



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

July 5, 2022

To: MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT, PERSONNEL AND ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

From: Mayor Robert Garcia

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.

APPOINTMENTS

New Appointments

Citizens Police Complaint Commission

Rocio Torres – First term through July 2024

Rocio Torres is a Council District 1 resident. Rocio is a former teacher and now School Counselor for the Long Beach Unified School District. Rocio has been an avid volunteer and community leader in the AOC7 Neighborhood serving on their board since 2011. Rocio holds a Bachelors in Liberal Studies Degree and a Masters Degree in School Counseling from California State University Dominguez Hills.

Ethics Commission

Raul Añorve – First term through July 2025

Raul Añorve is a Council District 9 resident. Raul Works as a Paralegal for the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office, Safe Neighborhoods & Gang Division. He has been an active community member and volunteer previously serving on the Citizens Police Complaint Commission, Grants Committee Panel for the Arts Council of Long Beach and has been a Fellow with the Equality California Leadership Program. Raul has been inducted into the Equality Plaza at Harvey Milk Park and is a Leadership Long Beach graduate.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Christopher Chavez – First term through July 2026

Christopher Chavez is a Council District 7 resident. Christopher is currently employed as the Deputy Policy Director at Coalition for Clean Air, an environmental nonprofit



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organization. He is a member of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's AB617 Community Steering Committee for Wilmington, Carson, and West Long Beach. He previously served as legislative staff for two California State Senators and served as the ASI President at California State University, Long Beach. Christopher holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with an emphasis in Public Policy and Administration.

Silissa Uriarte Smith – First term through July 2026

Silissa Uriarte Smith is a Council District 1 resident. She is currently employed as the Interim Executive Director at Compound Long Beach, a nonprofit offering space and resources for local artists. Silissa is a HOPE (Hispanas Organized for Political Equality) Leadership Institute, class of 2003 and serves on the Board of Trustees for Stephens College. Silissa holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Stephens College in Columbia Missouri and a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership from Chapman University in Orange California.

Sylvester "Duke" Givens – First term through July 2026

Duke Givens is a long Beach native who grew up in the 6th district. He attended Long Beach Poly High School and Long Beach City College where he was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Duke has served in the United States Airforce during the Desert Storm Conflict and was honorably discharged. He has received numerous awards and recognitions including: the NAACP Community Service Award, special recognition from the United States Congress for various community efforts and the African American Men's Forum President's award. Duke is the founder of the Care Closet LBC, a nonprofit helping our people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach.

Reappointments

Citizens Police Complaint Commission

- *Michael Bates* – 1st term through July 2024
- *Kenneth Shiozaki-Kawamoto* – 1st term through July 2024
- *Brent Walmsley* – 2nd term through July 2024
- *Dana Buchanan* – 2nd term through July 2023
- *Veronica Garcia* – 2nd term through July 2023

Civil Service Commission

- *Susana Gonzalez-Edmond* – 2nd term through June 2026
- *Yvonne Wheeler* – 1st term through June 2026



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Parks and Recreation Commission

- *Sharleen Higa* – 1st term through July 2026

Planning Commission

- *Jane Templin* – 2nd term through June 2026

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia", written over a light blue rectangular background.

Mayor Robert Garcia
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