Los Angeles City Charter § 501

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ARTICLE V – DEPARTMENTS

GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATED TO DEPARTMENTS

SEC. 501 BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS.

(a) Creation.
Each department created in the Charter shall have a board of
commissioners consisting of five commissioners, unless some other number
is provided in the Charter for a specific board.

Each board shall be known as the Board of (insert name of department)
Commissioners, except that the Board of the Personnel Department shall be
known as the Board of Civil Service Commissioners.

(b) Attendance Fees.
The Council shall, by ordinance adopted by a two-thirds vote, establish the
amount of attendance fees to be paid to commissioners. Attendance fee
ordinances shall be adopted no more frequently than once a year.

(c) Term.
A commissioner term shall be five years, beginning on July 1. The terms of
the commissioners shall be designated so that as much as possible the
terms of office are staggered. The period of the term of each commissioner
shall be designated in the appointment. An appointment to fill an unexpired
term on any board shall be for the period of the unexpired term.

(d) Qualifications.

(1) No person shall be appointed to a Charter created commission who is
not a registered voter of the City. This requirement shall also apply to
standing commissions created by ordinance that are advisory to, or
manage, a department or office, or perform regulatory functions. This
requirement does not apply to commissioners who are elected or who
serve ex officio.

(2) No person who is required by ordinance to be registered as a lobbyist
shall be appointed to a commission whose members are required to
file financial disclosure statements pursuant to the California Political
Reform Act.
(e) **Diversity.**

Unless otherwise provided in the Charter, the Mayor, Council or other
appointing authority shall strive to make his or her overall appointments to
appointed boards, commissions or advisory bodies established by the
Charter or ordinance reflect the diversity of the City, including, but not limited
to, communities of interest, neighborhoods, ethnicity, race, gender, age and
sexual orientation.