



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

July 30, 2026

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Joana Reyes to the Board of Library Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2031.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Reyes 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. Reyes will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Mayra Valadez.

Sincerely,

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

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Joana Reyes
Commission: Board of Library Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2031

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Latinx
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:** Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, University of California, Riverside
7. **Occupation/profession:** District Director, California State Assembly
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
Blank, Linda	West LA	5	C	F	6/30/2029
Valadez, Mayra	South Valley	2	L	F	6/30/2026
Besser, Kelly	East LA	1	C	NB	6/30/2028
Wesson, Fabian	South LA	10	AA	F	6/30/2027
Shaw, Valerie	South LA	10	AA	F	6/30/2030

JOANA REYES

EXPERIENCE

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY, OFFICE OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER CELESTE RODRIGUEZ, AD43

District Director

December 2024 - Current

- Direct district operations overseeing constituent services, community outreach, stakeholder engagement, and strategic implementation of legislative priorities across the district.
- Build and maintain relationships with local government officials, community organizations, business leaders, and advocacy groups, serving as the Assemblymember's primary representative at public meetings, events, and intergovernmental initiatives.
- Managed a multidisciplinary district team, establishing operational procedures, managing communications, tracking constituent casework, and coordinating responses to complex policy, regulatory, and public-service issues to improve constituent outcomes and office effectiveness.

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION - UNITED SERVICE WORKERS WEST (SEIU-USWW)

Political Organizer

August 2023 - December 2024

- Support SEIU-USWW strengthen its political infrastructure and engage members to be a powerful force at their worksites, in the legislative process, in the community and at the ballot box.
- Manage legislative local and state policy advocacy programs that benefit members of SEIU-USWW including ordinances and bills covering wages and working conditions.
- Direct and Staff SEIU USWW and SEIU State Council President David Huerta in engagements with elected officials, candidates, Democratic Party events and contract negotiations/campaigns.
- Directed 50+ SEIU USWW members and Staff to execute SEIU International's Independent Expenditure for Democratic federal candidates in Nevada and Arizona for the 2024 election cycle which consisted of recruiting, hiring, training, and managing participants.

CENTRAL AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER - LOS ANGELES (CARECEN)

Policy Manager

January 2022 - August 2023

- Directed CARECEN's policy and legislative efforts in the local, state and federal level areas of immigration reform, education equity and immigrant worker's rights.
- Managed and maintained strategic working relationships and communication with local, state and federal policymakers, elected officials, key agencies and community organizations.
- Executed advocacy programs that consisted of over 100+ community members and staff at the local, state and federal levels.
- Managed CARECEN's Policy Internship Program and oversaw the interview process, daily work assignments, and weekly check-ins.

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, OFFICE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT, SIXTH DISTRICT

Legislative Deputy

August 2021 - December 2021

- Led the Council President's legislative initiatives and provided strategic guidance in the areas of immigrant affairs, public safety, COVID-19 response, women's issues, and equity issues.
- Prepared and staffed the Council President for regular council and committee meetings and assisted in agenda setting.
- Represented the Council President's interests in working groups and committees and served as a primary contact to external partners for legislative projects, coalitions, partnerships, and events.

Field Deputy

June 2018 - January 2020

- Represented the Council President's interests and positions at community meetings, neighborhood advocacy groups, award ceremonies, networking events, and community led programs.
- Streamlined local government platforms and processes for diverse constituents by educating them on City resources, tools, and services through presentations, workshops, and one-on-one consulting and showed constituents the best ways to leverage City resources to achieve neighborhood and community goals.
- Developed community, corporate, and non-profit partnerships to deliver programming and resources.

Caseworker/ Office Manager

June 2018 - August 2018

- Logged daily constituent calls and directed office inquiries to appropriate staff members or City departments.
- Worked with City departments to resolve constituent issues including but not limited to housing, homelessness, transportation and public works.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Office of Assemblywoman Luz Rivas, District 43

May 2024

- 2024 Woman of the Year

New Directions for Youth

May 2022-Current

- Board Member

Los Angeles County Democratic Party

May 2019 - Current

- Candidate Interview Committee Co-Chair

California Democratic Party

January 2019 - Current

- Assembly District 43 Delegate and Executive Board Member

Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley

September 2018 - Current

- Elected E-Board member - Assembly District 43

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE: Bachelor of Arts in Sociology & Public Policy Minor

June 2018

Languages: English and Spanish - Fluent in speaking and writing.



July 30, 2026

Dear Ms. Reyes:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you of your appointment to the Board of Library 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and the last name "Bass" clearly distinguishable.

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment I
Ms. Joana Reyes
July 30, 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 Ysabel J. Jurado, Chair of the Council Committee, considering your nomination

III. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- ☐ Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods 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.