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MELINDA MURRAY CONFIRMED AS NEW COMMISSIONER

The City Council unanimously confirmed Melinda Murray at its meeting on Friday, October 16, 2015, as the newest member of the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission.

Ms. Murray is a Deputy District Attorney in the Parole Division for Los Angeles County, where she specializes in prosecuting parolees who are registered sex offenders and gang members. Her career with the District Attorney's office has been dedicated to protecting the victims of child abuse, domestic violence, and sex crimes, including assignments to the sex crimes division, the Compton branch office, Airport branch office, and the Bureau of Fraud and Corruption.

In 2013, Ms. Murray was the president of the John M. Langston Bar Association of Los Angeles. Currently, Ms. Murray is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and National Bar Association, and serves on the Board of Directors for the California Association of Black Lawyers. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.

"We welcome Commissioner Murray to the Ethics Commission," said Heather Holt, the Commission's executive director. "We look forward to working with her and learning from her extensive legal experience." Ms. Murray was appointed by City Council President Herb Wesson, to complete a five-year term that ends June 30, 2017.

The Ethics Commission was created by voters in 1990 to administer and enforce the City laws that help ensure fair and transparent government decisions. It has five part-time commissioners, who serve staggered five-year terms and are appointed by the Mayor, the City Attorney, the Controller, the City Council President, and the City Council President Pro Tem. Ms. Murray joins President Jessica Levinson, Vice President Serena Oberstein, Commissioner Nathan Hochman, and Commissioner Ana Dahan.

The Ethics Commission was created by Los Angeles voters in 1990 to impartially administer and enforce the City's governmental ethics, campaign financing, and lobbying laws.