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Affordable Housing Commission

Number of members: Seven

Term: Five years

Basis: LAAC Section 22.608

Appointing Authority: Appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council (Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Qualified and experienced affordable housing professionals and advocates, including at least one member of an established residential tenant organization; must be qualified elector of the City.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Advisory to Mayor, City Council and Housing Department.

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Mayor, the 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 product, and encourage nonprofit housing development. Also see Charter Section 503 reorganization of Board.

Oversight Committee: Housing

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: No

Airport Commissioners, Board of

Number of members: Seven

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Sections 600, 630 and 632

Appointing Authority: Appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council (Charter Section 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: At least one member must reside within the area surrounding Los Angeles International Airport and at least one member must reside within the area surrounding the Van Nuys Airport; all must be qualified electors of the City.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Head of the Department

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Board of Airport Commissioners has 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 fixes, regulates and collects rates or charges for the use of all facilities which are owned, controlled or operated by the City in connection with air commerce and navigation, etc.

Oversight Committee: Innovation, Grants, Technology, Commerce and Trade

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Animal Services Commissioners, Board of

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Sections 501-503 and LAAC Section 22.4

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Head of Department

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: 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.

Oversight Committee: Personnel and Animal Welfare

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Area Planning Commission: Central Area

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Sections 118 and 552; LAMC 11.5.2

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City and must reside in the area served by the Area Planning Commission.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Quasi-judicial in accordance with procedures prescribed by Ordinance

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: Quasi-judicial agency; exercise power to hear and determine appeals where it is alleged there is an error or abuse of discretion in any order, requirement, decision, interpretation or other determination made by the Zoning Administrator; may hear matters where the Zoning Administrator failed to act; transfer of jurisdiction issues; appeals of conditional use; make recommendations relative to zone changes or similar matters referred to it by the Planning Commission per Charter Section 562; and hear matters delegated to it by ordinance, etc.

Oversight Committee Planning and Land Use Management

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Area Planning Commission: East Area

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Sections 118 and 552; LAMC 11.5.2

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City and must reside in the area served by the Area Planning Commission.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Quasi-judicial in accordance with procedures prescribed by Ordinance

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: Quasi-judicial agency; exercise power to hear and determine appeals where it is alleged there is an error or abuse of discretion in any order, requirement, decision, interpretation or other determination made by the Zoning Administrator; may hear matters where the Zoning Administrator failed to act; transfer of jurisdiction issues; appeals of conditional use; make recommendations relative to zone changes or similar matters referred to it by the Planning Commission per Charter Section 562; and hear matters delegated to it by ordinance, etc.

Oversight Committee: Planning and Land Use Management

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Area Planning Commission: Harbor Area

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Sections 118 and 552; LAMC 11.5.2

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City and must reside in the area served by the Area Planning Commission.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Quasi-judicial in accordance with procedures prescribed by Ordinance

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: Quasi-judicial agency; exercise power to hear and determine appeals where it is alleged there is an error or abuse of discretion in any order, requirement, decision, interpretation or other determination made by the Zoning Administrator; may hear matters where the Zoning Administrator failed to act; transfer of jurisdiction issues; appeals of conditional use; make recommendations relative to zone changes or similar matters referred to it by the Planning Commission per Charter Section 562; and hear matters delegated to it by ordinance, etc.

Oversight Committee: Planning and Land Use Management

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Area Planning Commission: North Valley

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Sections 118 and 552; LAMC 11.5.2

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City and must reside in the area served by the Area Planning Commission.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Quasi-judicial in accordance with procedures prescribed by Ordinance

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: Quasi-judicial agency; exercise power to hear and determine appeals where it is alleged there is an error or abuse of discretion in any order, requirement, decision, interpretation or other determination made by the Zoning Administrator; may hear matters where the Zoning Administrator failed to act; transfer of jurisdiction issues; appeals of conditional use; make recommendations relative to zone changes or similar matters referred to it by the Planning Commission per Charter Section 562; and hear matters delegated to it by ordinance, etc.

Oversight Committee: Planning and Land Use Management

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Area Planning Commission: South Los Angeles

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Sections 118 and 552; LAMC 11.5.2

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City and must reside in the area served by the Area Planning Commission.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Quasi-judicial in accordance with procedures prescribed by Ordinance

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: Quasi-judicial agency; exercise power to hear and determine appeals where it is alleged there is an error or abuse of discretion in any order, requirement, decision, interpretation or other determination made by the Zoning Administrator; may hear matters where the Zoning Administrator failed to act; transfer of jurisdiction issues; appeals of conditional use; make recommendations relative to zone changes or similar matters referred to it by the Planning Commission per Charter Section 562; and hear matters delegated to it by ordinance, etc.

Oversight Committee: Planning and Land Use Management

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Area Planning Commission: South Valley

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Sections 118 and 552; LAMC 11.5.2

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City and must reside in the area served by the Area Planning Commission.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Quasi-judicial in accordance with procedures prescribed by Ordinance

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: Quasi-judicial agency; exercise power to hear and determine appeals where it is alleged there is an error or abuse of discretion in any order, requirement, decision, interpretation or other determination made by the Zoning Administrator; may hear matters where the Zoning Administrator failed to act; transfer of jurisdiction issues; appeals of conditional use; make recommendations relative to zone changes or similar matters referred to it by the Planning Commission per Charter Section 562; and hear matters delegated to it by ordinance, etc.

Oversight Committee: Planning and Land Use Management

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Area Planning Commission: West Los Angeles

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Sections 118 and 552; LAMC 11.5.2

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City and must reside in the area served by the Area Planning Commission.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Quasi-judicial in accordance with procedures prescribed by Ordinance

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: Quasi-judicial agency; exercise power to hear and determine appeals where it is alleged there is an error or abuse of discretion in any order, requirement, decision, interpretation or other determination made by the Zoning Administrator; may hear matters where the Zoning Administrator failed to act; transfer of jurisdiction issues; appeals of conditional use; make recommendations relative to zone changes or similar matters referred to it by the Planning Commission per Charter Section 562; and hear matters delegated to it by ordinance, etc.

Oversight Committee: Planning and Land Use Management

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Building and Safety Commissioners, Board of

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: LAAC Section 22.21

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council (Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be qualified elector of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Advisory, with certain modification powers by Board Resolution

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Board may hear appeals and take action relative to the City’s Building Code, Mechanical Code, Electrical Code, and Plumbing Code (LAMC) and portions of the Zoning Code. The Board has no administrative or personnel authority relative to the Department. 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.

Oversight Committee: Planning and Land Use Management

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

City Ethics Commission

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years; no member who has served a five-year term shall be eligible for reappointment

Basis: Charter Sections 501-503 and 700-702

Appointing Authority: Mayor, City Attorney, Controller, Council President, and the President Pro Tem of the City Council each appoint one member; all subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be qualified elector of the City and cannot hold public office, participate in or contribute to City campaigns, neither employ or be employed as a person required to register as a lobbyist with the City, etc.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Appointments to fill vacancies arising shall be made within 30 days by original appointing authority, pursuant to Charter Section 700(f)

Jurisdiction: Head of Department

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: Ethics Commission has the responsibility for the impartial and effective administration and implementation of the provisions of the Charter, statutes and ordinances concerning campaign financing, lobbying, conflicts of interest and governmental ethics, etc. The duties of the Commission and its full time staff are detailed in Charter Section 702.

Oversight Committee: Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

City Planning Commission

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Sections 500-503 and 551; LAAC Section 21.2

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be qualified elector of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Advisory over Planning Department operations. Has quasi-judicial authority over many land use matters, with some decisions appealable to the Council.

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: 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. Make recommendations to the Mayor and Council on proposed ordinances establishing procedures for City planning and land use determinations. Conducts formal public hearings and acts on appeals of matters such as subdivisions, tract maps, conditional use permits, specific plan exceptions, zone changes, development agreements and project permits.

Oversight Committee: Planning and Land Use Management

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Civil Service Commissioners, Board of

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Sections 500(b), 501(a) and 541

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council (Charter Section 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Advisory to Personnel Department except the Board has the power and the duty to make and enforce Civil Service Rules and to establish and maintain the Civil Service System.

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Board promulgates civil service rules, establishes classes for all positions of employment, establishes and maintains the Civil Service System, etc.

Oversight Committee: Personnel and Animal Welfare

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Community and Family Services, Commission for

Number of members: Fifteen

Term: Four

Basis: LAAC Section 5.530 (Ordinance No. 181192)
Charter Section 502

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council

Special requirements/qualifications: All members should have demonstrated knowledge and experience in areas related to poverty and children, youth and their families.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Advisory

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Board shall act in an advisory capacity to the Mayor, Council and General Manager on poverty and the needs, concerns and interests of children, youth and their families, and on the administration of the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan, including the fulfillment of all legal requirements for public participation related to the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan.

Oversight Committee: Housing

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Community Development Bank, Board of Directors

Number of members: Fifteen

Term: Four years (Bylaws Section 3.04)

Basis: Council actions on July 5, 1995 (CF 94-2167) and October 11, 1995 (CF 94-2167-S1)

Appointing Authority: The Mayor appoints 6 members including the Chair of the Empowerment Zone Committee; Los Angeles Board of Supervisors appoints 1 member; the Board Appointed Directors appoint 4 members; and the Community Appointed Directors appoint 4 members. (See bylaws; CF 94-2167)

Special requirements/qualifications: Selection criteria adopted by Council (CF 94-2167). The general qualifications include substantial business, financial or other economic development experience sufficient to enable them to oversee the affairs of this corporation and to exercise the corporate powers of this corporation for the purposes for which it was formed. 1) Any financial institution with representation on the Board of Directors must have a 3-year consecutive history of complying with the Community Reinvestment Act (ACT) with an outstanding ranking. This criterion must be maintained at all times while represented on the Board. In the event that a financial institution serving on the Board does not meet the ACT or decreases in ranking, that financial institution shall be terminated from the Board of Directors; and 2) with respect to any credit committee of Community Development Bank Board of Directors, they shall include directors from geographically distinct areas of the Empowerment Zone.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Not specified.

Jurisdiction: Governing

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Board of Directors oversees the affairs of this corporation and exercises corporate powers including the following: accepts Federal funding, funds from private lenders in this public-private partnership to increase economic opportunities and create jobs in the City's economically distressed areas, primarily those included in the City's federal Empowerment Zone target area through a range of programs. These programs include Micro loans, business loans, commercial real estate loans, commercial loan guarantee program, loan loss reserve and interest rate/points buy-down program, venture capital, business and technical support programs grant programs for economic development organizations. The Bank makes funds and technical assistance available primarily through investment in existing community-based lending organizations

Oversight Committee: Housing

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: No

Community Forest Advisory Committee

Number of members: Sixteen

Term: Not specified in Council action that established the CFAC.

Basis: City Council action of March 29, 1994, et al. (CF 91-2372)

Appointing authority: Mayor (16 members; 1 from each Council District as nominated by each Councilmember and 1 at-large member nominated by Mayor). All appointees subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Special requirements/qualifications: Not specified

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: None (neither Charter nor Ordinance established)

Jurisdiction: Advisory to City government and the community to help develop and maintain an urban forest for the City

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The CFAC 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 CFAC 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.

Oversight Committee: Energy and Environment

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: No

Convention and Exhibition Center Authority, Los Angeles

Number of members: Fifteen

Term: Four years

Basis: Joint Powers Agreement with the County of Los Angeles
(Ordinance No. 133563 effective January 16, 1967)

Appointing Authority: 10 members appointed by Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council; 5 members appointed by the LA County Board of Supervisors

Special requirements/qualifications: Shall not be an employee or officer of any governmental agency

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: In accordance with the provisions of the ordinance, a vacancy in the City's membership on the Commission, shall be "promptly filled" by appointment thereto by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the City Council, or the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Jurisdiction: Los Angeles Convention and Exhibition Center Construction

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Authority by 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 Government 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.

Oversight Committee: Innovation, Grants, Technology, Commerce and Trade

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Convention and Tourism Development Board

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: LAAC Section 8.146

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Advisory

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Board organizes itself by electing one of its members President and one Vice-President; which officers hold office for one year and until their successors are elected, unless their membership on the Board sooner expires. The election of the President and Vice-President is held at the meetings of the respective Boards during the last week of July of each year.

The Board advises and consults with the General Manager on the operation and maintenance or any such municipal auditorium, convention and exhibition center or related facility under the control of the Los Angeles Convention Center.

Oversight Committee: Innovation, Grants, Technology, Commerce and Trade

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Cultural Affairs Commissioners, Board of

Number of members: Seven

Term: Five years

Basis: LAAC Sections 22.106 and 22.109 - 22.110

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Advisory

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Board elects a President and a Vice-President, and each holds office for one year and until their successors are elected, unless their respective membership on the Commission ceases sooner. 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.

Oversight Committee: Art, Parks and River

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Cultural Heritage Commission

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: LAAC Sections 22.120 - 22.134

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City and have special expertise in the historic, cultural and architectural traditions of the community.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Advisory

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: During the last week of July of each year, the Commission elects a President and a Vice-President, and each holds office for one year and until their successors are elected, unless their respective membership on the Board ceases sooner. 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 concerning historic preservation overlay zones.

Oversight Committee: Planning and Land Use Management

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Disability, Commission on

Number of members: Nine

Term: Five years

Basis: Los Angeles Administrative Code Sections 8.241 - 8.248

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City; Commission to be comprised of disabled and non-disabled persons

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Advisory

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: At the first meeting of each fiscal year, the Commission elects a Presidents and a Vice-President, and each holds office for one year and until their successor is elected, unless their respective membership on the Commission ceases sooner. 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 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.

Oversight Committee: Art, Parks and River

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Disabled Access Appeals Commission

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 91.105.5 et seq.

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City. Two members must be physically disabled persons, 2 members shall have experience in construction, and the 5th member may be any resident of the City.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Enforcement agent of Title 24 of California Administrative Code regarding handicapped access.

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: This Board hears and determines written 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 19955 et seq., 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.

Oversight Committee: Arts, Parks and River

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority Commissioners

Number of members: Nine

Term: Four years

Basis: LAAC Sections 22.622 - 22.635

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City, and 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.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Head of Department

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority Department was created by the enactment of Ordinance No. 167902 on May 13, 1992. The Department 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. El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority Department is under the control and management of its Board of Commissioners. 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 Council.

Oversight Committee: Arts, Parks, and River

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Employee Relations Board

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: LAAC Section 4.810

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to Council confirmation

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City, have broad experience in the field of employee relations, and be impartial to protect the public interest and the interests of the City and its employees.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Investigate, dispute resolution, and determine contested matters especially regarding employees, employee representation units, and/or individuals and organizations.

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: Members elect a Chair annually and the Board has a full-time staff of three employees, including an executive director. The 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 practice by management, employee organizations, or individuals, maintains list of impartial third parties for use in the resolution of bargaining impasses and grievance 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.

Oversight Committee: Personnel and Animal Welfare

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Fire and Police Pensions Commissioners, Board of

Number of members: Nine

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Sections 500, 1102 and 1104

Appointing Authority: Mayor appoints 5 members, subject to confirmation by the City Council. One active sworn member from each the Fire and the Police Department selected by active members of respective Departments; one retired member from each the Fire and Police Departments, elected by retired members of respective Departments (Charter Section 1104).

Special requirements/qualifications: Mayor's appointments must be qualified electors of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Head of Department

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Board of Fire and Police 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). 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.

Oversight Committee: Budget and Finance

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Fire Commissioners, Board of

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Sections 500 - 503

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Head Department

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Board of Fire Commissioners have power, subject to the provision of the City Charter and to ordinances of the City, to supervise, control, regulate and manage the Department and to make and enforce all necessary and desirable rules and regulations and for the exercise of the power conferred upon the Department by the Charter.

The Board's activities include:

- Setting policy, including goals and objectives
- Acting as oversight authority on Department activities
- Presiding 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. and hearing appeals to modify or rescind any assessed fees
- Approving contracts
- Issuing Fire Line Passes
- Conferring Awards of Decoration (Medal of Valor) and Resolutions

Oversight Committee: Public Safety

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Harbor Commissioners, Board of

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Sections 500 - 503 and 650 - 653

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City; at least one member must reside within the surrounding Harbor District, as that area is defined by ordinance.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Head of Department

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Board elects a President and a Vice-President, and each holds office for one year and until their successors are elected, unless their respective membership on the Board ceases sooner. The Board of Harbor Commissions: 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 utilities, etc. used in connection with the Harbor District, 8) fixes, regulates and collects rates, tolls and other charges, 9) grants franchises, permits and contracts for any/all Harbor District needs.

Oversight Committee: Innovation, Grants, Technology, Commerce and Trade

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Health Facilities Authority Commission, Los Angeles County

Number of members: Seven

Term: Four years

Basis: City/County Joint Powers Agreement C-40945; CF 70-5162;
November 9, 1971

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council

Special requirements/qualifications: Shall not be an elected official of the City or County. Two members appointed by the Mayor and five members appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Not specified

Jurisdiction: Governing body of the Authority

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: 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 Hospital, 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.

Oversight Committee: Health, Mental Health and Education

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles

Number of members: Seven

Term: Four years (except tenant members, who serve two years)

Basis: California Health and Safety Code Section 34240

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City. Including two members who are tenants of Housing Authority-controlled development.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: None

Jurisdiction: Head of Agency

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: 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 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 chooses, could assume the role of the Commission.

Oversight Committee: Housing

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Human Relations Commission

Number of members: Eleven

Term: Four years

Basis: LAAC Section 22.82 - 22.87

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Advisory, with power to appoint and remove the Executive Director pursuant to Charter Section 508.

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Human Relations Commission elects a President and Vice-President, hires an Executive Director, and provides assignments to said Director. The Commission assists in assuring to all people the opportunity for full and equals participation in the affairs of City government and promotes the general welfare and safety of all residents in the Los Angeles community through activities and programs designed to reduce discrimination, tension and violence and to advance improved inter-group relations. The Commission supports efforts to create a city free of racism and violence where residents may live and work in an environment of respect, mutual tolerance and human diversity. The 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.

Oversight Committee: Housing

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Industrial Development Authority of the City of Los Angeles

Number of members: Seven

Term: Three years

Basis: Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 8.200 - 8.207. The Authority functions in accordance with the provisions of the California Industrial Development Financing Act (Title 10, commencing with Section 91,500 of the California Government Code).

Appointing Authority: City Council appoints all members. Mayor recommends 4 members; Council President recommends 3 members.

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City. 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.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Not specified

Jurisdiction: The Authority exercises such rights, powers, privileges, duties, liabilities, disabilities, and immunities vested in it under the California Industrial Development Financing Act. The purpose of the Authority is to undertake projects through the issuance of industrial development bonds in accomplishment of the purpose of the Act, and to carry out and complete such projects and perform and exercise derivative obligations and powers as set forth in the Act.

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: 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 City Council's Housing Committee for its review and recommendations. The City Council may, by Resolution, 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.

Oversight Committee: Economic Development

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Information Technology Commissioners, Board of

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: LAAC Section 22.646

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to the confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Advisory to Department with powers and duties limited to matters regarding Information Technology System franchises and related issues.

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: Investigate all Information Technology System franchises and compile 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 franchisees for the purpose of investigation of each franchise and its implementation, and may require such franchisees to keep such records as the Board may prescribe.

Establish and prescribe by resolution, regulations providing character and quality of service of, and the rates to be charged by, each franchisee, all in a manner not in conflict with any paramount state or federal regulation, rate fixing, or service requirements for such franchises.

Investigate complaints regarding the service or rates of any franchisee and to issue orders adjusting same where necessary.

Oversight Committee: Innovations, Grants, Technology, Commerce and Trade

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Innovation and Performance Commission

Number of members: Fifteen

Term: Four years

Basis: LAAC Section 8.231

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, and Personnel and Animal Welfare Committees of the City Council.

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City. Special knowledge of productivity or related techniques in the private sector, in organized labor, in the academic community or in the public sector jurisdictions.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Provide the Mayor and the City Council with the benefit of additional private and public sector experience, expertise, information and recommendations relating to improving productivity and work measurement within City government. "Productivity" shall mean the efficiency with which human and material resources are utilized directly or indirectly in the delivery of services.

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Commission selects a presiding officer and a pro-tem. Each such officer, except for those elected at the Commission's organization meeting, holds office for one year and will be elected during the Commission's first regular meeting in July. Commission duties: 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; review and where appropriate devise a format for departmental reporting of productivity goals and accomplishments; and submit progress reports and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council, as needed.

Oversight Committee: Innovation, Grants, Technology, Commerce and Trade

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Library Commissioners, Board of

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: City Charter Sections 500 - 503

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to the confirmation by the City Council

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Head of Department

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Board elects a President and a Vice-President for a period of one year. 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; 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.

Oversight Committee: Arts, Parks and River

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System, Board of Administration of the

Number of members: Seven

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Sections 500 - 503 and 1102 - 1104

Appointing Authority: Mayor appoints four members, one of whom shall be a retired member of the system, subject to Council confirmation. Two members must be active employee members of the system, elected by active employee members; one member must be a retired member of the system, elected by retired members of the system.

Special requirements/qualifications: The Mayor's four appointments must be qualified electors of the City; Two members must be active employees elected by active employee members; one member must be a retired member of the system elected by retired members of the system.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Head of Department

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Board is authorized to adopt and enforce all rules and regulations as 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.

Oversight Committee: Budget and Finance

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Los Angeles Export Terminal (LAXT), Inc.

Board of Directors

Number of members: Three - The number of appointments is dependent upon equity percentage in LAXT. The City has approximately fifteen percent equity. Each five percent equity allows for appointment of one Board member. Equity can be expected to change if additional capital investment is deemed necessary.

Term: Five years

Basis: Ordinance No. 168614, effective April 3, 1993 (CF No. 93-0250)

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: 30 days (Ordinance No. 170132, effective December 31, 1994). If the Council fails to approve the Mayor's appointment within 30 days, appointment shall be deemed approved by Council. If appointment is disapproved by Council, the Mayor shall make a new appointment within 30 days of Council's disapproval. Each subsequent disapproval of the Mayor's appointment shall create a new 30-day period. In the event the Mayor fails to make an appointment, the Council President may appoint, utilizing the Mayor's time limit processes above. If the Council President fails to make an appointment, the Council may, by resolution, appoint within 30 days.

Jurisdiction: Limited to representing the City's interests on the Board of Directors, LAXT, Inc.

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: LAXT is a California Corporation formed in 1993 to design, construct, and operate a major dry bulk coal export facility at Worldport LA (Port). The Port took the lead in creating LAXT and is one of the largest shareholders at approximately 15 percent (an investment of approximately \$18 million). According to corporate governance, shareholders with 5 percent ownership have the right to appoint one Board Director.

Oversight Committee: Innovation, Grants, Technology, Commerce and Trade

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes (pursuant to Ordinance No. 170132; CF No. 94-1726)

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

- Number of members:** Ten
- Term:** Three years
- Basis:** Joint Powers Agreement between the City and the County of Los Angeles (June 2, 1993; CF No. 91-0975)
- Appointing Authority:** Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council. Five members appointed by Mayor, subject to confirmation by Council; five members appointed by LA County Board of Supervisors.
- Special requirements/qualifications:** None except that one member shall represent businesses in the downtown Los Angeles area.
- Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation:** Not specified
- Jurisdiction:** The Authority is authorized to do all acts necessary for the exercise of said common powers, including, but not limited to, any or all of the following: To make and enter into contracts to employee agents, servants and employees; to acquire, construct, manage, maintain, operate and lease buildings, works or improvements, to acquire, hold or dispose of property within the County; to incur debts, liabilities or obligations which shall not constitute debts, liabilities or obligations of any party to this Agreement; to receive services and other forms of assistance from persons, firms, corporations and any governmental entity; and to sue and be sued in its own name, except that in no event shall the Authority have the power to sure the parties in the Joint Powers Agreement.
- Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities:** The Authority has the power 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 undertakes such acts in furtherance of the programs and goals of County and City under this Agreement.
- Oversight Committee:** Homelessness and Poverty
- Ethics Review Required for Appointees:** Yes

Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), Board of Directors

Number of members: Four Los Angeles members including the Mayor (members appoint alternates)

Term: At the pleasure of the Mayor or when an elected official's term ends

Basis: The MTA was created with the passage of Assembly Bill 152 in May 1992. This bill merged the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission and the Southern California Rapid Transit District and renamed itself the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, effective April 1, 1993.

Appointing Authority: Mayor

Special requirements/qualifications: None

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: None (confirmation not required by State law)

Jurisdiction: Governing Body

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The MTA is governed by a 13-member Board of Directors comprised of: The 5 County Supervisors, the Mayor of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Mayor's appointees (3 appointees), 4 city council members 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 statutes (annual budget, fare changes, contracts exceeding \$5 million). The Governor of California appoints to the Board a non-voting member.

The members remain until voted out of their respective elected office or at the pleasure of the Mayor in the case of City of Los Angeles representatives. The representatives of the 87 cities are elected officials in one of those 87 cities who are voted to serve on the MTA Board. Those so-called corridor representatives, voted in under the auspices of the League of Cities, remain on the Board for a term of four years.

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 highway 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.

Oversight Committee: Transportation

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Number of members: Seven City-appointed Directors (51 Directors on Board)

Term: Four years

Basis: LAAC Section 8.130

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Pursuant to Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Qualified elector of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Governing Body of the Metropolitan Water District

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California representing 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.

Oversight Committee: Energy and Environment

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Native American Indian Commission, Los Angeles City/County

Number of members: Fifteen

Term: Five years

Basis: County action (Ordinance) on September 7, 1976 created the Commission; the City signed and filed the Agreement C-52059 in July 1980)

Appointing Authority: Mayor appoints 5 members, subject to confirmation by the City Council; 5 members appointed by County Supervisors; and 5 members from the Los Angeles Indian Community

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be of American Indian descent and must have knowledge about the Los Angeles Indian Community

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation:

Jurisdiction: Advisory

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: 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.

Oversight Committee: Arts, Parks and River

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: No

Neighborhood Commissioners, Board of

Number of members: Seven

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Section 902; LAAC Section 22.806

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be qualified elector of the City; Commissioners shall be drawn from diverse geographical areas.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Policy setting and policy oversight, including the approval of contracts and leases and the promulgation of rules and regulations, but not be responsible for day-to-day Department management.

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: Implement and oversee the regulations and ordinances creating the system of neighborhood councils (NC); assist the neighborhoods with organizational efforts or certifications; identify boundaries of NC; assist NC with elections/selection of officers; arrange training; arrange Congress of Neighborhoods meetings; etc.

Oversight Committee: Rule, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhoods

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Police Commissioners, Board of

- Number of members:** Five
- Term:** Limited to two five year terms (except a member may serve up to two years of an unexpired term, plus two five year terms)
- Basis:** Charter Sections 500 - 503 and 571
- Appointing Authority:** Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council (Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)
- Special requirements/qualifications:** Must be a qualified elector of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Head of Department

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: Commission elects a President (limited to 2 consecutive 1, year terms) and Vice-President from among its members (the last week of July each year), and appoints an Executive Director not a member of the department and a secretary not a member of the board, and a chief accounting employee, who may be the secretary (Charter Section 504). Selects and ranks the top 3-6 candidates for Chief of Police for appointment by the Mayor. Generally, the Chief of Police may be removed by Commission action or action of the City Council (see Charter Section 575).

The Board of Police Commissioners shall have power, subject to the provisions of the City Charter and ordinances of the City, to supervise, control, regulate and manage the Department and to make and enforce all necessary and desirable rules and regulations and for the exercise of the powers conferred upon the Department by the Charter.

Oversight Committee: Public Safety

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Police Permit Review Panel

Number of members: Seven

Term: Five years

Basis: LAMC Section 102.13.01

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231 (d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City. At least 2 of the Panel Members shall have expertise relevant to the regulation of Charitable organizations and the various activities in which they engage.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: The Police Permit Review Panel shall hear and decide certain police permit cases as provided for by passage of Proposition F on June 2, 1992.

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: 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.

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

Oversight Committee: Public Safety

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Public Works Commissioners, Board of

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: City Charter Sections 500 and 501; LAAC Section 22.315

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council (Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Head of Department

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Board of Public Works is a full-time Commission that manages and controls the Department of Public Works and is responsible for the operation of the various Bureaus: (1) Financial Management and Personnel Services; (2) Contract Administration; (3) Engineering; (4) Sanitation; (5) Street Lighting; and (6) Street Services.

Manage 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; stormwater management; prevention of improper disposal of hazardous and toxic materials; and 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.

Oversight Committee: Public Works and Gang Reduction

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Recreation and Park Commissioners, Board of

- Number of members:** Five
- Term:** 5 years
- Basis:** City Charter Sections 500 - 503
- Appointing Authority:** Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)
- Special requirements/qualifications:** Must be a qualified elector of the City
- Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation:** Charter Section 502
- Jurisdiction:** Head of the Department

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Board elects a President and a Vice-President, and each holds office for one year and until their successors are elected, unless their respective membership on the Board ceases sooner. The Department of Recreation and Parks is under the complete control and management of its Commission. Therefore, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioner is neither Mayor nor Council controlled, and except for those actions requiring approval by City Council Ordinance, actions by the Board are final, subject to Charter limitations.

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.

Oversight Committee: Arts, Parks and River

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Relocation Appeals Board

Number of members: Five

Term: Two years

Basis: California Health and Safety Code Section 33417.5

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council

Special requirements/qualifications: Not specified

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Not specified

Jurisdiction: Advisory

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: 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.

Oversight Committee: Housing

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: No

Rent Adjustment Commission

Number of members: Seven

Term: Four years

Basis: LAMC Section 151.03

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231 (d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City and can neither be landlords nor tenants of residential real property.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Specific authority over rent Stabilization Ordinance matters

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Commission members elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for a term of one year. Commission holds hearings, conducts studies, and issues orders, promulgate policies, rules and regulations to carry out the intent of the Rent Stabilization Ordinance. Rules and regulations are published once in a newspaper of general Circulation and are effective upon publication.

Oversight Committee: Housing

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Status of Women, Commission on the

Number of members: Seven

Term: Five years

Basis: LAAC Section 8.170

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231 (d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Head of Department

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: Through the Commission Executive Director, who also serves as the Chief Accounting Employee, 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 an active liaison with citizen groups concerned with identifying and removing obstacles to the development of a woman's full potential.

Oversight Committee: Personnel and Animal Welfare

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: No

Taxicab Commissioners, Board of

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: LAAC 22.488

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231 (d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City. To the extent feasible, three of the five members shall represent the tourism industry, senior or disabled advocacy groups, the Department of Airports, and/or the taxicab industry.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Advisory to Department of Transportation, except with regard to all taxicab rules and regulations, and as outlined below.

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: Exercise all the powers and duties pertaining to taxicab regulations which were previously exercised by the Board of Transportation Commissioners, including: determine the level of taxicab service needed in franchise areas; establish regulations of, and rates for, taxicab service; investigate and prescribe remedies for complaints; investigate and verify compliance with service agreements by taxi franchisees; and, make recommendations to Council for the award of taxi service franchises and the sale or transfer of same.

Oversight Committee: Transportation

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Transportation Commissioners, Board of

- Number of members:** Seven
- Term:** Five years
- Basis:** LAAC Section 22.484
- Appointing Authority:** Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council (Charter Sections 231 (d) and 502)
- Special requirements/qualifications:** Must be a qualified elector of the City
- Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation:** Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Advisory

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: 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, and 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, (unless approved by the City Council by two-thirds vote). The Commission must act within 90 days from the receipt of a proposed ordinance or it shall be deemed an approval by the Commission. Ordinances submitted to the Council for adoption by the Transportation Commission must be adopted or rejected by the Council within 90 days from receipt; 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 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; 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 assignments determinations.

Oversight Committee: Transportation

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Water and Power Commissioners, Board of

Number of members: Five

Term: Five years

Basis: Charter Sections 600 and 670

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council
(Charter Sections 231 (d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of the City

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Head of Department

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Board elects a President and a Vice-President and each holds office for one year, and until their successors are elected, unless their respective membership on the Board ceases sooner. 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) 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) 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) authority to regulate and control the use, sale and distribution of water and electric energy owned or controlled by the City.

Oversight Committee: Energy and Environment

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: Yes

Water Conservation Appeals Board

Number of members: Three (per Board)

Term: Not specified

Basis: LAMC Section 121.11, Subsection F

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council

Special requirements/qualifications: Non-residential conservation appeals board(s) composed of three members; one selected from the business community; one selected from the labor sector; and one selected from the public at large. Residential conservation appeals boards composed of three members selected from the public at large.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Not specified

Jurisdiction: A customer may apply for a hearing before a conservation appeal board to review the Department's decision affecting the customer made pursuant to this article (L AMC Section. 121 et seq.).

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Mayor has appointed only one Water Conservation Appeals Board for residential conservation appeals. There has never been non-residential appeals board appointed. Upon application, the Board may act to remove the surcharge on the customer's water bill and refund the amount found to have been collected if it overrules the Department's decision that the customer was not in compliance with the ordinance. Said application stays the Departmental action regarding the issue in dispute pending the decision of the conservation appeal board. No other or further stay shall be granted by the Department. The conservation appeal board's review of the Department decision shall be limited to a determination whether, considering the merits of the decision, the denial of relief would be unjust or inequitable. The conservation appeal board's decision shall be limited to upholding or to overturning in whole the Department's decision. The Board's actions are final.

Oversight Committee: Energy and Environment

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: No

Zoo Commissioners, Board of

Number of members: Five (A representative of Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association shall be appointed as an ex officio member)

Term: Five years

Basis: LAAC Section 22.704

Appointing Authority: Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council (Charter Sections 231(d) and 502)

Special requirements/qualifications: Must be a qualified elector of 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.

Time limit for appointment and Council confirmation: Charter Section 502

Jurisdiction: Advisory

Brief description of Commission organizational structure and responsibilities: The Board's relationship to the General Manager of the Zoo Department is 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, fund raising, and revenue.

Oversight Committee: Arts, Parks and River

Ethics Review Required for Appointees: No