

ORDINANCE NO. 181768

An ordinance adding Article 4 to Chapter 7 of Division 23 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code regarding the Office of Public Accountability for the Department of Water and Power.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A new Article 4 shall be added to Chapter 7 of Division 23 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 4
OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY**

Sec. 23.144. Office of Public Accountability.
(reserved)

Sec. 23.145. Appointment and Removal of the Executive Director.

(a) Appointment of the Executive Director.

(1) City Charter Section 683(a) provides that the Executive Director is to be appointed by a citizens committee to a five-year term, subject in appointment to confirmation by the Council and Mayor, and that the Council by ordinance is to prescribe the composition and manner of selection of the citizens committee. This Subsection (a) implements those Charter provisions. The Executive Director shall be appointed, subject to confirmation as indicated, by the Citizens Committee for Appointment of the Executive Director of the Office of Public Accountability ("Citizens Committee") formed in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection.

(2) The Citizens Committee shall consist of five members: two members selected by the Mayor, two members selected by the Council President, and one member selected by the Chairperson of the Energy and Environment Committee (or its successor). One member selected by the Mayor shall be currently serving as a member of the board of a Neighborhood Council. One member selected by the Council President shall have a background in business.

(3) The Citizens Committee shall remain operative until appointment and confirmation of an Executive Director; provided, however, that following confirmation the Council and Mayor may agree, within 21 days after the vacancy has arisen, to reactivate the existing Citizens Committee should a vacancy in the position of Executive Director occur within twelve months after confirmation.

Should the existing Citizens Committee not be reactivated or should a vacancy occur after conclusion of the twelve-month period, a new Citizens Committee shall be formed under the provisions of this Subsection (a).

(4) A member shall not be eligible for selection as Executive Director by the Citizens Committee on which the member serves or served. A member shall not be eligible, during the term of the Executive Director appointed by the Citizens Committee on which the member served, to serve in the position of Ratepayer Advocate, in another employment position in the Office of Public Accountability, or as contractor performing under a contract let by or funded by that office.


(5) Throughout his or her service on the Citizens Committee, a member shall be a Department customer and shall not be, nor have been within twelve months before appointment, a City officer, as identified in Charter Section 200, or an employee assigned to a management position in the Department.

(b) Removal of the Executive Director.
(reserved)

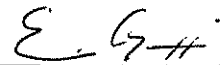
Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of JUN 29 2011.

JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk

By  Deputy

Approved JUN 30 2011

 ACTING Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

CARMEN A. TRUTANICH, City Attorney

By 
HARIT J. TRIVEDI
Deputy City Attorney

Date 6/29/11

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