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ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN CONFIRMED AS NEW COMMISSIONER

The City Council unanimously confirmed Andrea Sheridan Ordin at its meeting today, as the newest member of the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission.

Ms. Ordin has extensive legal experience in both the public and private sectors. Her public service includes work at all three levels of government. She was the first woman to be appointed United States Attorney for the Central District of California and the first woman to serve as Los Angeles County Counsel. She has also served as a former Chief Assistant Attorney General for the State of California and as the President of the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners.

Ms. Ordin also has 18 years of experience as partner and senior counsel for the international law firm Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, where she represented clients in various complex business, environmental litigation, and corporate matters. During her tenure as senior counsel at the firm, Ms. Ordin also maintained her interest in public rights, managing the firm's Los Angeles and Orange County pro bono programs.

"We are very pleased to welcome Commissioner Ordin," said Heather Holt, the Commission's executive director. "She brings a valuable perspective to the Ethics Commission, having worked in both the public and private sectors, and we look forward to learning from her." Ms. Ordin was appointed by City Attorney Michael Feuer to a five-year term that ends June 30, 2021.

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. Ordin joins President Jessica Levinson, Vice President Serena Oberstein, Commissioner Ana Dahan, and Commissioner Melinda Murray.

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.