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New Los Angeles City Ethics Commissioner Confirmed

USC Annenberg Policy Advisor Sean P. Treglia Replaces Outgoing Commissioner Pam Emerson

By a 14-0 vote of the City Council, Sean P. Treglia was confirmed today to serve a five-year term on the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission. Treglia, a sixth-generation Los Angeles area native, is senior advisor for democracy initiatives for the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication, where he has conducted workshops to train journalists how to cover campaign finance issues and where he currently lectures on the First Amendment. Prior to joining USC, Treglia was a program officer at the Pew Charitable Trusts, where his work emphasized improved elections and his projects played a key role in formulating and promoting new reforms. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Juris Doctorate from UCLA. Nominated to the City Ethics Commission by Council President Pro-Tem Cindy Miscikowski, Treglia will serve a term beginning July 1, 2004 and continues through June 30, 2009.

Treglia will fill the spot created by the June 30 departure of Commission Vice-President Pam Emerson. Emerson, a Planner at the California Coastal Commission, was appointed in 1999 by then Council President Pro-Tem Ruth Galanter. Emerson was elected by her colleagues to serve as the Commission's Vice-President for three years during her term.

The Los Angeles City Ethics Commission administers and enforces the City's laws that help ensure government decisions are made in the public interest, untainted by consideration of private gain or the influence of special interests. The Commission consists of a five-member volunteer panel of part-time Commissioners each appointed by a different elected official: the Mayor, City Council President, City Council President Pro Tem, City Attorney, and Controller. City Ethics Commissioners may serve only one full five-year term.

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