KAREN BASS
MAYOR

August 11, 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. Laura Orellana to the House LA Citizens Oversight Committee for the term ending June 30, 2031.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Orellana 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. Orellana will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Nancy Lewis.

Sincerely,

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: **Laura Orellana**
Commission: **House LA Citizens Oversight Committee**
End of Term: 6/30/2031

Appointee Information

1. Race: Caucasian

2. Gender: Female

3. Council District and neighborhood of residence: 14 - East LA

4. Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles? Yes

5. Prior commission experience:

6. Highest level of education completed: M.A. in Urban Planning, University of California, Los Angeles

7. Occupation/profession: Senior Vice President, Credit Office, California Community Reinvestment Corporation

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
VACANT					6/30/2026
Holland, Taylor	Central	5	AA	F	6/30/2031
Coulter, Michelle	East LA	14	L	F	6/30/2030
Romero, Kristal	East LA	1	L	F	6/30/2030
Barragan, Roberto	North Valley	12	L	M	6/30/2029
Williams, Brittany Danielle	Central	5	C	F	6/30/2029
Knight, Zella	North Valley	2	AA	F	6/30/2031
Routt, Antonia	South LA	10	AA	F	6/30/2030
Nishimoto, Jeanne	South LA	9	API	F	6/30/2029
Jones, Zerita	South LA	10	AA	F	6/30/2031
Reed, Leilani	West LA	11	AA	F	6/30/2031
Morales, Alma	Central	13	L	F	6/30/2030
Abarca, Fernando	South LA	10	L	M	6/30/2029
Cea, Charlie	Central	13	L	M	6/30/2030
Ascorra, Natalie	North Valley	12	L	F	6/30/2029

Laura J. Orellana

EXPERIENCE

California Community Reinvestment Corporation (CCRC) (Glendale, CA) 1/08 – Present
Senior Vice President, Credit Office (4/24 – Present)
Senior Vice President – Senior Relationship Manager (12/22 – 4/24)
Vice President – Relationship Manager (12/17 – 11/22)
Loan Officer (10/10 – 11/17)
Early Positions: Graduate Student Intern and Loan Underwriting Specialist (1/08 – 9/10)

- Review and approve all term sheets and credit approval packages for permanent mortgages and bridge loans
- Provide guidance on deal structuring and underwriting
- Maintain CCRC's Credit Policies and Procedures Manual, including developing policies and procedures for new loan products
- Coordinate CCRC's Loan Committee and Loan Workout Committee approval, as well as Board Executive Committee credit policy exception approval
- Lead data collection processes and impact reporting
- Create and maintain relationships with borrowers, financial institutions, and other business partners

Past Responsibilities:

- Coordinated and reviewed all perm conversion underwriting
- Underwrote permanent mortgages for multifamily affordable housing developments throughout California
- Underwrote 223(f) FHA insured mortgages as a Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) Underwriter
- Performed market condition analysis prior to funding loans
- Analyzed ongoing property operations and prepared loan review reports
- Trained interns and originations team members

Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) (Ventura, CA) 7/08 – 11/11
Special Projects Consultant

- Worked on a report comparing actual housing production in Ventura County with Regional Housing Needs Assessment goals and conducted presentations of this data in workshops organized by Ventura County Housing Opportunities Made Easier
- Assisted in the development of three community gardens in partnership with the City of Oxnard, local neighborhood groups, and CEDC affordable housing properties

Tetra Tech EM Inc. (working with the San Diego Unified School District) 4/06 – 6/07
Recycling Outreach Specialist (San Diego, CA)

- Assisted more than 90 elementary, middle, and high schools with establishing and maintaining paper, beverage container, and polystyrene lunch tray recycling programs
- Developed program factsheets and environmental education materials for widespread distribution

County of San Diego DPW Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Section 6/06 – 1/07
Intern (San Diego, CA)

- Provided residents, apartment complexes, and businesses with assistance in increasing recycling
- Developed a restaurant recycling brochure and worked with more than 15 restaurants to increase recycling

EDUCATION

Mortgage Bankers Association 1/14-6/14
FHA Multifamily Underwriter Training Program 2014

University of California, Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA) 9/07 – 6/09
M.A. in Urban Planning *(Areas of Concentration: Environmental Analysis and Policy, Community Economic Development)*

University of California, San Diego (San Diego, CA) 9/03 – 3/07
B.A. in Urban Studies and Planning, Minors in International Studies and Environmental Studies

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Dear Ms. Orellana:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you of your appointment to the House LA Citizens Oversight Committee 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,

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment I
Ms. Laura Orellana
August 11, 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 Nithya Raman, Chair of the Council Committee, considering your nomination

III. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- ☐ Housing and Homelessness 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.