



KAREN BASS  
MAYOR

July 6, 2026

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Mr. Jerod Gunsberg to the Rent Adjustment Commission for the term ending May 20, 2030. Mr. Gunsberg's current term expired on May 20, 2026.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Gunsberg 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen Bass'.

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Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Jerod Gunsberg  
**Commission:** Rent Adjustment Commission  
**End of Term:** May 20, 2030

### Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 14 - East LA
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
7. **Occupation/profession:** Criminal Defense Attorney, Law Offices of Jerod Gunsberg
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
Gunsberg, Jerod	East LA	14	C	M	5/20/2026
Lundquist, Loraine	North Valley	12	C	F	5/20/2026
Sargsyan, Ara	North Valley	12	C	M	5/20/2030
Knezvic, Branka	South Valley	4	C	F	5/20/2030
Isaacs, Nadine	South LA	8	AA	F	5/20/2030
Brogdon, Carole	Central	4	C	F	5/20/2026
Stolarz, Dash	South Valley	3	C	F	5/20/2026

# JEROD GUNSBERG

Criminal Defense Attorney | Los Angeles, CA

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Accomplished criminal defense attorney with 17+ years of experience representing clients in state and federal courts throughout California. Founder of the Law Offices of Jerod Gunsberg, with a practice focused on complex felony and misdemeanor defense, juvenile delinquency, Fourth Amendment issues, and mental health diversion. Super Lawyers honoree. Admitted to all California State Courts and the U.S. District Courts for the Central and Southern Districts of California.

## EXPERIENCE

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### **Criminal Defense Attorney / Founder** | Law Offices of Jerod Gunsberg

*December 2008 – Present · Los Angeles, CA*

- Represent clients in all California state criminal matters, federal matters, and juvenile delinquency proceedings, from misdemeanors to complex felonies.
- Extensive experience in all facets of trial practice, including fact and legal analysis, investigations, negotiations, and mitigation.
- Federal practice includes pre-indictment representation, trial-level defense, and comprehensive sentencing representation.
- Juvenile delinquency practice includes defense of serious offense matters and cases involving potential transfer to adult court.
- Admitted pro hac vice for federal criminal matters in multiple jurisdictions beyond home districts.
- Recognized by Super Lawyers for outstanding achievement in criminal defense.

### **Director of Sales & Marketing** | Nitro Records

*June 2004 – June 2006 · Los Angeles, CA*

- Drafted and executed comprehensive marketing plans and budgets for an independent record label.
- Managed national sales staff, in-house marketing team, and outsourced marketing vendors.
- Developed and implemented an exclusive product distribution agreement with Universal Music & Video Distribution (UMVD/Fontana).

### **President & Founder** | Telegraph Company Records & Distribution

*June 1998 – May 2004 · New York, NY*

- Founded and operated an independent record label and distribution company.
- Negotiated artist recording agreements and distribution agreements; oversaw development and execution of marketing plans.
- Managed artist relations and all day-to-day operations of the label and distribution business.

### **Manager, Music Development** | Walt Disney TV Animation / The Walt Disney Studios

*July 1996 – December 1997 · Los Angeles, CA*

- Collaborated with producers, directors, and writers to place songs and thematic underscore cues in scripts for TV and direct-to-video projects.
- Evaluated submissions from composers and songwriters for current and development-stage programming.

## EDUCATION

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### **Doctor of Law (J.D.)** | Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

*2004 – 2008*

### **Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Theater** | New York University

1990 – 1994

## **BAR ADMISSIONS & COURT ADMISSIONS**

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- All California State Courts
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- Pro hac vice admissions in multiple federal jurisdictions

## **CIVIC & VOLUNTEER**

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### **Commissioner, Rent Adjustment Commission (Appeals Board) | City of Los Angeles**

*September 2023 – Present · Los Angeles, CA*

- Serve as Commissioner on the appeals board of the Los Angeles Rent Adjustment Commission (RAC).
- Conduct hearings and render decisions on appeals arising from adverse rulings by the Housing Department.
- Apply and interpret the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance in complex landlord-tenant matters.

### **Area Representative | Lincoln Heights Los Angeles Neighborhood Council**

*August 2022 – May 2023 · Los Angeles, CA*



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Dear Mr. Gunsberg:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you of your appointment to the Rent Adjustment Commission for the term ending May 20, 2030, subject to confirmation by the Los Angeles City Council.

On behalf of the people of Los Angeles, thank you for your willingness to serve. Our boards and commissions are a vital part of the City's governance, and your leadership and expertise will play an important role in shaping the future of Los Angeles.

To move forward, there are a few steps you must complete prior to the Council's consideration of your appointment. My Commission Affairs team has prepared an attached checklist with deadlines and submission instructions, and they are available to support you throughout the confirmation process.

Once again, congratulations, and thank you for your commitment to serve the people of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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Attachment I  
Mr. Jerod Gunsberg  
July 6, 2026

## Nominee Check List

### I. Within 7 days of appointment:

- Submit the completed forms, found on the last three pages of this letter, to: [myr-commissions@lacity.org](mailto: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)
- Schedule a fingerprinting appointment to complete your background check.
  - The Commissions team will connect you with the Personnel Background Unit.
- Complete and file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700).
- Submit the CEC Form 60 (Ethics Clearance Form) to the City Ethics Commission.
  - The City Council cannot act on your nomination until the Ethics Department receives and submits your filings.
  - Note: you will be required to submit the same forms again after you are sworn in

### II. Council Member Meetings:

You may be asked to meet with Councilmembers prior to your hearings.

- Your City Councilmember Ysabel J. Jurado
- Councilmember Nithya Raman, Chair of the Council Committee, considering your nomination

### III. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- Housing and Homelessness Committee Hearing
  - The Clerk's office will contact you once your item has been scheduled.
- Full Council Hearing and Oath of Office
  - The Clerk's office will contact you once your item has been scheduled.

### V. Standing Requirements

- Notify the Commissions team of any changes in address or contact information.
- If you wish to resign, you must submit a resignation letter to [myr-commissions@lacity.org](mailto:myr-commissions@lacity.org).