



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

December 2, 2025

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Catherine Hernandez to the Area Planning Commission - South LA for the term ending June 30, 2028.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Hernandez 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.

Ms. Hernandez will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Steven Vasquez.

Sincerely,

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

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Catherine Hernandez
Commission: Area Planning Commission - South LA
End of Term: 6/30/2028

Appointee Information

1. **Race:**
2. **Gender:** female
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 8 - South 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:** B.A., Architecture, Landscape, & Interiors, OTIS College of Art & Design
7. **Occupation/profession:** Senior Public Lead, Brilliant Corners
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
Ariel Torres-Socarras	South LA	9	Latino	M	6/30/2030
VACANT					6/30/2028
Julio Esperias, Jr.	South LA	9	Latino	M	6/30/2026
Eric Bates	South LA	10	African-American	M	6/30/2027
Stacey Pruitt	South LA	10	African-American	F	6/30/2029

CATHERINE HERNANDEZ

Los Angeles, CA

Professional Affiliations
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MINORITY ARCHITECTS
URBAN LAND INSTITUTE
ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

Academic Appointments
2021 LICENSURE THANKTHANK
NCARB

ALUMNI PRESIDENTS COUNCIL
OTIS COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN
2020- Present
TEACHING ASSISTANT- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
CAL POLY POMONA
FALL 2021, WINTER 2021

CHARRETTE PROGRAM COORDINATOR
OTIS COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN
FALL 2020
GUEST LECTURER
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON
FALL 2020

GUEST LECTURER
CAREER AMBASSADORS AT CD TECH
2019
TEACHING ASSISTANT
OTIS COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN
2016

Programs
DESIGN AS PROTEST: POLICY & YOUTH OUTREACH
CO-ORGANIZER

LATINOS IN ARCHITECTURE:
COMMITTEE STRATEGY
2021
SOCAL NOMA: PROJECT PIPELINE SUMMER CAMP
FACILITATOR/MENTOR
2015-2020

LATINOS IN ARCHITECTURE:
PANELIST NOMA CONFERENCE
2020

LAUSD: STEM COLLEGE PREP
STUDENT MENTOR
2019-2018

LAUSD: STEM ROBOTICS
STUDENT MENTOR
2018

Software

3D	2D
Rhino w/ V-Ray	AutoCad
Grasshopper	Archicad
AGI 32	Bluebeam
Archicad	BIM 360
ADOBE	OFFICE SUITES
Photoshop	Microsoft Office
Illustrator	iWork
Indesign	
Lightroom	

Work Experience SENIOR PROJECT LEAD,
BRILLIANT CORNERS
November 2020 – Present
Los Angeles, CA

selected projects
HUD PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING 2
Los Angeles CA | Housing | 128 units | PD-CD

- Review of Land Use Assessment
- Responsible for design guidelines
- Responsible for all funding sources
- Bid Walkthroughs and bid leveling
- Responsible for drawing coordination, consultants, Plan check, VE
- Construction Documents, RFI's, Submittals, and Site Visits

SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER,
ABODE COMMUNITIES
November 2019 – November 2020
Los Angeles, CA

selected projects
ADAMS TERRACE 1 & ADAMS TERRACE 2
Los Angeles CA | Housing | 128 units | DD-CD

- Review of Land Use Assessment
- Bid Walkthroughs and bid leveling
- Responsible for drawing coordination, consultants, Plan check, VE
- Construction Documents, RFI's, Submittals, and Site Visits

LA VERANDA
Los Angeles CA | Housing | 78 units | PD-CD

- Review of Land Use Assessment
- Responsible for drawing coordination, consultants, Plan check, VE
- Responsible for budget and Funding Requirements
- Construction Documents, RFI's, Submittals, and Site Visits

JOB CAPTAIN/PROJECT MANAGER,
OFFICE42 ARCHITECTURE
June 2013 – November 2019
Los Angeles, CA

selected projects
SOUTH LA CAFE
Los Angeles CA | Cafe | 3,000 sf | PD-CA

- Pre Design to Construction Administration of Laundromat to Cafe conversion
- FFE Specifications including millwork and furniture layout
- Bid Walkthroughs and bid leveling/ Budget

YWCA TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
Los Angeles CA | Residential | 60 units | DD-CA

- Plan Check set, change of use
- Bid Walkthroughs and bid leveling to meet city's budget and funding req.
- Construction Documents, RFI's, Submittals, and Site Visits

GERMAINE RESIDENCE
Los Angeles CA | Residential | 1,400 sf. | PD-PC (IN PROGRESS)

- Ground up single family dwelling
- Feasibility study of lot development for SFD and ADU

SKID ROW HOUSING TRUST: WELDON, SIMONE, & ROSSMORE APARTMENTS
Los Angeles CA | Housing | 260 units | SD-CA

- Interior furnishing
- Furnishing Install and resident move in coordination

SKID ROW HOUSING TRUST: CREST APARTMENTS
Los Angeles CA | Housing | 60 units | DD-CA

- Custom furniture design and fabrication oversight

COMMUNITY COALITION
Los Angeles CA | Community center/ Offices | 8,000 sf | PD-CA

- Coordination of community design meetings
- Interior Furnishings and install
- Construction documents, RFI's, Submittals, and Site Visits

ATTUNE HEALTH, MEDICAL CENTER
Los Angeles CA | Medical Center/Offices | 8,000 SF | PD-CA

- Site Assesment
- Corrdiantion with consultants, drawing sets, bidders, funders, budgetting
- FFE Specifications including millwork, medical equipment, furniture

<i>Volunteer</i>	CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZING <i>Present</i> <i>Work Experience</i>	JR. DESIGNER, FRANCIS KRAHE AND ASSOCIATES, Drawing production, specification writing, detailing, lighting calculations, presentation boards, and renderings.	May 2012– May 2013 Los Angeles, CA
	plan outlines a set of specific outreach and public participation strategies with assigned roles and a timeline for new or reoccurring projects that will impact the community either at the neighborhood or citywide level.		
	STRATEGIC ACTIONS FOR A JUST ECONOMY <i>Present</i>	SWIM COACH/LIFEGUARD CITY OF LOS ANGELES	2009-2016 Los Angeles, CA
	Currently training for weekly tenant clinics to assist residents with questions about their tenant rights, assist in filing habitability complaints, and provide support as they work to resolve disputes with landlords.		
	O.A.C.L.A. <i>2017- Present</i>	LAB TECHNICIAN, OTIS COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN,	October 2009 – May 2013 Los Angeles, CA
	Feasibility study and fundraising package for Avalon Carver Community Center (20,000 sf) in South L.A. Project includes volunteer led exterior beautification, programming, and mural design.		
	SOCAL NOMA PROJECT PIPELINE <i>2016, 2018, 2019</i>	DESIGN & MEDIA INTERN, MONTALBA ARCHITECTS	January-May 2012 Santa Monica, CA
	Camp Volunteer, led a group of youth in all design phases for multiple projects		
	COMMUNITY COALITION <i>2007-2015, 2018</i>	<i>Education</i> BACHELOR OF ARTS FOCUSED IN: ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE & INTERIORS OTIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN, Dean's List, <i>2009 – 2013</i>	2013 Los Angeles, CA
	Youth organizer and recruiter to create safe school environments and school beautification. Participated and organized for the "150 Liquor Store Shut Down" in South Los Angeles to create a healthier and safe neighborhood. Currently community organizing for neighborhood development in vacant lots		
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY <i>2014-2018</i>	LIGHTING DESIGN CERTIFICATE, OTIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN,	2013 Los Angeles, CA	
Organized construction equipment, advised others on the right equipment to use for residential construction. Collected and recycled materials from sites for possible future construction.			
SURFRIDER FOUNDATION <i>2012</i>	CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES,	2014 Los Angeles, CA	
Public awareness to introduce others to pressing environmental and social issues through research and creative action. Design leader for outdoor public installations and campaign.			
<i>Awards</i>	CREATING A LANDMARK IN SOUTH LA. <i>2015</i>		
	CITY OF LOS ANGELES CD8		
	DEANS LIST, <i>2013</i>		
	OTIS COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN		
	DONGHIA DESIGN, <i>2013</i>		
	ANGELO DONGHIA FOUNDATION SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD		
	LIGHTING DESIGN, <i>2012</i>		
	IESLA: RUSSEL COLE MEMORIAL LIGHTING DESIGN COMPETITION		
	CHARENTE FINALIST, <i>2011</i>		
OTIS COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN			
MODEL CRAFTSMANSHIP, <i>2009</i>			
NAHB: WOMEN'S BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION			
ARCH. DRAWING AND MODEL BUILDING, <i>2009</i>			
NAHB: WOMEN'S BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION			
<i>Languages</i>	ENGLISH		
	SPANISH		
	QUICHE		



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Dear Ms. Hernandez:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you of your appointment to the Area Planning Commission - South LA 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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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 Marqueece Harris-Dawson
- Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, Chair of the Council Committee, considering your nomination

III. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- Planning and Land Use Management 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.