

Press Release

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LAURA GENAO CONFIRMED AS NEW COMMISSIONER

The City Council unanimously confirmed Laura Genao on February 12, and she was sworn in as the newest member of the Ethics Commission on February 14. She was appointed by City Council President Pro Tempore Nury Martinez to a term that ends on June 30, 2024. The Ethics Commission welcomed Commissioner Genao to her first meeting today.

Commissioner Genao has over 20 years of litigation and energy policy experience. She has served as counsel to large corporations and worked on major energy legislation and regulation related to electric utilities. She is currently Managing Director for Regulatory Affairs at Southern California Edison, where she oversees a team responsible for interactions with state and federal energy agencies, and she previously served as both a renewable energy policy expert and in-house regulatory attorney for the company.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Commissioner Genao received her undergraduate degree in History and Literature from Harvard College and a Juris Doctor degree at the Columbia University School of Law. Before becoming an attorney, Commissioner Genao taught middle and high school students in the Los Angeles area. She also worked as a newspaper reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer, where she was part of a team of reporters nominated for the 1997 Pulitzer Prize.

“We are very pleased to welcome Commissioner Genao to the Ethics Commission,” said Heather Holt, the Ethics Commission’s executive director. “We look forward to learning from her expertise both in the corporate arena and in government regulation of utilities.”

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 Genao joins President Melinda Murray, Vice President Andrea Ordin, Commissioner Araceli Campos, and Commissioner Shedrick Davis.

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.