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**LOS ANGELES CITY ETHICS COMMISSION**

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**New Los Angeles City Ethics Commissioner Confirmed**

**USC Law School Associate Dean Robert M. Saltzman**

**Replaces Outgoing Commissioner Dale E. Bonner**

By a unanimous vote of the City Council, Robert M. Saltzman was confirmed today to serve a five-year term on the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission. As Associate Dean at the University of Southern California Law School since 1988, Saltzman is responsible for the law school's student services, including admissions, career services, and student activities, and is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at USC who has taught courses on the Legal Profession and Professional Responsibility, Evidence, and Legislation. Prior to joining USC, Saltzman was Special Counsel to the Director of Health Services for Los Angeles County, and Senior Deputy to former Los Angeles County Supervisor Ed Edelman. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Dartmouth and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. Nominated by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to a five year term on the City Ethics Commission, Saltzman will serve through September 2009.

Saltzman fills the Mayoral appointment on the City Ethics Commission that has been held by Dale E. Bonner, a partner at the law firm of Epstein Becker & Green. Commissioner Bonner was appointed in 2000 by then-Mayor Richard Riordan for a term that ended June 30, 2005. Since 2002, Bonner has been serving as the Commission's Vice President, a position to which he was elected by his fellow Commissioners.

The City Ethics Commission consists of a five-member panel of part-time volunteers, each of whom is appointed by a different elected official: the Mayor, Council President, Council President Pro Tem, City Attorney, and Controller. As an independent voice for more open and responsive City government, the charter-based Commission acts through its voter-established mandate to preserve the public trust. Through meaningful public disclosure and effective education, the Commission is committed to supporting and equipping an informed citizenry. Dedicated to upholding the public interest, the Commission shapes, administers and enforces City ethics, campaign finance and lobbying laws to ensure City elections and government decision making are fair, open and accountable. The Commission and its Charter mandate are supported by a 27-member staff and an annual operating budget of \$2.3 million.

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