

Press Release

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JEFFERY DAAR JOINS ETHICS COMMISSION

The Ethics Commission welcomed Jeffery Daar to his first commission meeting today. Commissioner Daar was appointed by Mayor Eric Garcetti to a five-year term that will end on June 30, 2025.

Commissioner Daar has practiced law since 1982 and is a principal in the law firm Daar & Newman. His expertise includes strategic planning, cross-border litigation and transactions, complex litigation in state and federal courts, and dispute resolution. Daar is a recognized speaker on subjects relating to international law and business.

Daar has been previously appointed by three different Mayors of the City of Los Angeles to serve on other City commissions, including the Board of Airport Commissioners, the Rent Adjustment Commission, which he chaired for more than 10 years, and the Municipal Election Reform Commission. Daar is also a leader in both international and local organizations. He is a past Chair of the State Bar of California International Law Section and the International Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and he currently serves in leadership positions on a number of other boards and committees.

Daar is a native Angeleno who received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Davis, where he was a member of the Law Review. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Claremont McKenna College.

“It is a pleasure to welcome Commissioner Daar to the Ethics Commission,” said Heather Holt, the Ethics Commission’s executive director. “We look forward to working with him and benefitting from his extensive litigation and public service experience.”

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. Commissioner Daar joins President Melinda Murray, Vice President Andrea Ordin, Commissioner Shadrack Davis, and Commissioner Laura Genao.

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.