



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

May 7, 2026

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. Clarence Daniels, Jr. to the Board of Airport Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2029.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Daniels, Jr. 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. Daniels, Jr. will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Matthew Kaczmarek.

Sincerely,

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

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Clarence Daniels, Jr.
Commission: Board of Airport Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2029

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** African American
2. **Gender:** male
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 13 - Central
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., Howard University
7. **Occupation/profession:** Retired
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
Nicholas Roxborough	South Valley	3	Caucasian	M	6/30/2030
Matthew Johnson	Central	5	African American	M	6/30/2030
VACANT					6/30/2029
Courtney La Bau	West LA	11	Caucasian	F	6/30/2029
Victor Narro	South Valley	4	Latinx	M	6/30/2026
Vanessa Aramayo	East LA	14	Latinx	F	6/30/2028
Valeria Velasco	West LA	11	Latinx	F	6/30/2027

CLARENCE DANIELS, JR

SUMMARY

Dynamic CEO and founder with over 30 years of experience in the food and beverage sector. Expertise in policy writing, contract negotiation, and budget management. Successfully led multiple projects that enhanced airport dining experiences and fostered local business partnerships.

EXPERIENCE

Chairman, CEO, Founder, 01/1994 - 06/2016

CMS Hospitality - Los Angeles, California

- Oversaw and executed all aspects of ownership development and operation for over 40 food and beverage concessions at LAX and seven additional airports.
- Coordinated with Westfield Concessions and LAWA on the design and opening of the food court in the new Tom Bradley International terminal
- Among the first Lax concessionaires to bring local Los Angeles owned restaurants into LAX helping to create "A Sense of Place". These included Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, Panda Express, BLD, Loteria Grill, Counter Burger, Yogurtland, and Marmalade Cafe.

President of Educational Dining, 08/1991 - 10/1993

Aramark(formerly ARA) - Philadelphia, PA

- Managed a national team responsible for marketing, sales and operations of food services in educational venues
- Championed employee training programs to enhance skill development and retention.
- Oversaw budget management and resource allocation for nationwide operations.

Vice President of Development, 08/1986 - 10/1991

Host International - Santa Monica, California

- Developed strategies for new business opportunities in airport locations, enhancing service offerings and revenue potential.
- Ensured compliance with federal and local regulations and company policies for projects targeting minority and women business opportunities, safeguarding operational integrity.

Director of Vendor Relations, 06/1983 - 08/1986

Marriott Corporation - Bethesda, Maryland

- Spearheaded Marriott Minority Vendor Program to enhance diversity in vendor selection



SKILLS

- Strategic planning
- Budget management
- Contract negotiation
- Policy writing
- Regulatory compliance
- Project management
- Vendor relations

- Negotiated contracts to achieve competitive terms and pricing for services.
- Managed vendor contracts and negotiated terms for optimal service delivery.
- Developed strong relationships with suppliers to ensure reliable product availability.
- Coordinated vendor performance evaluations to maintain quality standards.

Legislative Counsel, 06/1982 - 08/1985

District of Columbia Public Schools - Washington, DC

- Drafted legislative proposals for education policy and regulatory compliance.
- Reviewed legal documents to ensure alignment with district educational goals.
- Advised school officials on legal implications of proposed policies and regulations.

Senior Staff Attorney, 06/1979 - 06/1982

Children's Defense Fund, CDF - Washington, District of Columbia

- Drafted legal documents advancing children's rights initiatives and advocacy efforts.
 - Represented vulnerable youth populations in court to secure protective outcomes.
 - Collaborated with community organizations to shape and implement child welfare policies and programs.
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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

J.D., Law, 06/1978

Howard University - Washington, DC

Master of Science, Education, 06/1972

Bowling Green State University - Bowling Green, OH

AWARDS & HONORS

- Ernst and Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2013
- Inducted Bowling Green State University Academy of Distinguished Alumni 2023
- Minority Business Of the Year ARN Magazine
- Employer of the Year Los Angeles World Airports



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Dear Mr. Daniels, Jr.:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you of your appointment to the Board of Airport Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2029, 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. Clarence Daniels, Jr.
May 7, 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 Hugo Soto-Martínez
- Councilmember Traci Park, Chair of the Council Committee, considering your nomination

III. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- Trade, Travel, and Tourism 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.