



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

September 7, 2021

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

Re: Council Redistricting Commission Appointment

Dear Ms. Wolcott:

As Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, I hereby appoint Tammy Membreno, *Executive Director, Barrio Action Youth & Family Center* to the City of Los Angeles Redistricting Commission. She will fill the vacancy created by Cecilia Cabello, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion, Ms. Membreno is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work that will devolve upon her and that I make this appointment 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

## Tammy Membreno

Tammy Membreno has devoted her life to the service of others. She was exposed to public service and was driven by the desire to help others from an early age. As an immigrant from El Salvador, Tammy understood the impact of limited economic resources, stymied access to quality health care and education on low income families. During her college years, she began volunteering at Barrio Action Youth & Family Center in El Sereno and at the Oscar Romero Health Clinic in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles. It was at the clinic where her passion for serving the homeless population developed. Tammy began offering direct services to the homeless. These services included counseling, case management and medical services. Although this was fulfilling, she wanted to do more. She began creating awareness about homelessness and the other human services needed to address this critical social issue. Tammy hosted workshops and began educating other agencies on how to tackle the multiple physical and mental health ailments that plague this underserved population. However, in October of 1989 Tammy was diagnosed with Lupus disease. Although this is a treatable disease, it has no cure and it prevented her from working with the homeless population.

Tammy did not let her physical illness dampen her desire to help others. She began to work at the Watts Health Foundation as the Director of Patient Services. This was an interesting time in the history of Watts as demographics of the area began to shift to include large amounts of Latinos, especially undocumented residents. During her tenure she developed outreach efforts targeted at encouraging undocumented residents to access available health services. She also devised strategies for staff aimed at raising cultural awareness and sensitivity to newly immigrated groups. She made history at the agency by being the first person to make senior management within one year of working at the agency.

In 1991, Tammy embraced the opportunity to become Executive Director of Barrio Action Youth & Family Center, a human and social services organization. She had a long history with the organization as a volunteer and active board member since her college years. Under her guidance, Barrio Action Youth & Family Center has grown from a staff of 3 to over 23. The agency's programs have expanded greatly with the goal of improving the quality of life for the youth and families they serve. Barrio Action's programs and services help keep youth in school, assist drop-outs to return to school, provide job development, aid and encourage at-risk and high-risk youth who live in an environment of juvenile crime, gangs and drug and alcohol abuse to become productive adults. The agency takes a holistic approach to service delivery by encouraging family and community involvement. Tammy also led the effort to make the dream of founder Sister Emmanuel Barragan to find the agency a permanent home, which became a reality in January 2008, when Barrio Action relocated to its new 9.1 million facility. This facility is the only youth and family center in the community of El Sereno, a community of over 54,000 residents.

Tammy, in the spirit of unity and selflessness, also strives to improve the community she works in. She is a former Board of Neighborhood Commissioners for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Neighborhood Council Review Commission, El Pueblo De Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority, the Area Planning Commission for East Los Angeles and member of the LAPD - Police and Permit Review Panel. In the past she has served in local organizations and held leadership positions. She was the co-chair of the LAPD Hollenbeck Division Police Advisory Board, El Sereno Bicentennial Committee and El Sereno Coordinating Council. She served as Board Member and President in the LA-32 Neighborhood Council, member of the Garvanza Improvement Association, and is a member of the USC State of Neighborhood Project Advisory Board and a USC Ambassador, nominated as an exceptional Latina Business Woman and Inspirational Leader of the Year by the National Latina Business Women Association (NLBWA), Los Angeles Chapter.

She has been awarded Woman of Year for Assembly District 51, as well as the Senate and in one of her most profound accomplishments, was awarded the Durfee Foundation Sabbatical Award in 2016.