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City Ethics Commission Elects New Officers for FY 07-08

The Los Angeles City Ethics Commission voted unanimously today to elect Sean P. Treglia as its President for a one-year term, and elected fellow Commissioner Robert M. Saltzman as its Vice President. Treglia replaces outgoing Commission President Gil Garcetti, who this month completed his five-year term on the Commission. Treglia is founder of TTG, a law firm based in Los Angeles, where he serves as general counsel and tax advisor to nonprofit organizations and small businesses, and is the global regulatory compliance and ethics counsel to several large public companies. Prior to starting the firm, Treglia was a Senior Advisor at The University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication, where he convened workshops on a range of topics related to election and non-profit law and lectured on First Amendment issues. Treglia also previously served as a program officer at The Pew Charitable Trusts, where he worked on ethics and compliance issues with a cross-section of companies, non-profits, academic institutions, political groups and state governments. Commissioner Saltzman serves as Associate Dean at the University of Southern California Law School, where he is responsible for the law school's student services, including admissions, career services, and student activities. He also is an Adjunct Professor of Law at USC who has taught courses on the Legal Profession and Professional Responsibility, Evidence, and Legislation.

On assuming the Presidency, Treglia said, "I look forward to continuing the strong work of this Commission, and to finding new ways to encourage more people to participate in the governance of our City." Added Saltzman, "The Ethics Commission plays a very important role in the City, and I welcome the opportunity to serve as its Vice President as we continue to promote open and accountable government."

The Commission is made up of five individuals appointed by a different elective City official to serve part-time, staggered five-year terms on the Commission. The Mayor, City Council President, City Council President Pro Tem, City Attorney, and Controller each have an appointment. The Commission itself elects its own President and Vice President each year. Treglia was appointed to serve on the Commission in 2004 by then City Council President Pro Tem Cindy Miscikowski for a term ending June 30, 2009. Nominated in 2005 by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Saltzman is serving a term that ends June 30, 2010.

The City Ethics Commission is a semi-independent agency created by the voters in 1990 to impartially administer and enforce the governmental ethics, campaign finance, and lobbying laws of the City of Los Angeles. With a staff of 31 and an annual budget of \$2.6 million, the Commission conducts training programs, provides advice, audits political campaigns, and makes legislative recommendations. It also is authorized by the voters to conduct investigations and levy administrative penalties against violators of the laws under its jurisdiction. Since its inception, the agency has levied more than \$2.7 million in penalties.

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

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