



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

June 8, 2026

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Ms. Zerita Jones to the House LA Citizens Oversight Committee for the term ending June 30, 2031. Ms. Jones's current term expires on June 30, 2026.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Jones is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work which shall devolve upon her, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

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

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Zerita Jones
Commission: House LA Citizens Oversight Committee
End of Term: 6/30/2031

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** African American
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 10 - South LA
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** A.A., Paralegal Studies, A.A., Real Estate, West Los Angeles College
7. **Occupation/profession:**
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
Lewis, Nancy	West LA	5	C	F	6/30/2026
Holland, Taylor	Central	5	AA	F	6/30/2026
Coulter	East LA	14	L	F	6/30/2030
Romero, Kristal	East LA	1	L	F	6/30/2030
Barragan, Roberto	North Valley	12	L	M	6/30/2029
Williams, Brittany Danielle	Central	5	C	F	6/30/2029
Knight, Zella	North Valley	2	AA	F	6/30/2026
Routt, Antonia	South LA	10	AA	F	6/30/2030
Nishimoto, Jeanne	South LA	9	API	F	6/30/2029
Jones, Zerita	South LA	10	AA	F	6/30/2026
Reed, Leilani	West LA	11	AA	F	6/30/2026
Morales, Alma	Central	13	L	F	6/30/2030
Abarca, Fernando	South LA	10	L	M	6/30/2029
Cea, Charlie	Central	13	L	M	6/30/2030
Ascorra, Natalie	North Valley	12	L	F	6/30/2029

ZERITA JONES



Select Skills and Abilities

- Communicate effectively
- Positive attitude
- Great with problem-solving
- Adaptability & Flexibility
- Attention to Detail
- Relationship builder
- Motivated
- Team Player

Other Member Affiliations

- Black & Asian Coalition
- Black and LatinX Community Coalition
- End Homelessness Now!-LA, Campaign

Related Coursework

- Community Organizing
- Affordable Housing Development
- Organizing and Civil Engagement
- Community Development and Cooperatives
- Contract & Business Law
- Property Management
- Real Estate
 - Finance
 - Economics
 - Principles
 - Practice
 - Appraisal
 - Escrow

Summary/Objective

Community organizer and activist with the focus on decommodifying housing, and tenant advocacy to encourage long standing community members to organize and work on community issues in solidarity.

Education

- Susan Miller High School 1983
- Cal State University, Los Angeles
 - Computer Information Systems 1991
- West Los Angeles College
 - AA Paralegal Studies 2015
 - AA Real Estate 2016
- Los Angeles Trade Technical College
 - Certificate Community Organizing 2019

Experience

- Albertsons, Grocery Manager (1994-2013)
- Lucky Stores, 4th Manager (1992-1994)
- Boys Market, Journeyman Checker/ Key Manager (1986-1992)

Volunteer Experience

- **Co-Founder of the Concerned Community Members of Chesapeake Apartments** (Tenant Association of 425 units)
- **Co-Founder of the Baldwin Leimert Crenshaw Local** (Los Angeles Tenants Union)
- **Board Vice-Chairperson of the Liberty Community Land Trust** (Crenshaw Corridor, South Central Los Angeles)
- **Board Secretary of the Los Angeles County Client Coalition Inc.**, (Advocacy against the incarceration of women with mental health issues)
- **Tenant Chapter Secretary of Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment** (CD 10 Chapter Member)
- **Active participant in the Right To Counsel Coalition** (Steering Committee)
- An active partner in the Emergency Renter Assistance Program
- **Member of Our Future LA Coalition to end homelessness** (Steering Committee)
- **Vice Chairperson of Jefferson Exposition Park West Adams Community Land Trust** (South Central Los Angeles and Korea Town Neighborhoods) Currently **Executive Director**
- **Board Member, Los Angeles County Affordable Solutions Agency** (Civilian Oversight Committee Chairperson, Expert as Housing Justice Organizer)



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Dear Ms. Jones:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you of your appointment to the House LA Citizens Oversight Committee for the term ending June 30, 2031, 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
Ms. Zerita Jones
June 8, 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 **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 Heather Hutt
- 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.