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## **Former District Attorney Gil Garcetti Elected City Ethics Commission President**

The Los Angeles City Ethics Commission voted unanimously today to elect former Los Angeles District Attorney Gil Garcetti as its President for a one-year term, and re-elected fellow Commissioner Pam Emerson as its Vice President.

On assuming the Presidency, Garcetti said “I welcome this opportunity to work with my fellow Commissioners to support the agency’s mandate and ensure that our efforts are, and are perceived to be, effective, fair and legitimate.”

Garcetti served 32 years in the Los Angeles District Attorneys Office, including eight years as the elected District Attorney managing the largest local prosecutorial agency in the United States. Since leaving that office in 2000, he published a book of his photographs and served as a Fellow at the Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He replaces outgoing Commission President Miriam Krinsky, who completed her five-year term in office last month. Garcetti was appointed to the Commission by City Council President Alex Padilla in September 2002.

Commissioner Pam Emerson was re-elected to serve a second term as Vice President. She has been a planner at the California Coastal Commission since 1973 and was appointed to the Ethics Commission by then-Council President Pro Tem Ruth Galanter in 1999.

The Los Angeles City Ethics Commission, established by the voters of Los Angeles in 1990, administers and enforces the City’s ethics, lobbying and campaign finance laws. The Mayor, City Council President, City Council President Pro Tem, City Attorney, and Controller each appoint one of the five part-time, citizen-volunteer Commissioners to serve staggered five-year terms. The Commission itself elects its own President and Vice President each year.

For more information, contact the City Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or visit the Commission’s Web site at [ethics.lacity.org](http://ethics.lacity.org).

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