

County of Los Angeles Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission



Commissioner	Affiliation*	Appointed By:
Dennis Arguelles	Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council	Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas 2nd District
Joyce Ayvazi	Volunteer	Supervisor Michael Antonovich 5th District
Karine Bagdasarian	Broadway Realtors, Inc.	Supervisor Michael Antonovich 5th District
Vivian Chan	Volunteer	Supervisor Michael Antonovich 5th District
Ho-Jeong Eun	City of Los Angeles	Supervisor Don Knabe 4th District
Sylvia Granados-Southerland	Southern California Edison Company	Supervisor Don Knabe 4th District
Ronnie Jayne	Professional Pianist/Singer/Entertainer	Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas 2nd District
Joseph Lee	.	Supervisor Don Knabe 4th District
Helen Levin	West Hollywood Russian Community Center	Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky 3rd District
Stanley Rogers	Rogers and Harris Attorneys	Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky 3rd District

* Commissioners are not representatives of their affiliated organization at Commission meetings. Commissioners represent only themselves as members of the public.

The Duties of the Commission include:

- Ascertaining the needs of consumers, and advising the Director of its findings as appropriate
- Advising the Director concerning the protection and promotion of the interests of consumers
- Advising the Director regarding the need for changes in procedures, programs or legislation in order to further the interests of consumers
- Discussing with the Director methods for more effective consumer education
- Studying and reporting on matters referred for review by the Director or the Board of Supervisors
- Rendering to the Director and the Board of Supervisors at least once each calendar year a report of its activities and to testifying upon request.

Commissioner Biographies

Dennis G. Arguelles

Dennis G. Arguelles is the Director of Programs for Search To Involve Pilipino Americans, a social service agency serving low income, immigrant and disadvantaged communities throughout Los Angeles County. He is the former President and Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council, a federation of over 35 community-based organizations in the greater Los Angeles area and also served as the Assistant Director of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. He was an appointee of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to the City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Review Commission and was appointed to the Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission by Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas in 2012. He received his B.A. in Political Science and M.A. in Urban Planning from UCLA.

Joseph H. T. Lee

PUBLIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Appointed by Los Angeles County the following duties:

- Los Angeles County Private Industry Council Vice Chairman
- Los Angeles County Employees ' Retirement Plan (Horizon Plan) Trustee and Plan Administrator
- Los Angeles County Work Force Investment Board Member
- Los Angeles County Consumer Affairs , Vice Chair

ASSOCIATIONS

- America Chinese CPA Association --- Member

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Cathay Bank---Director of Wealth Management
- China Trust Bank, USA---Director of Wealth Management
- United Commercial Bank---Director of Wealth Management Division; President/CEO of Subsidiaries: UCB Investment Services Inc, and UCB Asset Management Inc.
- Far East National Bank---President/CEO of Subsidiary: Far East National
- Bank Investment Service Inc/SinoPac Financial Services, Inc. USA
- Brown Brothers, Harriman, a Private Bank---VP Regional Manager
- Bank of America ---VP, Private Banker
- Citi Group---Investment Consultant
- KPMG CPA Firm--- Senior Manager/Pension Actuary
- Bishop Trust Company (Croker Bank)---Senior VP/Investment &Pension

Joyce Ayvazi

Joyce Ayvazi was born in Northern Indiana, and came to Southern California in her high school years. She attended two years at Design and Merchandise College, then worked at Bullock's Downtown as an Assistant Buyer. She retired after being married and began her volunteering career. She began by volunteering at grade and high school's libraries, then continued to the Boys Scouts, March of Dimes, YWCA, Glendale Symphony Orchestra, Glendale Civic League, Glendale Rose Float and Committee for a Clean and Beautiful Glendale. Michael Antonovich appointed her to serve on the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer Affairs.

Karine Bagdasarian

Karine Bagdasarian is currently the President of Cancer Care Network Foundation, which primarily provides financial assistance to patients currently battling cancer. The Los Angeles based Foundation also provides free mammograms, education in prevention and research. Karine also serves as the Secretary of the Armenian American Medical Society's Ladies Auxiliary, which raises funds for "Glendale Healthy Women" and a portion of their funds go to women's related issues in Armenia. Her primary motivation for volunteering for medical and cancer related foundations, has been her husband, who is an Oncologist/Hematologist serving the Los Angeles area, and sees the need for help to these patients on a daily basis. She has been a Realtor serving the Glendale and surrounding communities for the past 18 years and is proud to call Glendale her home with her husband and 3 children.

Ronnie Jayne

Ronnie Jayne is a professional singer/pianist/entertainer/songwriter and owner of Ronnie Jayne Music & A Song For You Productions -- a company specializing in custom live musical entertainment for special events. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Ronnie graduated Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude with a BA in Political Science. Consumer protection has always been a major passion -- In fact, it was the subject of her first term paper in 7th grade. Since then, Ronnie has been a very active volunteer in political and social causes -- particularly in her adopted home of Culver City. She has chaired Culver City's Fiesta La Ballona, is on the board of the CC Chamber of Commerce, is President Emeritus of the CC Democratic Club and served on the CC Cultural Affairs Commission.

Ho-Jeong Eun

Ho-Jeong Eun's current job assignment is with LAPD, serving the public as an Olympic Division, Detective Adjutant. As part of the Olympic Division Transition Team, Ho-Jeong Eun assisted in developing the new 20th division (The Olympic Station). As the Detective Adjutant, he currently serves as an administrative supervisor for the Detectives working at the Olympic Division. He has

served the LAPD in the past as a Crime Analysis Detail supervisor where he developed crime statistics and advised LAPD management concerning deployment of resources to assist in reducing crime activities in Wilshire area of Los Angeles. In prior, he worked as a tax compliance officer dealing with the regulatory aspects of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

Ho-Jeong is active in both professional and community organizations. His professional affiliations include EAA (Engineers and Architects Association) where he represents the members by serving as the labor union's unit council, KACA (Korean American Commissioners Association) where he serves as the secretary, KARA (Korean American Republican Association) where he served as the vice-president, KAGEA (Korean American Government Employees Association) where he served as the president, and OKTA (Overseas Korean Traders Association) where he served as the vice-president for educational programs for the youth.

Ho-Jeong serves the communities of County of Los Angeles as a commissioner for the Los Angeles County Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission, where he has served as the vice-chair and the chair in the past. He currently assists the community of Diamond Bar where he resides, by serving as a board member/secretary for his local homeowners' association (Oakridge Community Homeowners Association). He is an inaugural fellow of NetKAL (Network of Korean American Leaders) fellows program as well as columnist for a weekly Korean news magazine called "Koreana News," which articulates his perspectives on many of the Korean-American community's emerging social and political issues. He also served as an Ambassador for State Senator Bob Huff, working as a liaison between the offices of elected official and the community.

Ho-Jeong is a graduate of the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology and University of Kent in United Kingdom with a Master of Science in Management Science. His desire for knowledge has led him to continue studying, where he is currently a student for a Master of Science in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine from South Baylo University. He and his wife have been married for ten years, and are proud parents of a daughter.