

Prohibition on Lobbyists Serving as Commissioners

Los Angeles City Charter § 501

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Los Angeles City Charter
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.