



MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

Date: September 19, 2023
To: Members of the Government Operations and Efficiency Committee
From: Mayor Rex Richardson
Subject: **Appointments for Charter Commissions**

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive Charter Commission appointments pursuant to Section 509 of the City Charter and Section 2.03.065 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, and forward this item to the City Council for approval.

APPOINTMENTS:

New Appointments

Civil Service Commission

Vikki Love – At Large – effective 10.01.23, completion of partial term Oct. 2023 – June 2026;

Vikki has lived in the city of Long Beach for over 45 years. She has lived in the 6th, 4th, 7th and 9th districts. She is a proud product of the Long Beach education community thru college. Vikki is a retired city of Long Beach employee with 26 years of service. After retirement she became an employee of the Union that represents city employees, the IAM for about 2 years.

Vikki raised a son who attended school and started a business in the city. She loves cooking, travel, reading "real" books and spending time with her grandchildren.

Planning Commission

Susana Gonzalez Edmond – At Large – First term effective 10.01.23, Term: Oct 2023 – June 2027

Susana Gonzalez Edmond has more than 25 years of senior-level professional experience in both the public and private sectors. She is a Long Beach business owner and an active community member.

Susana's diverse career includes many notable accomplishments. She served as chief of staff to Congressman Robert Garcia, when he was on the Long Beach City Council. In that



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role, she managed the district's infrastructure projects, economic development initiatives and community relations. Susana also regularly staffed the then vice mayor at California Coastal Commission meetings. She was the chief policy advisor and liaison to community organizations, labor unions, business associations and neighborhood stakeholders.

Most recently, Susana worked for the Museum of Latin American Art as Chief Officer of Government and External Affairs, where she supported their expansion plans and led securing state funding. Her background also includes working for Southern California Edison, a Fortune 500 utility company, where she managed state and local government associations and led the company's engagement strategy for the Latino, LGBTQ, senior adults and military veteran communities. Susana also spent five years as a Sr. Government Affairs consultant with the consulting firm, ACTUM.

She was appointed to the Long Beach Civil Service Commission in 2018, she currently serves as the Long Beach Council PTA President, volunteers her time at her son's school PTA and is a proud board member of the Mental Health America Los Angeles (MHALA).

Susana has a B.S. in Business Administration from California State University, San Marcos, an M.P.A. in Public Policy and Administration from California State University, Long Beach and a Project Management Certificate from Caltech. She lives in Long Beach with her husband, two kids, two dogs and one 8-year-old Goldfish.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact.

Suggested Action

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Rex Richardson

City of Long Beach

September 15, 2023