



**ERIC GARCETTI**  
**MAYOR**

August 7, 2020

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Maria "Lou" Calanche to the Board of Police Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2022. Ms. Calanche will fill the vacancy created by Sandra Figueroa-Villa, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Calanche is qualified for the work that will devolve upon her, 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:** Maria "Lou" Calanche  
**Commission:** Board of Police Commissioners  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2022

**Appointee Information**

- 1. **Race/ethnicity:** Latina
- 2. **Gender:** Female
- 3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 1 - East
- 4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
- 5. **Prior commission experience:** Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority
- 6. **Highest level of education completed:** M.P.A., University of Southern California
- 7. **Occupation/profession:** Founder and Executive Director, Legacy LA
- 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):**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>APC</b>	<b>CD</b>	<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Term End</b>
Soboroff, Steve	West LA	11	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-23
Goldsmith, Shane	West LA	5	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-24
Bonner, Dale	Central	4	African American	M	30-Jun-21
Decker, Eileen	West LA	11	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-25

## **Maria Lou Calanche**

### **Biography**

**Maria “Lou” Calanche**, is the Founder and Executive Director of Legacy LA a youth development organization providing at-risk youth living in the Ramona Gardens community of Boyle Heights with the tools and resources needed to help them reach their full potential. Raised in the Ramona Gardens Community she attended local public schools Murchison Elementary School, El Sereno Middle School, and graduating from Lincoln High School where she was Student Body President. Lou’s first-hand knowledge of the issues and dynamics plaguing the community informs her work at Legacy LA and the organization’s authentic approach to youth development programs. Her long-term vision for engaging and empowering youth and residents has contributed to Legacy LA’s rapid trajectory as a model of comprehensive service provision in Boyle Heights. Lou has been a community leader in East Los Angeles for more than 20 years and leverages her background, experience, and extensive connections to ensure Legacy LA’s success. As part of the Invest in Youth campaign, Lou has been instrumental in leading a City-wide effort to increase funding for youth development in the City of Los Angeles as well as improving relationships between the City’s youth and law enforcement by implementing a youth-developed and youth-led workshop for youth and police. Prior to Legacy LA, she was a Political Science professor at East Los Angeles Community College and has also served on several community nonprofit boards and City of Los Angeles Commissions, El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Park and the City’s Housing Authority. Lou has a Master of Public Administration Degree and is a Doctoral Candidate in Public Administration at USC, focusing her research on land-use policy and citizen participation.



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Dear Ms. Calanche:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Police Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2022. 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 Claudia Luna in my office at (213) 978-0621 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 Nicole Enriquez 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 Gilbert Cedillo, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, the Chair of the Public Safety 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 Public Safety Committee. Sometime 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. Claudia Luna 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,

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Attachment I  
Ms. Maria "Lou" Calanche  
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### 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 or email the following forms to: Claudia Luna, Office of the Mayor, Office of  
Legislative and External Affairs, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA  
90012 or email: Claudia.Luna@lacity.org.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Remuneration Form**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Undated Separation Forms**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **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 via email 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.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **CEC Form 60**

**IV. As soon as possible, the Mayor's Office will schedule a meeting with you and:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Your City Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, Chair of the Council Committee  
considering your nomination.**

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