



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

August 4, 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. Rasha Shields to the Board of Police Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2031. Ms. Shields's current term expired on June 30, 2026.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Shields 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".

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Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Rasha Shields
Commission: Board of Police Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2031

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 2 - South Valley
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., University of California, Los Angeles School of Law
7. **Occupation/profession:** Partner, Attorney, Jones Day
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
Aubry, Heather	Central	13	AA	F	6/30/2029
Garcia, Fabian	North Valley	7	L	M	6/30/2028
Shields, Rasha	South Valley	2	ME	F	6/30/2026
Skobin, Jeffrey	North Valley	12	L / C	M	6/30/2027
Tabor, Daniel	South LA	10	AA	M	6/30/2030

RASHA GERGES SHIELDS

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES – J.D., May 2001

Honors: Order of the Coif; Law Guild of Beverly Hills' 2000-2001 Eleanor Klein Merit Award

Activities: President, State Team Member, and Distinguished Advocate of Moot Court Honors Program; Supervising Teaching Fellow; Lawyering Skills Teaching Assistant; Research Assistant for Professor David Binder

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE – B.A., *cum laude*, Political Science, June 1997 (obtained degree in 3 years)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

JONES DAY, Los Angeles, CA

10/14 – present

Partner. Handle all aspects of complex civil litigation, government and internal investigations, and corporate compliance. Committed to pro bono: represented unaccompanied minors, women, and LGBTQ+ asylum seekers; represented victim of human trafficking in vacatur proceedings; filed amicus briefs (including to U.S. Supreme Court) against travel bans and in support of women in military.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, CRIMINAL DIVISION, Los Angeles, CA

6/07 – 9/14

Deputy Chief, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (1/12 - 9/14), Assistant United States Attorney. Conducted all aspects of criminal prosecution and supervised other AUSAs with respect to all charging decisions and proposed plea dispositions. Tried multiple criminal jury trials, argued appeals, and directed federal and local law enforcement agencies in dozens of federal criminal grand jury and wiretap investigations. Served as liaison between prosecutors and the DEA.

JONES DAY, Los Angeles, CA

10/03 – 6/07

Associate in the Issues & Appeals Practice Group. Argued before the California Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit, the California Court of Appeal, and state trial courts. Represented victim of wrongful murder conviction seeking compensation for 20 years of imprisonment. Participated in pro bono and diversity, recruiting, and training committees.

FEDERAL CLERKSHIPS

- *Law Clerk to the Honorable Ferdinand F. Fernandez*, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit (9/02 – 9/03)
- *Law Clerk to the Honorable Gary A. Fees*, United States District Court, Central District of California (9/01 – 9/02)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

SIGNIFICANT APPOINTMENTS

- **Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners** (2023-present): Appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass in March 2023; served as Vice President from 2023-2025; currently serve as President; previously served as Co-Chair of Advisory Committee to Police Commission on Building Trust & Equity (2020-2022)
- **California Supreme Court and Appellate Bias Prevention Committee** (2023-present): Appointed by California Supreme Court Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero
- **UCLA's Public Safety Co-Chair** (2021-2022): Appointed by UCLA Chancellor Gene Block

BOARD LEADERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP & OTHER VOLUNTEER SERVICES

- *California Minority Counsel Program*, Board Member (2024-present)
- *Chancery Club of Los Angeles*, Treasurer (2025-present); Member (2020-present)
- *Just the Beginning – A Pipeline Organization*, Los Angeles Steering Committee Member (2016-present)
- *California ChangeLawyers*, President-Elect (2021-2024); Board Member (2017-2024)
- *Arab American Lawyers Association of Southern California*, President (2019-2021), Board Member (2015-2023)
- *UCLA Law Alumni Association*, President (2019-2020), Board Member (2006-2011, 2017-2023)
- *Los Angeles County Bar Association*, Co-Chair, President's Task Force on Racial and Social Justice Member (2020-2023); Co-Chair, Dialogues on Freedom Committee (2015-2023)
- *Women's White Collar Defense Association*, Global Co-Chair of Diversity Committee (2020-2023)
- *El Rancho High School Teen Court Program*, Attorney Proctor (2014-2020)
- *California Women's Law Center*, Secretary & Board Member (2015-2018)
- *Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles*, Lifetime Member

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

- Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles's Distinguished Service Award (2024)
- California Minority Counsel Program's Law Firm Diversity Leader Award (2018)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association's Patricia Phillips Outstanding Committee Service Award (2017)
- Recognized on *Daily Journal's* 2023 and 2024 lists of "Top Women Lawyers in California"
- Recognized by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* on several lists, including "Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Lawyers" (2023), "Women of Influence: Attorneys" (2022), "Thriving in Their 40s" (2022), "Leaders of Influence: Minority Attorneys" (2021)
- Recognized among *L.A. Business First's* 2023 list of "Women of Influence," and Who's Who Legal's Investigations (2024-2025) and Investigations - Future Leaders (2020-2023) lists.



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Dear Ms. Shields:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you of your appointment to the Board of Police Commissioners 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. Rasha Shields
August 4, 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 Adrin Nazarian
- ☐ Councilmember John Lee, Chair of the Council Committee, considering your nomination

III. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- ☐ Public Safety 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.