



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

July 1, 2022

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Wah Chen to the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Society for the term ending June 30, 2026. Ms. Chen will fill the vacancy created by David Louie, whose term has expired.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Chen is qualified for the work that will devolve upon her, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

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ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Wah Chen
Commission: El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Society
End of Term: 6/30/2026

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Asian Pacific Islander
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 11 - West LA
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** MBA, The Anderson School of Business at UCLA
7. **Occupation/profession:** Founding Partner, InSite Development
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume/bio
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Appointment
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

| Commissioner | APC | CD | Ethnicity | Gender | Term End |
|---------------------|--------------|----|------------------|--------|-----------|
| Garcia, Fabian | North Valley | 14 | Latinx | M | 30-Jun-25 |
| Wirfs, John | East LA | 13 | API | M | 30-Jun-22 |
| Marez, Jesse | East LA | 14 | Latinx | M | 30-Jun-24 |
| Alarcon, Patricia | East LA | 14 | Latinx | F | 30-Jun-25 |
| Vacant | | | | | 30-Jun-22 |
| Cardenas, Zelenne | South LA | 8 | Latinx | F | 30-Jun-22 |
| Beserra Nunez, Irma | South Valley | 5 | Latinx | F | 30-Jun-25 |
| Thomas, Aaron | East LA | 1 | African American | M | 30-Jun-25 |
| Ibarra, Alex | East LA | 14 | Latinx | M | 30-Jun-24 |

Wah Chen

A graduate and board of director of Columbia College/Columbia University and MBA recipient of The Anderson School of Business at UCLA, Wah has been an affordable housing real estate developer for almost two decades. She has overseen the financing, development, lease-up, stabilization of more than 25 low-income properties. She has conceptualized and executed complex multi-layered affordable subsidy housing transactions; created, owned and operated permanent supportive housing for special needs populations restricted by recorded regulatory agreements for homeless families with young children under the age of 6, homeless or at-risk homeless mentally ill individuals, chronically homeless and homeless individuals, the frail elderly and chronically ill, and disabled adults.

Most recently, Wah has helped develop one of the largest residential therapeutic communities for chronically homeless and homeless individuals in Southern California with 150 new permanent supportive housing units and 156 interim beds. Wah is also the co-founder of Leading Asian Americans United for Change (www.laaunch.org), a non profit organization that is merging with The Asian American Foundation (www.taaf.org) to advance and advocate for AAPI issues locally and nationally.



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Dear Ms. Chen:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Society for the term ending June 30, 2026. 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 contact my Commissions team by email at myr-commissions@lacity.org, to make arrangements for you.

To begin the appointment process, please review, sign, and return the enclosed Remuneration Form and Undated Separation Letters **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 all potential commissioners to be fingerprinted as part of the background check. The Commissions Team will assist in connecting you with the Personnel Background Unit so that you may schedule an appointment to have this done. You must schedule the appointment **within one week** of receiving this letter.

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 at 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 by email at nicole.enriquez@lacity.org.

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As part of the City Council confirmation process, meetings will be offered to Mike Bonin, your Councilmember, and Councilmember John Lee, the Chair of the Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods 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 Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods 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.

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
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Nominee Check List

I. Within 7 days:

_____ Schedule an appointment to get fingerprinted to complete a background check. The Commissions team will assist in connecting you with the Personnel Background Unit.

_____ Email the completed forms, found on the last three pages of this letter, to: myr-commissions@lacity.org OR mail them to: Commissions Team, Office of the Mayor, City Hall – Room 303, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

- Remuneration Form
- Undated Separation Letters

II. 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**

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 Mike Bonin

_____ Councilmember John Lee, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination