



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
Hydee Feldstein Soto

August 11, 2026

VIA EMAIL

Ms. Patrice Lattimore
Office of the City Clerk
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Appointment to the City Ethics Commission

Dear Ms. Lattimore:

Please be advised that pursuant to Section 700(b) of the City Charter, I hereby appoint Ms. Dena Bloom to serve on the City Ethics Commission for a term commencing July 1, 2026. Ms. Bloom's term will expire on June 30, 2031.

I have attached a summary description of some of Ms. Bloom's professional and community work. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hydee Feldstein Soto".

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO
Los Angeles City Attorney

Attachment

cc: Honorable Karen Bass
Honorable Members of the City Council

DENA BLOOM

A native of San Diego, Dena Bloom first moved to Los Angeles in 1981 as an undergraduate at UCLA. Ms. Bloom then attended the London School of Economics General Course (Economics), graduating the program in 1983. Upon returning to Los Angeles, she graduated from UCLA earning a BA in Economics with honors in 1984. Ms. Bloom then attended the University of California San Francisco College of the Law (formally UC Hastings), where she served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Hastings International and Comparative Law Review and graduated with honors in 1987. During law school, Ms. Bloom was an extern for Federal Circuit Judge Earl Gilliam and a summer intern at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.

Upon graduation in 1987, Ms. Bloom accepted an associate position with Latham & Watkins, beginning in its New York office and then transferring to its Los Angeles office in 1988. Ms. Bloom became a partner of Latham & Watkins in 1994. While in private practice, she had extensive experience in finance law, speaking at numerous conferences and seminars on financing-related issues and serving on the Board of Governors of the Financial Lawyers Conference. Her finance experience included private, public and nonprofit financings, at every stage of the financial life cycle. In addition, she had a recognized pro bono expertise in creating non-profit and public-private micro-financing programs to support underserved communities (including for FAME Renaissance/First AME Church and Rebuild LA). Soon after welcoming her third child, Ms. Bloom retired from private practice in 2002 and has since focused on family and community.

Ms. Bloom's community work has largely been centered in the City of Los Angeles, including serving on the Wilshire Boulevard Temple Board of Trustees from 2012-2021. Wilshire Boulevard Temple has a large, city-wide presence, with three Los Angeles campuses, eight school programs, and extensive multigenerational programming. For much of her Trustee tenure, Ms. Bloom served on its Executive Committee and led numerous initiatives related to governance and conflict-of-interest policies.

By 2016, Ms. Bloom's primary focus had turned to helping those in need of food and support services, which inspired her to help create the Karsh Family Social Service Center. Since its inception, Ms. Bloom has been a Trustee and Officer and is currently serving her second term as President. The Karsh Center has two locations: its Koreatown location which opened in 2016, and a second Brentwood location which opened in 2024. The Karsh Center's two missions are to provide safety-net social services for those in need and to provide volunteer opportunities to help bring communities together. Working with 40 collaborating social service organizations, the Karsh Center estimates that in the 2025 calendar year, it had over 42,000 client/member encounters (services) including over 400,000 meals provided, to individuals from over 200 zip codes – predominately within two miles of Koreatown, as well as more than 6,400 hours volunteered. Particularly noteworthy is the exceptional work and critical services provided by the Karsh Center during times of crisis, including during the COVID pandemic from 2020-2023, in response to the Altadena and Palisades fires in 2025 and their aftermath, and through ongoing support of individuals at risk from immigration enforcement raids.

Ms. Bloom also has led grassroots initiatives, ranging from developing neighborhood emergency preparedness programs to neighborhood awareness meetings. Her work on these types of projects has been acknowledged and recognized, including by the Windsor Square

Association's 2024 Annual Award for persistence and success in protecting and improving our community, and the California State Assembly District 51's 2024 Community Excellence Award for Combating Antisemitism.

Ms. Bloom's community engagement extends beyond her neighborhood and the City of Los Angeles. She also serves as a delegate to the California Democratic Party (CADEM), broadening her involvement in civic and public affairs.

Since returning to Los Angeles in 1988, Ms. Bloom has lived in Windsor Square in the City of Los Angeles. Together with her husband, she raised their three children in this community, and it continues to be home for them and their two dogs.