus. Kristie championed the Chancellor's veteran-related initiatives, which served as a national model for how institutions of higher education can successfully partner with their regional VA health facilities. Under her leadership, she elevated UCLA's growing commitment to military veterans and their families. Consequently, she advanced the university's efforts to empower the military-connected population on campus and throughout Los Angeles County.

Kristie currently supports The Boeing Company's National Strategy and Engagement team. She is responsible for their government relations and community engagement efforts in Southern California. Kristie interfaces with internal leaders and external partners, managing relationships with government, aerospace, and community stakeholders. She oversees Boeing's K-12 education investment strategy in California, facilitates employee engagement opportunities and employee giving campaigns.

Kristie carries over her passion for advocacy to promote civic and community engagement in her hometown of East Los Angeles. She serves on several boards and committees in the Greater Los Angeles area, including the Weingart East Los Angeles YMCA and Clean Power Alliance. She is also the Chairperson of her Neighborhood Community Advisory Council.

Kristie earned her Master of Public Administration with a Certificate in Public Policy at the University of Southern California, and graduated with her Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Los Angeles. She is a proud K-12 LAUSD alumna and California native from Unincorporated East Los Angeles, where she currently resides.