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LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON INSURANCE RE-ELECTS SCOTT J. SVONKIN AS CHAIRMAN AND RE-ELECTS ERIC C. BAUMAN AS VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2016

The Los Angeles County Commission on Insurance has unanimously re-elected Scott J. Svonkin, for the 15th consecutive year as its Chairman. Chairman Svonkin was first appointed to the Commission in November 1997 by Former Third District Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and was reappointed in 2015 by current Third District Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. He has shown leadership and a tireless work ethic befitting this selection by his fellow Commissioners. Chairman Svonkin is the Chief of Public Affairs for Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang and an elected member and President of the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees. Chairman Svonkin stated, "My goal is to help our commission lead the fight in Los Angeles County against insurance fraud and educate consumers".

Eric C. Bauman has been unanimously re-elected for the 3rd consecutive year as Vice Chairman. Vice Chairman Bauman was first appointed to the Commission in July 2012 by Second District Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. He is the Vice Chair of the California Democratic Party and is serving his 8th term as Chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, the largest local Democratic Party organization in the nation. Professionally, Vice Chair Bauman is the Senior Advisor to California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon and the Director of the Speaker's Office of Member Services – Los Angeles (SOMS-LA). He also served as Deputy Insurance Commissioner under Insurance Commissioner Garamendi from 2003 through 2006.

Duties of the ten member Commission include apprising the Board of Supervisors of significant developments concerning consumer insurance matters, crafting recommendations for reducing the cost of insurance, improving public education and community awareness regarding insurance issues. The Commission holds annual press conferences during fire season to inform the public of the importance of maintaining adequate homeowners insurance. Currently, the Commission is focused on the issues of insurance fraud and consumer education.

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