

# **A GUIDE TO LOS ANGELES CITY COMMISSIONS**



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## INFORMATION ON OBTAINING APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COMMISSIONS

### **Qualifications:**

To be considered for an appointment, you must be a resident of the City of Los Angeles and a registered voter, unless otherwise noted. (To determine your voting status, call the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office at 1.800.481.VOTE or go to their web page at <http://www.lavote.net/main.htm>).

### **Notes:**

- Unless otherwise noted in this guide, all Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor.
- An Ethics Review is required for most Commission appointees. ([http://ethics.lacity.org/PDF/report\\_CUFRBan.pdf](http://ethics.lacity.org/PDF/report_CUFRBan.pdf))
- Most Commissioners and Board Members are prohibited from certain fundraising activities. ([http://ethics.lacity.org/PDF/report\\_CUFRBan.pdf](http://ethics.lacity.org/PDF/report_CUFRBan.pdf))

### **To Learn More about City Commissions:**

Review the Roster of Commissions located on the City Clerk's web page at <http://www.lacity.org/clk/cps/Council-Commission/clkrost.pdf>

## **STEPS FOR APPLYING TO A LOCAL COMMISSION**

### **Research the Commissions and Identify Those That Interest You**

Obtain and review the list of commissions. Consider your interests, skills and time availability in making your choices. Try to attend commission meetings or talk to individual commission members to help you determine which commission is right for you. Expertise in a particular commission field is not necessarily a requirement. The Mayor considers community involvement as well as professional experience important qualifications.

### **Apply**

As soon as you identify the commission that interests you, send your resume and a cover letter to the Mayor. In your letter to the Mayor, emphasize the expertise you would bring to the commission and your professional and community achievements. List other commissions of interest because your first choice may not be available. Include references, especially from organizations and community leaders.

### **Promote Yourself**

Contact individuals, local officials and groups that will support you. Ask them to write letters or make phone calls on your behalf. Follow up and make sure they have contacted the Mayor's office. Thank your supporters for their help.

If you are not appointed, don't give up. Sometimes you don't get appointed the first time you apply, but it is important that the Mayor gets to know your name and accomplishments.

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION**

Seven members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Qualified and experienced affordable housing professionals and advocates, including at least one member of an established residential tenant organization; must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Mayor, Council and the General Manager of the Housing Department on housing matters. To this end, the Commission is empowered to conduct public hearings, perform needs assessments, recommend on policy and goals, review plans and budgets of other agencies for conformance with City housing policy, encourage public/private partnerships to expand housing conduct, and encourage nonprofit housing development.

### **AIRPORTS COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF**

Seven members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City. At least one Board Member must reside within the area surrounding Los Angeles International Airport. At least one Board Member must reside within the area surrounding Van Nuys Airport, as those areas are defined by ordinance.

**Description:** The Board of Airport Commissioners shall have possession, management and control of all airports, airport sites, and all equipment, accommodations and facilities for air commerce and navigation belonging to the City of Los Angeles. The Board shall fix, regulate and collect rates or charges for the use of all facilities that are owned, controlled or operated by the City in connection with air commerce and navigation.

The Department has control over its own revenues or funds, and expenditures of all bond funds relating to its facilities or activities. The Board regulates and controls all concessions, public service and public utilities operated upon or in any airport under its control. The Board has the power to grant franchises, permits and licenses to (the term of such, may not exceed 50 years), and to enter into lease with, any person, firm or corporation, or agency of the government for the use of any municipally-owned or controlled airport or any part thereof, except that the term of such lease may not exceed 99 years, or as permitted by State law, whichever is less, and be subject to a readjustment of rental compensation every 10 years during its term.

### **ANIMAL SERVICES, BOARD OF**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Commission oversees the Department of Animal Services, which enforces all ordinances of the City of Los Angeles and the penal laws of the State relating to the care, treatment or impounding of animals or for the prevention of cruelty to the same.

## **BUILDING AND SAFETY COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City

**Description:** The Board hears appeals resulting from enforcement of the City Building Code, Mechanical Code, Electrical Code, and Plumbing Code (Chapter IX, Los Angeles Municipal Code) and portions of the Zoning Code. The Board has no administrative or personnel authority relative to the Department.

The Board takes action on recommendations from Department staff or hearing examiners, or hears and takes action on appeals from such recommendations. The Board also hears and takes actions on appeals from determinations, orders, and actions of the Department of Building Safety or the Superintendent of Building.

The Board has the authority to determine requests for slight modifications for individual cases in the provisions of the building ordinances of the City and in yard cases (slight modifications to the yard area regulations) in the provisions of the zoning ordinances, and to take action on appeals from determinations, orders, and actions of the Department or the Superintendent of Building.

## **CENTRAL AREA PLANNING COMMISSION**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City and be a resident of the area to be served by the Commission.

**Description:** The Commission shall have and exercise the power to: 1) hear and determine appeals where it is alleged there is error or abuse of discretion in any order, requirement, decision, interpretation or other determination made by a Zoning Administrator; 2) hear and make determinations on any matter normally under the jurisdiction of the Area Planning Commission because the Zoning Administrator has failed to act within the time limits prescribed by ordinance; 3) hear and determine applications for, or appeals related to, Conditional Use Permits and other similar quasi-judicial approvals, in accordance with procedures prescribed by ordinance; 4) make recommendations with respect to zone changes or similar matters referred to it from the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 562; and 5) hear and determine other matters delegated to it by ordinance.

## **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES, COMMISSION FOR**

15 members; four-year terms

**Appointing Authority:** Of the first 11 members, six are appointed by the Mayor and five are appointed by the City Council President, all subject to the approval of the City Council. Of the remaining four, two are appointed by the Mayor and two by the Council President.

**Qualifications:** Each member of the Commission shall be a resident of the City and shall not be an employee of the City. Members of the Commission shall be chosen based on their specific expertise. All Commission members should have demonstrated knowledge and experience with children, youth and their families. One member shall be selected who is at a policy making level within the Los Angeles Unified School District. At least one member shall be under the age of 19 at the time of the appointment and a member of the Youth Council but shall serve on the Commission only during their period of service on the Youth Council. At least one member shall be a parent with a child under the age of 21.

The remaining members must have high-level professional experience and /or background in both service delivery and policy development related to children, youth and their families, be sensitive to and knowledgeable about the City's demography and populations, and be drawn from any combination of the following sectors: Health and Social Services; Child Care Discretionary Time (Arts, Recreation, etc.); Community Facilities and Infrastructure; Safety/Juvenile Justice; Employment/Job Training; Developmentally/Physically Disabled; and Immigration and Naturalization with particular experience as to youth who are recently naturalized or who are recent immigrants.

At least three of the above members shall also have knowledge and expertise in Child and/or Adolescent Development. The Youth Council as established in the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 8.312 shall recommend the youth. The Mayor and the City Council President shall coordinate to assure that these requirements are met.

Appointees are also required to be nominated based upon the diversity considerations contained in Section 8.308(c) of Chapter 23 to Division 8 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC).

**Description:** The Commission shall be the focal point within the City to coordinate the City's efforts to serve children, youth and their families, enhance the programs of City departments, make policy recommendations to the Mayor and City Council, annually review and update the City's legislative policy with regard to children, youth and family issues, and advocate for children, youth and families both within the City structure and the community.

## **CITIZENS' UNIT FOR PARTICIPATION IN HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Thirty members; 2 two-year terms

**Appointing Authority:** Each Councilmember may appoint two members.

**Qualifications:** None

**Description:** The Citywide structure set forth in the City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) in concurrence with requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, is the Citizens' Unit for Participation in Housing and Community Development (CUP/HCD) (or CUP hereon), a representative group of Los Angeles residents. The CUP is to: 1) communicate information on the City's Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan (HCDCP) Programs to residents of the City of Los Angeles; 2) encourage community residents to submit views on neighborhood needs by holding meeting(s) in adequate locations convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries; 3) review and comment periodically on housing and community development programs funded through the Consolidated Plan; 4) visit selected program/project sites annually to review how HCDCP funds are being used in the community; and 5) advise through comments on proposed program changes regarding reprogramming or reallocation of funds in the current or prior year Consolidated Plan.

## **CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION**

Seven members; five-year terms

**Appointing Authority:** Mayor appoints four members. Of the remaining members, two members must be employees of the City and elected by employee members; one member must be a retired member of the System and elected by retired members of the System.

**Qualifications:** Mayor's appointments must be registered voters residing within the City. Of the remaining members, two members must be employees of the City and elected by employee members; one must be a retired member of the System and elected by retired members of the System.

**Description:** The Board is authorized to adopt and enforce all rules and regulations deemed necessary to manage and administer the City Employees' Retirement Fund. The Board is responsible for investing the assets of the Fund. The Board establishes methods for the valuation of its assets, sets policies for investing, and retains qualified investment advisors. Additionally, the Board, as the Head of the Department, approves contracts.

### **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter of the City of Los Angeles, have broad experience in the field of labor-management relations and be impartial to protect the interests of the City and employees.

**Description:** The Board of Civil Service Commissioners shall have the power and duty to make and enforce the civil service rules and to establish and maintain the civil service system in accordance with the civil service provisions of Article X of the Charter. The Board is responsible, under Charter Section 1016, for review of civilian discipline.

### **COMMUNITY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Sixteen members; two-year terms

**Appointing Authority:** Mayor appoints 16 members, 1 from each Council District as nominated by each Council member; all appointees subject to confirmation by the City Council.

**Qualifications:** None

**Description:** The Advisory Committee is made up of community forest advocates who advise and educate the City and the community at large on the development and maintenance of an urban forest through public and private actions and programs. Among other things, it is anticipated that the Advisory Committee will make policy recommendations about tree selection, planting and care; support volunteer programs to increase community participation in the planting and care of trees; and help raise money to augment the City budget for trees.

### **COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, BOARD OF THE**

Seven members; four-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Community Redevelopment Agency Board has authority over matters of policy, program, staffing and budget relating to redevelopment and revitalization projects in the City. Under the Oversight Ordinance, matters of policy significance, action resulting in funding of \$25,000 or more, and all matters relating to the employment of the Agency Administrator, are subject to City Council approval or concurrence. Those matters which are not automatically submitted to Council may be called up for Council review within 10 days of the Board action, by any two members of the City Council or the Council President. In addition, the Agency budget is subject to Council approval pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 8.99.

## **CONVENTION CENTER, BOARD OF LOS ANGELES**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Board shall advise and consult with the General Manager on the operation and maintenance of any such municipal auditorium, convention and exhibition center or related facility under the control of the Los Angeles Convention Center.

## **CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTER AUTHORITY, LOS ANGELES**

Fifteen members; four-year terms

**Appointing Authority:** Ten members appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council; five members appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

**Qualifications:** Cannot be an employee or officer of any governmental agency.

**Description:** The Authority by the Joint Powers Agreement is a public entity separate and apart from the City and County and is authorized in its own name to do all that is necessary and desirable (subject to limitations provided in the Joint Powers Agreement) to cause to be designed and constructed within the area bounded by 11th Street, Figueroa Street, Venice Boulevard and the Harbor Freeway in the City of Los Angeles, a suitable Convention and Exhibition Center with related facilities.

The Authority has the power to: 1) submit to the City plans of development, showing the land to be acquired for such purpose and lease the same from the City; 2) issue revenue bonds or certificates of participation and incur other forms of indebtedness subject to the provisions in Article 2, Chapter 5, Division 7, Title I (commencing with Section 6540) of the State Governmental Code; 3) make and enter into contracts, subject to the terms in the Los Angeles City Charter; 4) construct and lease to the City, the Convention and Exhibition Center and related facilities; 5) receive gifts, contributions and donations of property, etc.; and 6) invest in any securities which are legal investment funds for the City.

## **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

Seven members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Cultural Affairs Commission: 1) approves the design of public buildings, bridges, approaches, fences, retaining walls, lamps, lamp posts, or similar structures to be erected by or under City authority upon City-owned /controlled land; 2) approves any private arch, bridge, or structure extending over City property; 3) approves the design of public art projects; 4) approves the purchase or gift of any work of art or design of same (paintings, mural decorations, inscriptions, stained glass, statues, bas-reliefs, sculptures, monuments, fountains, arches, gates or structures intended for ornament or commemoration; 5) approves the removal or relocation of above works of art; 6) reviews and approves Cultural Grant allocation recommendations to the City Council; and 7) informs Council on matters in arts, sciences, and historic affairs of importance to the City.

### **CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Have special expertise in the historic, cultural and architectural traditions of the community. Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Cultural Heritage Commission: 1) performs functions relating to historic preservation of structures and sites which embody the heritage, history, and culture of the City; 2) inspects and investigates any site, building or structure under consideration, or for future consideration, as a historical or cultural monument; 3) compiles, maintains and publishes a current list of designated monuments, and solicits opinions and information regarding sites for inclusion or deletion from this list; and 4) performs duties as required by Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.20.3 concerning Historic Preservation Overlay Zones.

### **DISABILITY, COMMISSION ON**

Nine members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City; must be comprised of disabled and non-disabled persons.

**Description:** The Commission on Disability: (1) provides a forum for the identification and discussion of difficulties encountered by disabled persons, (2) makes recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council on measures which the Federal, State and local governments may undertake to assure that persons with disabilities may participate without hindrance in the life of our community, (3) monitors the program mandates of the Office for the Disabled and makes recommendations to the Mayor on program and policy initiatives to improve the service of that Office to the disabled community, (4) reviews grant proposals, (5) maintains active liaison with citizen groups interested in the problems facing persons with disabilities, and (6) investigates and reports instances of discrimination based on disability.

### **DISABLED ACCESS APPEALS COMMISSION**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Two members must be disabled persons, two shall have experience in construction and the last may be anyone who resides within the City of Los Angeles.

**Description:** This Board hears and determines appeals by persons relative to provisions of State law dealing with access to public accommodations, regarding rulings, decisions and determinations of the Department of Building and Safety granting or denying applications for exceptions to State Health and Safety Code Section 19957, and regarding error or abuse in decisions made by this Department in the enforcement or administration of Title 24 , and advisory to the Department of Building and Safety regarding access to public accommodations and housing by the physically handicapped.

## **EL PUEBLO DE LOS ANGELES HISTORICAL MONUMENT AUTHORITY**

Nine members; four-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City; to the extent feasible, the Board shall provide representation in the following disciplines: business, arts/culture, law, community service, Los Angeles history, banking and finance, and architecture; no person shall be a current tenant, lessee or operator of a business in the Monument.

**Description:** The Authority is charged with the powers, duties and functions relative to the operation, management, maintenance and control of the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument.

The Board has the authority to: 1) approve facilities and equipment on adjoining sidewalks, streets and ways; 2) enter into contracts for services and leases, except contracting with an individual or firm as a master tenant, developer, or operator of all the commercial property within the Monument (except the Pico-Garnier Block); 3) negotiate long term concession agreements with the existing merchants on Olvera Street; 4) create advisory committees; and 5) approve master development plans, debt financing, the Department annual budget, and creation of all personnel authority, subject to the approval of the Mayor and the Council.

## **EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD**

Five members; five-year terms

**Appointing Authority:** Mayor, upon joint nomination by the management and employee organizations (see Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 4.810 c for details), subject to confirmation by the City Council

**Qualifications:** Must have broad experience in the field of labor-management relations and be impartial to protect both the public interest and interests of the City and its employees.

**Description:** The Employee Relations Board determines units of City employees for employee relations matters; arranges for elections among the employees in a unit to select the unit's exclusive representative; determines the validity of charges of unfair employee relations practices by management, employee organizations, or individuals; maintains list of impartial third parties for use in the resolution of bargaining impasses and grievances arbitrations; and acts upon requests for mediation or fact finding in the resolution of impasses. Appoints hearing officers, conducts investigations, holds public hearings, and issues orders on matters within its jurisdiction. Its decisions are generally final, although they may be appealed to Superior Court.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be residents of the City and be experts with special expertise and demonstrated capabilities in fields related to social, economic and environmental aspects of life in the City of Los Angeles.

**Description:** The Environmental Affairs Commission: 1) acts in advisory capacity on environmental matters to the Mayor, City departments and the Environmental Affairs Department General Manager; 2) assists in the development of Department programs and policies; and 3) conducts public meetings and hearings to obtain information and comment on Citywide environmental issues including, but not limited to, solid waste facilities through the Local Enforcement Agency regulatory program, community forestry, environmental business assistance, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), air quality and water quality improvement and other issues of environmental interest and concern to the City.

## **ETHICS COMMISSION, CITY**

Five members; five-year terms (no member who has served a five-year term shall be eligible for reappointment)

**Appointing Authority:** Mayor appoints one member; Council President appoints one member; Council President Pro temp appoints one member; City Attorney appoints one member; and the Controller appoints one member, all subject to confirmation by the City Council.

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City. Cannot hold public office, participate in or contribute to City campaigns, neither employ nor be employed as a person required to register as a lobbyist with the City.

**Description:** The Ethics Commission was created to administer and enforce the laws relating to governmental ethics, campaign finance and lobbying activities to assure that government decisions are made in the public interest, untainted by any consideration of private gain. The Commission and its full time staff administers the public matching funds program which allows qualified candidates to receive limited public funds for their campaigns in exchange for limiting their campaign spending. Additionally, the Commission receives the campaign statements filed by candidates and officeholders disclosing their contributions and expenditures and these reports are reviewed and summarized for the public. The Commission also audits campaign committees to ensure that campaign contributions and expenditures are legal.

The Commission investigates complaints filed by the public regarding violations of ethics, campaign finance and lobbying laws, as well as misuse of government funds. It may also initiate its own investigations and has the authority to initiate administrative enforcement actions, refer the case to other investigative or law enforcement agencies, or may file a civil lawsuit against an alleged violator.

## **FIRE COMMISSION**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Board of Fire Commissioners shall have power, subject to the provision of the City Charter and to the ordinances of the City, to supervise, control, regulate and manage the Department; to make and enforce all necessary and desirable rules and regulations; and to exercise of the power conferred upon the Department by the Charter.

The Board has three standing Committees: the Volunteer Committee, the Personnel Committee, and the HRDC Oversight Committee.

The Board's activities include: setting policy, including goals and objectives; acting as oversight authority on Department activities; residing over brush clearance order appeals (Board member or his/her designee); conducting public hearings regarding Fire Code changes; setting fees for such activities as inspections, noncompliance inspections, etc.; hearing appeals to modify or rescind any assessed fees; approving contracts; issuing Fire Line Passes; and conferring Awards of Decoration (Medal of Valor) and Resolutions.

## **FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF**

Nine members; five-year terms

**Appointing Authority:** Mayor appoints five members. Remaining appointments: one current employee of the Police Department elected by said Department; one current employee of the Fire Department elected by said Department; one retired employee of Police Department elected by said Department; one retired employee of Fire Department elected by said Department.

**Qualifications:** Mayor's appointments must be registered voters residing within the City.

**Description:** The Board of Pensions Commissioners administers the fire and police pension system of the City. It is responsible for the management, administration and investment of the assets of the funds (Fire and Police Service Pension Fund and Fire and Police General Pension Fund) created by virtue of the provisions of Section 186 of the Charter. The Board is responsible for adjudicating, reviewing and making determinations on written applications for disability pensions. The Board prepares an annual budget setting forth the estimated costs of maintaining the Funds and determines the Department's Asset Management Plan. Upon advice from its investment counsel, the Board may establish an assumed rate of interest of the Funds.

## **HARBOR AREA PLANNING COMMISSION**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City and be a resident of the area to be served by the Commission.

**Description:** The Commission shall have and exercise the power to: 1) hear and determine appeals where it is alleged there is error or abuse of discretion in any order, requirement, decision, interpretation or other determination made by a Zoning Administrator; 2) hear and make determinations on any matter normally under the jurisdiction of the Area Planning Commission because the Zoning Administrator has failed to act within the time limits prescribed by ordinance; 3) hear and determine applications for, or appeals related to, Conditional Use Permits and other similar quasi-judicial approvals, in accordance with procedures prescribed by ordinance; 4) make recommendations with respect to zone changes or similar matters referred to it from the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 562; and 5) hear and determine other matters delegated to it by ordinance.

## **HARBOR COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City. At least one member of the Board of Harbor Commissioners shall reside within the area surrounding the Harbor District (includes San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, Harbor Gateway).

**Description:** The Board of Harbor Commissioners: 1) controls, regulates and manages the Department; 2) makes and enforces all necessary and desirable rules and regulations regarding the exercise of powers conferred upon the Department by the Charter; 3) controls, orders, appropriates and expends all monies from the Harbor Revenue Fund; 4) invests surplus funds in bonds or other evidence of indebtedness and deposits the derived income into the City treasury to the credit of the Harbor Revenue Fund; 5) manages, supervises and controls all navigable waters, tideland and submerged lands within the City limits; 6) makes and enforces all necessary rules and regulations governing the use and control of lands and waters in the Harbor District and prescribes and enforces penalties for violations; 7) regulates and controls construction, maintenance, operation and use of any structure, facility, public service and utility, etc. used in connection with the Harbor District; 8) fixes, regulates and collects rates, tolls and other charges; and 9) grants franchises, permits and contracts for any/all Harbor District needs.

## **HEALTH FACILITIES AUTHORITY COMMISSION, LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

Seven members; four-year terms

**Appointing Authority:** The Mayor appoints two members; the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appoints five.

**Qualifications:** Cannot be an elected official of the City or County.

**Description:** The Commission is the governing body of the public entity which was created, through a Joint Powers Agreement between the City and County of Los Angeles, to issue revenue bonds to construct, expand, and improve certain health facilities such as: Los Angeles County/University of Southern California Medical Center, Harbor General Hospital, John Wesley County Hospital, Rancho Los Amigos Hospital, El Cerritos Hospital, Long Beach General, East Los Angeles Comprehensive Health Center, and Olive View Hospital. The Commission, with the prior approval of the County Board of Supervisors, has the power to: 1) issue revenue bonds and incur debts; 2) enter into contracts; 3) lease land designated for County health facilities; 4) receive funds, gifts, contributions and donations; and 5) sue and be sued in its own name.

## **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Seven members; four-year terms, except tenant members, who serve two years

**Qualifications:** Two members must be tenants of Housing Authority-controlled developments; one of these tenants must be a senior citizen. Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Housing Authority Commission has complete jurisdiction over matters of policy, program, staffing and budget with respect to publicly-owned housing in the City, within the limitations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines. While the Commission has final legislative review for all Housing Authority matters, the City Council, if it chose, could assume the role of the Commission.

## **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

Eleven members; four-year terms

**Qualifications:** None

**Description:** The Human Relations Commission supervises, controls, regulates and manages an Advisory Committee, representative of the religious, racial, economic, industrial, labor and professional groups in the City; investigates and holds public hearings on any matters germane to the Commission in the area of human relations; pursues and coordinates research, community education and assistance with the Human Relations Commission of the County of Los Angeles and other similar agencies.

## **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Seven members; three-year terms

**Appointing Authority:** Mayor appoints 4 members; Council President appoints 3 members. All appointments are subject to confirmation by the City Council.

**Qualifications:** One member shall have experience in the commercial and industrial real estate field, one with experience in the bond-financing field, and one with experience in the accounting field. Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The sole purpose of the Authority is to undertake development projects through the issuance of industrial development bonds in accordance with the California Industrial Development Financing Act. All matters pertaining to applications for projects, projects undertaken by the Authority, and issuance of industrial development bonds by the Authority must be submitted to the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee of the City Council for its review and recommendations. The City Council may at any time declare itself to be the Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Authority with all the rights, powers, privileges, duties, liabilities, disabilities and immunities vested in the Board.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** Investigates all Information Technology System franchises and compiles data as may be necessary to determine the proper services to be furnished to the public by such franchises and the just and reasonable rates for such services. The Board shall have the right of access at all reasonable times to the property and records of all franchises for the purpose of investigation of each franchise and its implementation, and may prescribe with respect thereto.

Establishes and prescribes by resolution, regulations providing character and quality of service of, and the rates to be charged by, each franchisee, all in a manner not to conflict with any paramount State or federal regulation, rate fixing, or service requirements for such franchisees. Investigates complaints regarding the service or rates of any franchisee and issues orders adjusting same where necessary.

## **LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Board of Library Commissioners: 1) appoints the Commission Secretary and the Chief Accounting Employee; 2) controls, regulates and manages the Department; 3) makes and enforces all necessary and desirable rules and regulations regarding the exercise of powers conferred upon the Department by the Charter; 4) controls, orders, appropriates and expends all monies from the Library Fund; and 5) invests surplus funds in bonds or other evidence of indebtedness and deposits the derived income in the City treasury to the credit of the Library Fund.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES, COMMISSION ON**

Eighteen members; members serve an indefinite term at the pleasure of the Appointing Authority

**Appointing Authority:** The Mayor of Los Angeles appoints two members; the President of the Los Angeles City Council appoints three members; the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appoints ten members; the Independent Cities Association appoints one member; the California Contract Cities Association appoints one member; the Los Angeles Division of the League of California Cities appoints one member.

**Qualifications:** City of Los Angeles members must be registered voters residing within the City.

**Description:** The Commission focuses on identifying the most cost-effective and efficient means to deliver responsive, multi-jurisdictional governmental services within the County. The Commission works to find means to improve services, examines redundancies among public service providers and identifies areas where economies of scale can be achieved, with equal or better responsiveness to citizens' needs.

### **LOS ANGELES EXPORT TERMINAL, INC.**

Currently three members. The number of appointments is dependant upon the equity percentage in the Los Angeles Export Terminal (LAXT). The City has approximately 15 percent equity. Five percent equity allows for appointment of one Board member. No term limit.

**Qualifications:** None, beyond fulfilling specific ethics requirements relative to conflict of interests a candidate may have specific to LAXT.

**Description:** LAXT is a California Corporation formed in 1993 to design, construct, and operate a major dry bulk coal export facility at the Port of Los Angeles (Port). The Port took the lead in creating LAXT and is currently one of the largest shareholders at approximately 15 percent (an investment of approximately \$18 million).

### **LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY**

Ten members; three-year terms

**Appointing Authority:** Five members appointed by the County Board of Supervisors; five members appointed by the Mayor

**Qualifications:** One of the City's members shall represent business in the downtown Los Angeles area.

**Description:** The Authority shall have the powers common to the County and City to provide homeless and other social services to those persons in the community who are eligible to receive those services. The Authority shall undertake such acts in furtherance of the programs and goals of the County and City under this Agreement.

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. GENERAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**

Fifteen members; four-year terms

**Appointing Authority:** Ten appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; five appointed by the Mayor.

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Commission is the governing body of the public agency which was created, through a Joint Powers Agreement between the City and the County of Los Angeles, to design and construct the general hospital located on 120th Street between Compton and Wilmington Boulevards in southeast Los Angeles. The Authority, through the Commission, has the power to: 1) issue revenue bonds and incur indebtedness, 2) enter into contracts, 3) lease land designated for general hospital use in southeast Los Angeles; 4) construct and lease to the County, the hospital and related facilities, 5) receive gifts, contributions and other donations of property, funds, services and other forms of financial assistance from persons, firms, corporations, and any other governmental entity, provided that any gifts, contributions etc. are consented to by the County before acceptance; and 6) sue and be sued in its own name.

### **METRO AREA PLANNING COMMISSION**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City and be a resident of the area to be served by the Commission.

**Description:** The Commission shall have and exercise the power to: 1) hear and determine appeals where it is alleged there is error or abuse of discretion in any order, requirement, decision, interpretation or other determination made by a Zoning Administrator; 2) hear and make determinations on any matter normally under the jurisdiction of the Area Planning Commission because the Zoning Administrator has failed to act within the time limits prescribed by ordinance; 3) hear and determine applications for, or appeals related to, Conditional Use Permits and other similar quasi-judicial approvals, in accordance with procedures prescribed by ordinance; 4) make recommendations with respect to zone changes or similar matters referred to it from the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 562; and 5) hear and determine other matters delegated to it by ordinance.

## **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

Four members, including the Mayor (members appoint their alternates); the members remain at the pleasure of the Mayor.

**Qualifications:** None

**Description:** The MTA is governed by a 13-member Board of Directors comprised of: the five County Supervisors, the Mayor of Los Angeles, the Mayor's appointees (3; two public members and one must be a Councilmember), and four City Councilmembers representing the other 87 cities in Los Angeles County (excluding City of Los Angeles). All members appoint alternates, who may vote in the absence of their designated Board Member, except on specific actions defined in the State statues (annual budget, fare changes, contracts exceeding \$5 million). The Governor of California appoints to the Board a non-voting member.

The MTA oversees all regional bus and rail operations, planning and construction of a Countywide rail system, development of effective transportation policies and a long-range plan, programming of federal, State and local revenues for public transit, transportation demand management, bikeways, and highways projects for Los Angeles County. As an entity, MTA coordinates all activities among the County's many transportation agencies.

The mission of the MTA is to design, construct, procure, operate and maintain a safe, reliable, affordable and efficient transportation system that increases mobility, relieves congestion, improves air quality and meets the needs of all Los Angeles County residents.

## **METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Four City-appointed directors; four-year terms

**Qualifications:** None

**Description:** Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California represent 27 member public agencies, each having at least one Director based on property valuation. The Board is the governing body, setting the policies and direction of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

## **NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION, LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY**

Fifteen members; five-year terms

**Appointing Authority:** Five appointed by the Mayor with Council approval; five by County Supervisors; and five from the Los Angeles Indian community.

**Qualifications:** Must be of American Indian descent and must have knowledge about the Los Angeles Indian community.

**Description:** The Commission is primarily concerned with obtaining funding for programs developed to meet the problems in the American Indian community. The Commission advocates legislation and policy favorable to urban American Indians, develops and disseminates information in the field of American Indian affairs, coordinates both private and public groups and organizations working for the special concerns of American Indian people, and develops recommendations and programs to solve problems identified in this community.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF**

Seven members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** The members shall reflect the diverse geographic areas of the City and the diversity of communities of interest, neighborhoods, ethnicity, race, gender, age and sexual orientation. Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Board shall be responsible for policy setting and policy oversight, including the approval of contracts and leases and the promulgation of rules and regulations, but shall not be responsible for day-to-day management.

## **NORTH VALLEY AREA PLANNING COMMISSION**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City and be a resident of the area to be served by the Commission.

**Description:** The Commission shall have and exercise the power to: 1) hear and determine appeals where it is alleged there is error or abuse of discretion in any order, requirement, decision, interpretation or other determination made by a Zoning Administrator; 2) hear and make determinations on any matter normally under the jurisdiction of the Area Planning Commission because the Zoning Administrator has failed to act within the time limits prescribed by ordinance; 3) hear and determine applications for, or appeals related to Conditional Use Permits and other similar quasi-judicial approvals, in accordance with procedures prescribed by ordinance; 4) make recommendations with respect to zone changes or similar matters referred to it from the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 562; and 5) hear and determine other matters delegated to it by ordinance.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Nine members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** Advise and recommend on City planning and related activities and legislation. Supervise the Director of Planning. Approve the General Plan of the City and its various elements, including community plans, district plans, specific plans and interim control ordinances. Act on redevelopment plans prepared by the Community Redevelopment Agency. Make recommendations to the Mayor and Council on proposed ordinances establishing procedures for City of Los Angeles planning and land use determinations. Conduct formal public hearings and act on appeals of matters such as subdivisions, tract maps, Conditional Use Permits, specific plan exceptions, zone changes, development agreements and project permits.

## **POLICE COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF**

Five members; limited to two five-year terms and up to two years of an unexpired term

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter within the City.

**Description:** Selects and ranks the top 3-6 candidates for Chief of Police for appointment by the Mayor. The Board of Police Commissioners shall have power, subject to the provisions of the City Charter and to ordinances of the City, to supervise, control, regulate and manage the Department, to make and enforce all necessary and desirable rules and regulations, and exercise of the powers conferred upon the Department by the Charter.

The Commissioners routinely spend 25-50 hours per week on Commission business and serve as the citizens' voice in police affairs and as a means of ensuring a more responsive and effective City government. The Commissioners' concerns are reflective of the community-at-large, and their priorities include implementing recommended reforms; improving service to the public by the Department; reducing crime and the fear of crime; and initiating, implementing and supporting community-policing programs.

## **POLICE PERMIT REVIEW PANEL**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Panel is a sub-panel to the Police Commission established to review hearing examiners' reports as referred by the Police Commission. The Panel approves most types of police permits, rules on cases involving the discipline or revocation of police permits, approves stipulations in the settlement of disciplinary cases, and reviews and approves conditions placed on new and existing police permits.

At each Panel meeting, Commission Investigation Calendars are approved. The Calendars list new permits, including business permits, alarm permits, and permits which have been discontinued or were not processed for various reasons. The Panel also considers hearing examiner reports regarding proposed discipline of permittees, or in extreme cases, the revocation of permits. In such cases, the Panel may vote to adopt the findings of fact and determination of issues presented by the hearing examiner, and may adopt, amend, or not adopt the hearing examiner's recommendations.

Panel decisions are final. Persons whose police permits are suspended or revoked may appeal the Panel's decision to the Superior Court.

The Panel also hears cases relative to the City's False Alarm Ordinance. In such cases as the alarm subscriber fails to pay mandated charges for excessive false alarm responses from the Los Angeles Police Department, alarm permits may be revoked by affidavit if the permittee chooses not to request a formal hearing. If a hearing is requested, one is held before an independent hearing examiner, whose findings of fact and recommendations are considered by the Panel.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Board of Public Works manages and controls the Department of Public Works and is responsible for the operation of the following seven bureaus: 1) Bureau of Accounting; 2) Bureau of Contract Administration; 3) Bureau of Engineering; 4) Bureau of Management/Employee Services; 5) Bureau of Sanitation; 6) Bureau of Street Lighting; and 7) Bureau of Street Maintenance.

The Board manages the design and construction of City infrastructure as well as delivery of vital public safety and environmental programs. This entails design and construction of municipal buildings, public streets, sewage collection and treatment facilities; seismic retrofit and earthquake reconstruction; maintenance and repaving of public streets; collection, disposal, and recycling of residential refuse and wastewater; installation and maintenance of street lighting; oversight of trees and landscaping in the public right-of-way; storm water management; prevention of improper disposal of hazardous and toxic materials; weed abatement and lot cleaning; and provision of vital information on the City's infrastructure services and requirements in relation to permits for private development.

## **QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION**

Fifteen members; four-year terms

**Appointing Authority:** Six members appointed by the Mayor and nine members appointed by the Council President from nominations submitted by the Chairs of the Budget and Finance Committee, Audits & Governmental Efficiency Committee, and Personnel Committee of the City Council. Each appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the City Council.

**Qualifications:** Special knowledge of productivity of related techniques in the private sector, in organized labor, in the academic community or in the public sector jurisdictions. Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** Commission duties: 1) investigation of alternatives to improve City productivity and work measurement programs, including state-of-the-art techniques and organization structures in both public and private sector productivity improvement efforts; 2) review and, where appropriate, devise a format for departmental reporting of productivity goals and accomplishments; and 3) submit progress reports and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council as needed.

## **RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Department of Recreation and Parks is under the complete control and management of its Commission. Therefore, the Board of Recreation and Parks is neither Mayor nor Council controlled, and except for those actions requiring approval by City Council Ordinance, actions by the Board are final.

The Board, through the Department, manages and controls all property owned or controlled by the City for public recreation. This includes a wide variety of facilities, such as parks, recreation centers, the Griffith Observatory, various museums, swimming pools, golf courses, camps, and various concessions. The Board is responsible for adopting policies necessary to steer the direction of the Department in the implementation of its goal of providing open space and recreational facilities to the people of the City. The Board may typically act on Department request for proposals and contracts, acceptance of donations, matters relating to citizens' requests to use parks for events, construction projects, approval of park designs and selection of designers, various reports on concession operations, grant applications and agreements, and various lease agreements.

## **RELOCATION APPEALS BOARD**

Five members; two-year terms

**Qualifications:** None

**Description:** The Appeals Board hears complaints brought by residents, commercial property owners and tenants on any City action relating to relocation, and determines whether the City has complied with provisions of the State law and any applicable federal regulations.

## **RENT ADJUSTMENT COMMISSION**

Seven members; four-year terms

**Qualifications:** A Commissioner can be neither landlord nor tenant of residential real property.

**Description:** Holds hearings, makes studies, and issues orders, policies, rules and regulations to carry out the intent of the Rent Stabilization Ordinance. Rules and regulations are effective on newspaper publication.

### **SOUTH LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City and be a resident of the area to be served by the Commission.

**Description:** The Commission shall have and exercise the power to: 1) hear and determine appeals where it is alleged there is error or abuse of discretion in any order, requirement, decision, interpretation or other determination made by a Zoning Administrator; 2) hear and make determinations on any matter normally under the jurisdiction of the Area Planning Commission because the Zoning Administrator has failed to act within the time limits prescribed by ordinance; 3) hear and determine applications for, or appeals related to Conditional Use Permits and other similar quasi-judicial approvals, in accordance with procedures prescribed by ordinance; 4) make recommendations with respect to zone changes or similar matters referred to it from the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 562; and 5) hear and determine other matters delegated to it by ordinance.

### **SOUTH VALLEY AREA PLANNING COMMISSION**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City and be a resident of the area to be served by the Commission.

**Description:** The Commission shall have and exercise the power to: 1) hear and determine appeals where it is alleged there is error or abuse of discretion in any order, requirement, decision, interpretation or other determination made by a Zoning Administrator; 2) hear and make determinations on any matter normally under the jurisdiction of the Area Planning Commission because the Zoning Administrator has failed to act within the time limits prescribed by ordinance; 3) hear and determine applications for, or appeals related to Conditional Use Permits and other similar quasi-judicial approvals, in accordance with procedures prescribed by ordinance; 4) make recommendations with respect to zone changes or similar matters referred to it from the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 562; and 5) hear and determine other matters delegated to it by ordinance.

## **STATUS OF WOMEN, COMMISSION ON THE**

Seven members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** Through the Commission Executive Director, the Commission assists in assuring to all women the opportunity for full and equal participation in the affairs of City government and promotes the general welfare of women in the Los Angeles Community.

The Commission is authorized to: 1) inform and advise the Mayor and Council of the needs and problems of women in the City of Los Angeles, with special emphasis given to women in City government; 2) investigate problems and conditions affecting women adversely and recommend programs which offer to women in the City of Los Angeles a greater opportunity and ability to pursue life choices without discrimination; 3) propose methods of awareness of changing life patterns, opportunities and responsibilities of women; and 4) maintain active liaison with citizen groups concerned with identifying and removing obstacles to the development of a women's full potential.

## **TAXICAB COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Commission's relationship to the General Manager is an advisory one. The Commission's specific powers and duties to be exercised with regard to taxicab regulations: 1) to investigate all privately-owned public taxicab utilities in the City of Los Angeles and compile such data as may be necessary to determine the proper services to be furnished by such utilities or charges to be made therefore; 2) establish and prescribe by resolution, regulations providing for the operation of the extent, character and quality of service, the rates to be charged by and the extensions to be required of, any said taxicab utility, all in a manner not in conflict with any paramount regulation, rate fixing or extension requirements for such utility by the State or nations; 3) investigate complaints against the services or charges of any said taxicab utility and to make orders adjusting the same; 4) inspect all such taxicab utilities as to their franchises, the ordinances of the City and the laws of the State, and as to their service generally. To enforce in the manner prescribed by law a compliance with the terms of such franchises and ordinances or laws applicable thereto; 5) keep a record of all public utility taxicab franchises granted by the City or exercised therein; 6) with respect to franchises, permits and privileges: every application made or granted by the Council for a franchise for a taxicab public utility, shall before any action is taken thereon, be referred by the City Council to the Board of Taxicab Commissioners for its recommendation respecting the same. Said Commission shall proceed to inquire into such application or grant, within thirty days after such application or grant has been referred to it, or longer if allowed by the Council, and shall report to the Council its recommendations relative thereto. Administer and exercise those powers and duties provided by those procedures set forth in Division 13 of this Code, as amended for the granting of taxicab utility franchises, permits and privileges.

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF**

Seven members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Transportation Commission, notwithstanding its advisory capacity to the Department of Transportation, exercises the following powers and duties with respect to traffic and parking, public utilities, school crossings, and such other powers and duties as may be assigned by ordinance: 1) approves ordinances regulating the manner of use of public streets and other public ways for travel, including the use and operation of vehicles or the placing of obstructions thereon; 2) conducts hearings on all matters within the jurisdiction of the Transportation Department and advises the General Manager as to its findings and recommendations; 3) controls, and has responsibility for, the Special Parking Revenue Fund; 4) has the power, duty and responsibility of coordinating, directing, and managing all matters concerning the acquisition and management of all public off-street parking places by the City, except for those parking facilities which are to be under the jurisdiction or control of departments controlling their own funds; 5) investigates all privately-owned public utilities in the City of Los Angeles (except utilities at the Harbor) and establishes and prescribes by resolution regulations providing for the operation of the extent, character and quality of service, and the rates to be charged by any facility; 6) investigates complaints against the services or charges of any utility; 7) inspects utilities as to their compliance with their franchises, the ordinances of the City and the laws of the State; and 8) adopts policy criteria to assist the General Manager in the assignment of school crossing guards, and conducts necessary hearings and provides written determination with respect to appeals from the General Manager's school crossing assignment determinations.

## **WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City.

**Description:** The Board of Water and Power Commissioners: 1) controls, regulates and manages the Department; 2) makes and enforces all necessary and desirable rules and regulations regarding the exercise of powers conferred upon the Department by the Charter; 3) controls, orders, appropriates and expends all monies from the Water Revenue Fund and the Power Revenue Fund; 4) invests surplus funds in bonds or other evidence of indebtedness and deposits the derived income into the City treasury to the credit of the Water Revenue Fund and Power Revenue Fund; 5) engages in the interchange and/or sale of surplus electric energy or standby or emergency service in connection with the transmission and utilization of power from the Colorado River or from any other source of electric power; 6) enters into contract with any public agency for the exchange of water; 7) has the power and authority to supply and distribute and fix rates relative to reclaimed water; 8) has the authority to enter into contracts with the United States government and Southern California Edison relative to operation and maintenance of the Boulder Dam Power Plant; 9) has the authority to contract with other agencies for the construction, ownership, operation and maintenance of facilities for the generation, transformation and transmission of electric energy; and 10) has the authority to regulate and control the use, sale and distribution of water and electric energy owned or controlled by the City.

## **WEST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City and be a resident of the area to be served by the Commission.

**Description:** The Commission shall have and exercise the power to: 1) hear and determine appeals where it is alleged there is error or abuse of discretion in any order, requirement, decision, interpretation or other determination made by a Zoning Administrator; 2) hear and make determinations on any matter normally under the jurisdiction of the Area Planning Commission because the Zoning Administrator has failed to act within the time limits prescribed by ordinance; 3) hear and determine applications for, or appeals related to Conditional Use Permits and other similar quasi-judicial approvals, in accordance with procedures prescribed by ordinance; 4) make recommendations with respect to zone changes or similar matters referred to it from the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 562; and 5) hear and determine other matters delegated to it by ordinance.

## **WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

50 members; two-year terms

**Qualifications:** The member or the member's business must reside within the City.

**Description:** WIB members play an integral role in shaping the direction and flow of all Workforce Development efforts in the City of Los Angeles. Members work in cooperation with the Los Angeles Community Development Department's Workforce Development Division to provide policy and oversight for many important programs. These include: Workforce Preparation, Education and Placement; Voucher Training; Youth Literacy and Academic Enrichment; Business Assistance; Customized Training; Dislocated Worker Programs; Older Worker Programs; Disabled Worker Programs; Day Laborer Programs; Rapid Response Programs; and Tax Credit Programs.

## **ZOO COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF**

Five members; five-year terms

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter residing within the City. No person shall be appointed or confirmed to serve on the Board who is a tenant, lessee or operator of a concession on Zoo property.

**Description:** The Board's relationship to the General Manager of the Zoo Department shall be advisory. The Board may request the General Manager to report on the status of the Department's operations, including, but not limited to, the construction of projects, animal transactions, fundraising and revenue.

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