



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

March 21, 2023

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. Steven Vasquez to the South LA Area Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2023. Mr. Vasquez will fill the vacancy created by Cynthia Gonzalez, whom I removed effective May 5, 2023 or at the time Ms. Gonzalez's successor is confirmed by the City Council.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Vasquez is qualified for the work that will 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".

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Steven Vasquez
Commission: South LA Area Planning Commission
End of Term: 6/30/2023

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Latinx
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 10 - South LA
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** Chef Training Certification, Epicurean Cooking School
7. **Occupation/profession:** Founder and Chef, Cooking with Gabby / General Manager, Anwar's Kitchen
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):**

Steven V. Vasquez Sr.

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Community

- Cooking With Gabby - Founder and Chef 2009 - Present
- Film Producer: **Lost in America** 2019 -Release
 - Documentary advocating for homeless youth in America
- President Of the Mid City Neighborhood Council 2003 - 2007
- Member Empowerment Congress Executive Committee 2006 - 2007

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Anwar's Kitchen - General Manager 2020 - Present
- Kate Mantilini - General Manager 1996 - 2017
- Cucina Paradiso - General Manager 2004 - 2005
- Beck and Call Catering - Chef 1993 - 1996

EDUCATION

Chef Training Certificate - Epicurean Cooking School



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Dear Mr. Vasquez:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the South LA Area Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2023, subject to confirmation by the City Council. 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 Heather Hutt, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, the Chair of the Planning and Land Use Management 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 Planning and Land Use Management 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.

Per the City Charter, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and the last name "Bass" clearly distinguishable.

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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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 Heather Hutt

_____ Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination