



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 Mr. Hector Ochoa to the Commission on Disability for the term ending June 30, 2031.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Ochoa 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. Ochoa will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Robert Bitonte.

Sincerely,

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Hector Ochoa
Commission: Commission on Disability
End of Term: 6/30/2031

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Latinx
2. **Gender:** male
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 14 - East 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:** A.A., English, Glendale Community College
7. **Occupation/profession:** Chief Development Officers, Southern California Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
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
Herrera, Louis	North Valley	6	L	M	6/30/2030
Schlesinger, Alisa	South Valley	4	C	F	6/30/2029
Acevedo, Jorge	East LA	1	L	M	6/30/2028
Hopkins	South Valley	4	L	F	6/30/2028
Barrios, Mary Grace	Central	5	API	F	6/30/2027
Tagawa, Akiko	Central	13	API	F	6/30/2027
Williams, Robert	Central	4	C	M	6/30/2027
Bitonte, Robert	Central	14	C	M	6/30/2026



HECTOR OCHOA

Summary

Dedicated nonprofit disability rights leader with nearly 14 years of experience, including 7 in senior leadership roles, seeking to leverage expertise in strategic planning, program development, community organizing and community engagement to empower individuals with disabilities.

Skills

- Expert Knowledge in laws and policies regarding Americans with Disabilities including the Americans with Disabilities ACT (ADA), Rehabilitation Act, Olmstead Act, among others
- Excellent analytical skills ability to analyze situations, and research information to develop sound and ethical solutions.
- Effective leader and ability to liaise with government agencies and other stakeholders in an effective manner to achieve desired outcomes.
- Innovative and reliable individual with proven ability to achieve organizational goals.
- Resourceful in disability-specific needs within Los Angeles County (transportation, assistive technology, accessible/integrated housing.
- Bilingual (English & Spanish), negotiation, and interpersonal skills able to interact with individuals in various positions.
- Highly motivated, dependable, flexible and demonstrate professionalism.
- Understanding of multiple aspects of disability: physical, emotional, mental, intellectual, developmental, deaf/hard of hearing, blind/low-vision, sensory, respiratory.

Experience

CRS-IL Corporate | Pasadena
Chief Development Officer
10/2024 - Current

- Oversee grant writing efforts to secure funding from foundations, corporations, and other sources.
- Coordinate with marketing staff to develop promotional materials for various campaigns.
- Conduct outreach activities, such as speaking engagements or attending networking events, in order to build awareness of the organization's mission.

- Liaise between executive leadership and external partners regarding philanthropic opportunities.
- Develop new office locations across California, while exploring future growth opportunities.
- Manage planning for multiple community engagement activities.
- Lead and facilitate a County Collaborative for Disability & Aging professionals to leverage resources and services.
- Collaborate with local, state, and national leaders to promote disability and aging policies.

SCRS-IL | Inland Empire/Los Angeles/Sacramento
Director of Programs
10/2018 - Current

- Interviewed, hired, onboarded and currently lead a team of 32 employees, including managers, program coordinators and line staff
- Co-created youth and adult programs for individuals with disabilities in the areas of youth development, youth leadership, employment services, paid internship and college support services
- Developed strategies for expanding reach and impact of new and existing programs - California Promise funding, COVID-19 funding, ACL funding, DOR funding, DDS funding
- Managed budgeting and forecasting activities to ensure financial stability of programs and service lines while providing reporting requirements to the board of directors, CEO and independent auditors
- Maintained and oversaw reporting requirements for Independent Living Services, Employment Services, EDGE College Support Services, Traumatic Brain Injury/HCBS funding, County and Federal COVID-19 funding and others
- Assisted with and oversaw board retreat activities, board trainings, strategic plan development, policies/procedures
- Cultivated strong relationships with stakeholders, including government entities, corporate partners, and community organizations, generating roughly 1.5 million dollars to date
- Co-Founded Youth Leadership Summit and Disability Pride Parade & Festival organizing and empowering future leaders in disability history,

identity, pride and law.

- Lead all public relation activities, social media management, newsletter development, website management, press releases, media interviews, public speaking engagements, trainings, presentations and marketing / promotional materials

County of Los Angeles -
Commission on Disabilities
Commissioner
04/2016 - Current

- Appointed by and representing Supervisorial District 1, Hilda L
- Solis, we advise the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on a range of issues affecting the lives of people with disabilities and of actions they can take to achieve a barrier free County, such as: health, employment, education, transportation, access, and recreation
- Additionally, monitoring the quality of municipal services, evaluate policy, and recommend improvements to existing laws.
- Attended community events to represent the Commission in a professional manner.
- Provided advice and guidance on legislative issues to staff members.

SCRS-IL | Downey, CA
Director of Public Policy
03/2016 - 09/2018

- Organized community forums, collaboratives, coalitions and meetings in areas of emergency readiness, response and recovery, leveraging disability-related resources and community education while organizing platforms for political candidacies running for office
- Led and facilitated internal safety committee to ensure policies and procedures are current in an event of an emergency impacting the lives of disabled staff and clients
- Worked with policy-makers in Sacramento and Washington D.C on disability-related legislation and educating and advocating on current protections of people with disabilities
- Created and present trainings on disability rights, disability etiquette, disability/cultural sensitivity, disability identity/pride and disability history
- Ensuring compliance with federal and state grants, maintained an internal database and internal

auditing system

- 2 Implemented a deliverable 3-year grant for youth with disabilities being placed into competitive integrated employment
- Co-founded the largest disability-organized advocacy and festival in Southern California and concurrently established resolutions around disability justice on a County level, organize and mobilize youth with disabilities around advocacy and public safety, founded a grassroots disability justice chapter
- Co-chaired a state-funded youth advocacy forum based in Sacramento, CA in the areas of student selection and program and curriculum development.

SCRS-IL | Downey, CA
Independent Living Advocate
07/2010 - 02/2016

- Assessed consumers' needs, developed service plans and monitored progress towards goals.
- Facilitated communication between consumers, families, caregivers, social services and other agencies to ensure consumer needs were met.
- Provided crisis intervention support for consumers in emergency situations.
- Maintained accurate case records and documentation according to agency guidelines.
- Compiled reports on cases and submitted them to supervisors as required.
- Counseled consumers on available resources within the community that could help meet their needs.
- Organized group activities to provide socialization opportunities for consumers.
- Provided referrals to appropriate health care providers or other community resources.
- Co-lead community organizing efforts in the community

Education and Training

GLENDAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATES IN ARTS in English
06/2006

WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL, L.A.
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
06/2001

Accomplishments

- Advocacy Award Winner by the County of Los Angeles Commission on Disabilities
- Numerous Awards from Elected Officials for Co-Founding and Organizing the yearly Disability Pride Parade & Festival of Southern California
- Molina Healthcare 2021 Community Champion for Spearheading COVID-19 Relief Efforts for People with Disabilities

Languages

English:

 Native/ Bilingual

Spanish:

 Professional

American Sign Language:

 Limited



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Dear Mr. Ochoa:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you of your appointment to the Commission on Disability 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 last name "Bass" clearly distinguishable.

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment I
Mr. Hector Ochoa
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 Ysabel J. Jurado
- ☐ Councilmember Hugo Martinez, Chair of the Council Committee, considering your nomination

III. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- ☐ Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging, and Disability 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.