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Recommendation to, subject to review and consideration by the Personnel and Civil Service Committee in accordance with Long Beach Municipal Code Section 2.03.065, confirm Charter Commission appointments pursuant to Section 509 of the City Charter and Section 2.03.065 of the Long Beach Municipal Code; or in the alternative, if for some reason the Personnel and Civil Service Committee does not meet prior to or on September 15, 2020, waive the requirement for consideration and recommendation by the Personnel and Civil Service Committee in accordance with Section 2.03.065, and confirm 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

##### Airport Commission

##### Robert Duarte

Robert is a 4th District resident and is the Operations and Project Manager of the Los Angeles County Business Federation (Bizfed). He serves on the following boards and committees: Whittier College, Alumni Association Board of Directors, Honor PAC Next Gen and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

##### Board of Examiners Appeals and Condemnation

##### Hakim Chambers

Hakim is a 3rd District resident and is a Senior Program Manager with Jacobs Engineering, Inc. He has more than 20 years of experience in planning, programming! and construction and has managed more than 25 engineering projects throughout the country.

##### Board of Health and Human Services

##### Rebecca Ruiz

Rebecca is a District 2 resident and is currently a Social Media Specialist at Planned Parenthood Orange and San Bernardino Counties, She is also the Sexual and Reproductive Health Educator for the Community Education and Outreach Department of Planned Parenthood.

## Dr. Michael Tehrani

Michael Tehrani, M.D. is the CEO and Founder of MedWell. He graduated residency from USC and is board certified in Internal Medicine and specializes in Geriatrics. Dr. Tehrani, or Dr. T, as his patients know him founded MedWell to ensure good medical care is accessible to patients at all times.

## Cultural Heritage Commission

### Mary Hinds

Mary is a life-long resident of Long Beach and currently resides in Council District 8. She has a deep love for and commitment to Long Beach. Mary has served as a member on the Board of Directors of the Historical Society of Long Beach; the Long Beach Women's Shelter; and the Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation.

### Mark Grisaje

Mark is a District 5 resident and is the CEO of Grisafe Architecture. He received his Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. For his work in residential developments, he was awarded the 2004 AIA Orange County Award for Residential Project in cooperation with Ron Yeo Architect.

## Citizen Police Complaint Commission

### Brent Walmsley

Brent is a District 9 resident and is an English Teacher at Da Vinci RISE High School. Brent's community involvement includes: Commissioner on Advisory Commission on Charter Schools for the California Department of Education, Board Member of Long Beach ICO and the New Leaders Council.

### John Mathews II

John is a District 6 resident and currently is the Senior Legal Counsel for the Justice Collaborative. Previously, John served as an Assistant United States Attorney in Puerto Rico. He received his B.A in Political Science and Spanish minor from the University of Los Angeles, and his J. D from Harvard Law School.

### Nigel Lifsey

Nigel is a District 2 resident and a Senior Fund Accountant with Post Advisory Group in the Los Angeles region. He co-founded Urban Society Long Beach, an entertainment company

that hosts community and social events throughout the city. Nigel received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the Boston University.

#### Citizens' Advisory Commission on Disabilities

Elyse M. Ares

Elyse is the Senior Program Development Specialist at Children360. In her current role she provides educational programming and advocates at the local, state and national level for children with special needs. Elyse received her Masters in Education from Whittier College and B.A. in Psychology from CSU Dominguez Hills.

Jennifer Kumiyama

Jennifer is a 1st District resident and a person with a disability. She believes Long Beach residents are fortunate to have a space to voice concerns and share ideas to improve the quality of life for individuals living with disabilities in our city and has been an active member of the community. Her community involvement includes: Board Member, Asian and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities in California, Vice President) Ms. Wheelchair America, and Board Member on the Disabled Resources Center.

#### Economic Development

Brenda Wunsch

Brenda is a 3rd District resident and has called Long Beach home for more than 32 years. Helping small businesses and startups has been her passion. She has 20 years of startup experience, is the CRO of Scoutbee, a procurement software solutions company, and the founder of WestCoast Marketing, an advertising and marketing company that merged into Ventura Marketing, whose clients included: H P, MGM Studios, Four Seasons Hotel and the Wall Street Journal.

Vivian Shimoyama

Vivian is a District 1 resident and currently the Chief Operating Officer at Scale Smarter Partners. Previously, Vivian served as the Regional Executive Director of Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business-Southern California Region at Long Beach City College. Vivian has been recognized internationally for her advocacy on behalf of small businesses and women entrepreneurs. She has also served as a U.S. delegate to top conferences globally, including the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Women and the Economy Summit.

#### Homeless Service Advisory Committee

Desiree Rew

Desiree is a 3rd District resident and has been a clinical therapist for over 25 years. Desiree is currently working as a travel social worker with AYA Healthcare. She is a Leadership Long Beach alumna and a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Janine Solano

Janine is, a District 6 resident and currently a Mental Health Administrator for Star View Community Services. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Chicano Latino Studies from California State University, Long Beach.

Jeanette Barrera

Jeanette is a District 2 resident and has been a mental health provider with experience working in Los Angeles County and the Mental Health and Children's Family Court. She has managed early intervention programs to prevent homelessness and assisted families struggling with low wages, unaffordable housing, and lack of social support.

Human Relations Commission

Lisette Flores

Lisette is a District 8 resident and is currently a communications consultant with EstreliaPR +Marketing. Lisette completed graduate course work in Spanish Literature and linguistics and her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with an emphasis in Public and Linguistics and received a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with an emphasis in Public Relations from California State University, Long Beach.

Zuleimy Gonzalez

Zuleimy is a District 9 resident and is currently an Outreach Analyst for the California Department of Insurance. She received her Bachelor's degree in Communications from California State University, Long Beach.

Marine Advisory Commission

Bruce Mac Rae

Bruce is a District 4 resident and the Vice President of State Government Affairs for the West Region of UPS. Bruce grew up and attended school in Long Beach, and is a second generation Long Beach native.

Long Beach Transit Board of Directors

## Connor Lock

Connor lock is a 4th District resident and graduate of California State University, Long Beach. Connor currently serves as the Chief of Staff to the Mayor and City Council for the City of Costa Mesa where he manages the City of Costa Mesa's governmental relations, Census 2020 outreach, City Council liaison services, City Council event management, constituent services, and special projects for the Mayor and City Manager.

## Pacific Gateway Workforce Development Board

## Adey Tesfaye

Adey is a District 7 resident and is a Senior Community Development Manager at HSBC Bank. She has more than 25-years of experience in the banking industry. Adey received her degree in Mathematical Economics from the California State University, Dominguez Hills.

## Sandra Brizuela

Sandra is a District 8 resident and a Team Manager with the California Department of Rehabilitation. She received a Master of Science in Counseling for Marriage, Family & Child Therapy from the University of Phoenix.

## Kenneth Gomez

Kenneth is a District 2 resident and is the Deputy Division Chief for the State of California, Employment Development Department (EDD), Workforce Services Branch in Compton, California. He has more than 25-years of private and public sector experience in human resources.

## Parks and Recreation Commission Robert Livingstone

Robert is a District 4 resident and a lifelong resident of Long Beach. He was appointed by Ernie Kell to serve on the Municipal Golf Commission in 1986 at the age of 23. Robert is a former city employee with the Parks, Recreation, and Marine Department.

## Kasey Schoen

Kasey is a District 1 resident and she is currently the Marketing Event Coordinator with W+ R Studios. Kasey currently serves on the California Park and Recreation Society as a representative for Long Beach. Kasey is a member of Junior League of Long Beach and an alumna of California State University, Long Beach.

## Susan Redfield

Susan is a District 7 resident and a retired attorney. Her community involvement includes being a Long Beach Public Library Foundation Board Member, Assistance League of Long Beach/CAMEO Board Member} and Member of the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning. Susan received her JD in 1980 from the IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago - with honors, and a Master of Social Work from the Loyola University School of Social Work, Chicago.

#### Senior Advisory Commission

Phyllis Schmidt

Phyllis is a District 3 resident and taught special education at Artesia, Dominguez, and Westminster High Schools before retiring in the late 1970s. For her long history of community involvement and volunteerism, Schmidt has been selected as one of the recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award in the Press-Telegram's 2015 Amazing Women program.

#### Technology and Innovation Commission

Andrea White-Kjoss

Andrea is a District 3 resident and has called Long Beach her home for the past 15 years. She is the co-founder and COO of ExtraVallis, a company that helps technology startup companies. She received her bachelor's in international business from Saint Cloud State University.

#### Water Commission

Naomi Rainey-Piersoti

Naomi Rainey-Piersoti is an award-winning educator, philanthropist, entrepreneur and civil rights activist who has had a positive impact on the lives of thousands of community members, including many at-risk children. Naomi has been actively involved with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) since the age of 14.

#### Reappointments

#### Airport Advisory Commission

Rita S. Navak- Second Term through June 2022

Geetanjali Reuben-Gath- Second Term through June 2022 Jeffrey Anderson - Fourth Term through June 2022

Wayne Anthony Chaney Sr.- Third Term through June 2022 Alvaro Castillo - Third Term

through June 2022

Miles Nevin - First Term through June 2022

Katherine Larson - First Term through June 2022

Planning Commission

Richard Lewis - Second Term through June 2024

Water Commission

Art Levine- Second Term through June 2025

There is no fiscal impact.

Approve recommendation.

ROBERT GARCIA,  
MAYOR