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MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA ANNOUNCES NEW CITY COMMISSIONERS

LOS ANGELES –Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa announced three new commission appointments: Lee Kanon Alpert to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners; Francille Rusan Wilson to the Commission on the Status of Women; and Timothy Martella to the El Pueblo De Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority.

Lee Kanon Alpert – Board of Water and Power Commissioners

Lee Kanon Alpert was appointed to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners. Alpert, an award-winning attorney, arbitrator and mediator with more than 30 years of legal experience, is founding principal of Alpert, Barr & Grant in Encino. He has represented Time Warner as its local legal counsel since it came to the Los Angeles area in the late 1980s, negotiating franchises and helping craft local, state and federal cable regulatory legislation. Alpert is a long-time chair of the Governing Board of Directors of the Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Centers, and chair and founding board member of Genesis L.A., which raises private funds to assist in the development of blighted urban areas. Alpert is a board member of the Valley Economic Development Center and serves on the board for the Valley Industry and Commerce Association. Alpert is a past president of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association; recipient of the bar's Stanley M. Lintz Community Service Award; past president of the City's first Commission on Neighborhood Councils; past co-chair of the California State Assembly Business Advisory Commission; and winner of the 41st Annual Fernando Award and of the Jewish National Fund's Tree of Life award. Alpert attended Wayne State University before receiving his B.S. in Education from USC. A Loyola Law School graduate, Alpert is a resident of Northridge. He has been confirmed by City Council.

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Francille Rusan Wilson – Commission on the Status of Women

Francille Wilson was appointed to the Commission on the Status of Women. Wilson, previously an associate professor at the University of Maryland, is an expert and leader in the fields of African American Studies and Women Studies, and author of the book *The Segregated Scholars: Black Social Scientists and the Development of Black Labor Studies, 1890 – 1950*. She is currently a visiting associate professor at USC and is writing a biography of Sadie T.M. Alexander, investigating representations of black women workers. Wilson's research examines the intersection between Black labor movements, Black social scientists and Black women's history during the Jim Crow era. Wilson serves on the board of directors for the Labor and Working Class History Association and the executive council of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. Wilson, a Wellesley College graduate, earned her Ph.D. in American history from the University of Pennsylvania. Wilson lives in Mid City.

Timothy Martella – El Pueblo Historical Monument Authority

Timothy Martella was appointed to the El Pueblo De Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority. Martella is an expert in juvenile law and currently manages his law office focusing on juvenile dependency. Martella also serves as a hearing officer on the Los Angeles Police Commission's Board of Rights and is a member of the Mexican American, Italian American and Juvenile Courts bar associations. Martella is a graduate of the University of West Los Angeles Law School and is a resident of Silver Lake.

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