



KAREN BASS  
MAYOR

December 15, 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. Rolando Chavez to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2028.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Chavez 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. Chavez will fill the vacancy created by the departure of James Jensvold.

Sincerely,

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

KAREN BASS  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Rolando Chavez  
**Commission:** Board of Animal Services Commissioners  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2028

### Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Latinx
2. **Gender:** male
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 1 - Central
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** Master of Public Administration, California State University, Los Angeles
7. **Occupation/profession:** Associate Vice President of Government Affairs, AltaMed Health Network
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
Smith, Yvette	Harbor	15	Caucasian	F	6/30/2026
McBeth-Featherstone, Alison	Central	10	African American	F	6/30/2029
VACANT					6/30/2028
Garcia, Olivia	Central	5	Latino	F	6/30/2027
Kasendorf, Alexander	South Valley	6	Caucasian	M	6/30/2030

# Rolando Chávez Carranza

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **AltaMed Health Network – Government Affairs and Community Engagement Department**

*Associate Vice President of Government Affairs*

*09/2025 - Present*

- Establish and lead AltaMed Health Network's Government Affairs & Community Engagement department, developing the strategic framework, operational structure, and organizational processes to advance systemwide policy and advocacy priorities.
- Lead enterprise-wide government affairs, policy advocacy, and community engagement strategy to advance AltaMed's mission, with a focus on Medicaid Managed Care, health equity, and regulatory alignment across federal, state, and local levels.
- Serve as the organization's primary liaison to elected officials, regulatory agencies, trade associations, health plans, and community partners to influence policy outcomes and elevate AltaMed's presence in the healthcare policy landscape.
- Oversee analysis of legislation, regulations, and budget proposals; provide strategic guidance and actionable recommendations to executive leadership on political trends, policy impacts, and organizational risk.
- Direct large-scale advocacy campaigns, coalition partnerships, and external policy forums to shape legislation, regulatory rulemaking, and public health initiatives affecting Medi-Cal members and underserved communities.
- Lead the development and execution of community engagement strategies that strengthen relationships with local leaders, community-based organizations, and public health stakeholders, increasing awareness of AltaMed's programs and services.
- Collaborate with communications and public affairs teams to craft advocacy messaging, policy briefs, and public testimony; serve as spokesperson in hearings, media interactions, and community forums as needed.
- Manage and mentor a cross-functional team of government affairs and community engagement professionals to meet departmental goals and advance AltaMed's advocacy agenda.

### **AltaMed Health Services – Government Relations Department**

*Director of Government Affairs*

*03/2025 – 09/2025*

- Lead multi-level government affairs strategy advancing AltaMed's mission and policy priorities across federal, state, and local levels, with a focus on underserved California communities.
- Build and sustain high-impact relationships with legislators, regulatory agencies, and key stakeholders to shape public policy and secure support for healthcare equity initiatives.
- Monitor and analyze legislative and regulatory actions; deliver policy impact reports and strategic recommendations to senior leadership.
- Represent AltaMed in coalitions, trade associations, and legislative hearings; advocate for health equity and reduced disparities through testimony and policy engagement.
- Orchestrate public policy forums, legislative convenings, and large-scale advocacy campaigns, mobilizing community partners and increasing AltaMed's civic visibility.
- Supervise and mentor Government Relations staff, aligning team performance with departmental goals and strengthening leadership capacity.
- Implemented advocacy platforms and successful "call-to-action" campaigns, driving stakeholder engagement and influencing healthcare policy outcomes.

*Manager, Legislative and Advocacy Affairs*

*03/2023 – 03/2025*

- Managed and trained a six-person staff team to ensure effective department operations: implement strategic policy initiatives, obtain federal and state government grants, and manage programs.
- Developed, lead, and managed inclusive processes for overall public policy advocacy, strategy development, and implementation to support AltaMed directives and priorities by identifying and organizing internal and external cross-functional stakeholders to effectively engage with policymakers, regulators, and elected officials at federal, state, and local levels.
- Tracked and provided strategic counsel on federal, state, and local legislation on issues impacting AltaMed, including analyzing and sponsoring proposed legislation, preparing policy briefs, and recommending legislative and messaging strategies.
- Tracked and analyzed local, state, and federal legislation, motions, campaigns, initiatives, and any other item of interest.
- Conducted research and data analysis for policy summaries and briefs and contribute to policy and advocacy strategies
- Increased visibility by attending and presenting at local, state, and national events, meetings, and conferences.
- Maintained close relationship with elected officials and partners across all levels of government.

*Senior Policy Analyst*

*05/2021 – 03/2023*

- Monitored and managed federal, state, and local policies and legislation impacting organization operations and patients.
- Maintained close relationships with elected officials and staff at all levels of government. Assisted with committee hearings, meetings, presentations, legislation, and policy summaries.
- Lead our Community Funding Project requests at the federal level, which brought over \$2.5M in 2022.
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- Worked closely with partners on priority issues that impact community health centers (e.g., Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County, California Primary Care Association, and National Association of Community Health Centers)
- Supported Civic Engagement campaigns through canvassing, phone banking, voter registration, and voter education.
- Managed and facilitate AltaMed's Advocacy and Leadership Academy, which has trained over 100 community leaders since it was established in 2020, in addition update curriculum, toolkits, booklets, and other educational materials.

## **U.S. House of Representatives: Congressman Jimmy Gomez (CA-34)**

*Congressional Field Deputy*

08/2019 – 01/2021

- Served as a representative for the Congressman, within Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights, Pico Union, and MacArthur Park; managed a legislative portfolio that included immigration, education, census, criminal justice, and voting rights.
- Maintained close relationships with community leaders to develop strategies for outreach and community engagement with stakeholders and constituents; listened to their concerns and answered questions on behalf of the Congressman.
- Provided Spanish translation and interpretation for social media, flyers, letters, pamphlets, and trifolds that provided information on casework, legislation, and resources available to them.
- Established the Youth Advisory Council by creating an application process, educational programming, and by laws; this program allowed 18 students to become civically by meeting monthly to discuss issues within the district, legislation, and created memos with legislative recommendations for the Congressman.
- Coordinated and assisted with the Congressional Art Competition, which received over 60 submissions annually and allowed students within in the district to demonstrate their artistic abilities.
- Assisted in the execution of a texting campaign, in English and Spanish, which provided updates on COVID-19 resources to over 70,000 constituents in the district.

*Congressional Staff Assistant*

09/2017 – 08/2019

- Worked with constituents as a caseworker by assisting them with individual cases as they sought help with federal agencies.
- Managed daily front desk operations of the Congressional District Office in Los Angeles
- Assisted district director, office manager, and field staff with office projects, field projects, and community outreach, including media and photography.
- Managed, onboarded, and trained a team of up to 3 to 6 interns per semester that were crucial to the success of the office.
- Assisted Chief of Staff in developing a 499-mailing program where over 30 letters were written and mailed to provide constituents with legislative, event, and casework updates.

## **21<sup>st</sup> Century Fox – Government Relations**

*Government Relations Intern*

02/2017 – 05/2017

- Assisted with research for committee hearings, meetings, presentations, legislation and policy summaries.
- Corresponded with community partners; participated in event coordination.
- Updated political and charitable contributions hard and electronic files; online government reporting system, and film release and state production charts.
- Conducted and presented data analysis of peer studios contribution spending.
- Managed charitable, in-kind, and political tax and gift reporting letters, and acknowledgements.
- Participated in coordinating internal and external resources to obtain information for assignments or projects as needed.
- Retrieved files and assemble documents for use of government affairs staff.
- Attended meetings; participate in relevant councils, and other committees or hearings with the objective of obtaining resourceful information needed for future projects or event.

## **Office of California Secretary of State, Alex Padilla**

*Galbraith Fellow*

01/2016 – 07/2016

- Participated and helped organize initiatives to improve and increase voter education and voter rates in California.
- Worked along with the Secretary of State team, the Department of Education, public and private educational institutions, and other entities to support and propose youth-focused voter participation projects and curriculum.
- Attended meetings; participated in relevant councils, and other committees with the objective to inspire young people to take part in government.
- Assisted with research necessary, in order to seek partnerships for the Secretary to collaborate with state and local agencies and nonprofit organizations that focus on promoting good citizenship in young people.
- Participated in coordinating internal and external resources to obtain information for assignments as needed.
- Provided customer service to business partners by responding to information inquires.
- Summarized and drafted written correspondence to customers and for documentation purposes.
- Assisted in preparing and maintaining action plans which report the status of ongoing projects, proposals and critical items relevant to the Outreach Services.

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## EDUCATION

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**California State University, Los Angeles**

Master of Public Administration

**California State University, Los Angeles**

Bachelor of Arts: Political Science, Pre-Legal Option; Minor in English

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## LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

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**Cal State LA Alumni Association**

*Director at Large*

*07/2024 – Present*

**Coro Lead LA Fellowship**

*Fellow*

*07/2024 – 05/2025*

**Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council**

*Board Member*

*05/2024 – Present*

**San Fernando Valley Young Democrats**

*Legislative Director*

*06/2022 – 06/2023*



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Dear Mr. Chavez:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you of your appointment to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2028, 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. Rolando Chavez  
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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 Eunisses Hernandez
- Councilmember Ysabel Jurado, Chair of the Council Committee, considering your nomination

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

- Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Community Enrichment 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).