



KAREN BASS  
MAYOR

November 26, 2025

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. Allan Marks to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2030.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Marks 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.

Mr. Marks will fill the vacancy created by the departure of George McGraw.

Sincerely,

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KAREN BASS  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Allan Marks  
**Commission:** Board of Water and Power Commissioners  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2030

### Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** male
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 5 - West Los Angeles
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, Berkeley School of Law
7. **Occupation/profession:** Terebinth Advisors LLC; Consultant
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Appointment
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Race	Gender	Term End
Benny Tran	Central	9	API	M	6/30/2029
VACANT					6/30/2030
VACANT					6/30/2026
Wilma Pinder	South LA	10	African American	F	6/30/2027
Nurit Katz	South Valley	4	Caucasian	F	6/30/2028

# ALLAN T. MARKS

## EDUCATION

### **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW**

Juris Doctor, 1990

### **THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY**

Bachelor of Arts (with honors), International Studies, 1986

### **INSTITUTE OF EUROPEAN STUDIES (now IES Abroad)**

Vienna, Austria, 1984

Studies in international monetary economics and European history; intern at UNIDO in the Office of the Executive Director, Special Advisory Group on Energy

Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany, 1985

IES European Union Program on Economic & Political Integration, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

### **SELF-EMPLOYED CONSULTANT**, Los Angeles, California

Strategic advice on risk, regulatory and market trends, energy, infrastructure, sustainability, finance, geopolitics and international investment (2025 – present)

### **MILBANK LLP**, Los Angeles, California

*Partner* (2000 – 2024), previously *Associate Attorney* (1990 – 2000)

Lawyer in Milbank's Global Project, Energy and Infrastructure Finance Group and the firm's Renewable Energy, Private Equity, Latin America, and Global Risk & National Security practices. Managed complex project financings, acquisitions, joint ventures, restructurings, securities offerings, private placements, public-private partnerships, project development, derivatives, corporate and commercial transactions with an aggregate value over \$100 billion for sophisticated institutional clients in the United States, Latin America, Asia and Europe. Led innovative transactions in power/renewable energy, water supply and water treatment, transportation, rail, airports, ports, digital infrastructure, biofuels, social infrastructure, telecommunications, and other sectors. Deeply skilled in risk allocation and risk management, international finance, cross-border investment, sustainability, construction, regulatory compliance, and tax structuring. Advised diverse clients: project sponsors and developers; private equity, private credit and infrastructure funds; public companies, utilities, and multinationals; lenders, underwriters, arrangers, banks and institutional

investors; and creditors in workouts and high-profile bankruptcies. Collaborated across offices to build successful, market-leading teams globally. Created and implemented initiatives on ESG, sustainability, climate and other matters and served on various firm-wide committees.

#### **UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID)**

*Legal/Regulatory Specialist*

USAID Advisory Mission to the Government of India in Support of Indian Private Power Initiative, subcontractor to RCG/Hagler, Bailly, Inc. (Washington, D.C. and New Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, and Chennai, India, Spring-Summer 1993)

#### **UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*Legislative Aide* to Representative Frank Horton (NY - 29<sup>th</sup> Congressional District), focused on energy, environment, transportation, international trade, tax and national security issues (Washington, D.C., 1986 – 1987)

#### **PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

**Pacific Council on International Policy**, Member (2020 – present)

**COP27 – The 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC Conference of the Parties)**, Party Overflow Delegate, Kingdom of Tonga (2022)

**Law360**, Editorial Board - Project Finance (2021 – 2022)

**State Bar of California, Section on Real Property Law, Subsection on Public Private Infrastructure**, Founding Subsection Co-Chair (2007 – 2018)

**North American Infrastructure Law Forum**, Founding Co-Chair, 2009 – 2014, and Steering Committee Member (United States and Canada, 2009 – 2015)

**Institute of the Americas**, Energy Steering Committee (2005-2008)

#### **NON-PROFIT BOARDS AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

**Hillside Memorial Park and Mortuary**, Council of Directors (2024 – present); service on committees for Finance, Investment and 80-year Plan

**The Colburn School**, Board of Directors (2023 – present); service on Finance Committee and Building Committee (overseeing the ongoing construction of a new \$325 million, Frank Gehry-designed concert hall and dance academy expansion in Downtown Los Angeles), and Chair of Ad-hoc Security Task Force

**Street Symphony**, Board of Directors and Treasurer (2022 – present)

**MoveLA**, Leadership Board and Executive Committee (2015 – present)

**Temple Israel of Hollywood**, Board of Trustees (2018 – 2024); non-board service on Finance, Investment and Senior Rabbi Search committees (2024 – present)

**East Bay Community Law Center**, Advisory Board (2014 – 2021)

**Family Violence Appellate Project**, Board of Directors (2016 – 2019)

**Virginia Avenue Project**, Board of Directors (2001-2006)

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY – School of Law and Haas School of Business

*Lecturer – Continuing Appointment*

<https://www.law.berkeley.edu/our-faculty/faculty-profiles/allan-marks>

Teach law and finance in the Law School (JD and LLM students, 2008 -- present) and previously in the Haas MBA program (2008 – 2020)

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES – UCLA School of Law

*Lecturer in Law; Affiliated Faculty, Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment and the Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy (Spring 2025 – present)*

<https://law.ucla.edu/faculty/faculty-profiles/allan-marks>

### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY – Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment at Columbia Climate School and (previously) Columbia Law School

*Senior Fellow (2024 – present)*

[https://ccsi.columbia.edu/content/fellows-researchers-and-assistants#single\\_image-10381](https://ccsi.columbia.edu/content/fellows-researchers-and-assistants#single_image-10381)

### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY – School of Professional Studies, Center for Global Affairs

*Non-Resident Visiting Senior Fellow (2025 – present)*

<https://www.sps.nyu.edu/about/academic-divisions-and-departments/center-for-global-affairs/non-resident-fellows.html>

### THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY – GW Law School

*Distinguished Scholar, Energy Law & Sustainability; Professorial Lecturer in Law (2025 – present)*

<https://www.law.gwu.edu/allan-marks>

### UNIVERSIDAD PANAMERICANA – Post-Graduate/Masters Program in Business Law (*La Maestría en Derecho de la Empresa*)

*Lecturer, taught course “Project Finance Concepts and Case Studies – Los Fundamentos de Financiamiento de Proyectos” (Mexico City, Spring 2005)*

## ATTORNEY AND COURT ADMISSIONS

State Bar of California

United States District Court for the Northern District of California

## PUBLICATIONS

Contributor, *Forbes* – <https://www.forbes.com/sites/allanmarks/>

Selected publications – <https://muckrack.com/allan-marks>



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Dear Mr. Marks:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you of your appointment to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 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  
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## **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 Katy Yaroslavsky
- Councilmember Adrin Nazarian, Chair of the Council Committee, considering your nomination

### **III. Public Meetings at City Hall:**

- Energy & Environment 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).