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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS NO. 17-078

BOARD REPORT

DATE: April 05, 2017

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GREEK THEATRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

*AP Diaz _____ V. Israel _____
R. Barajas _____ N. Williams _____
H. Fujita _____

[Signature]
General Manager

Approved [checked] Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Approve Mayor Eric Garcetti's appointment of Chris Laib to serve on the Greek Theatre Advisory Committee for a term ending April 29, 2019, herein included as Attachment 1; and,
2. Approve Mayor Eric Garcetti's appointment of Jon Deutsch to serve on the Greek Theatre Advisory Committee for a term ending April 29, 2019, herein included as Attachment 2.

SUMMARY

The Greek Theatre Advisory Committee (GTAC) is a nine-member advisory panel charged with making recommendations regarding the Greek Theatre's programming and expenditure of funds, and working with the Greek Theatre's Operator to establish community involvement and cultural development. The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approves the appointments of each GTAC Member as made by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles. The GTAC appointments being presented herein for the Board's approval shall fill two vacant seats of the GTAC.

Chris Laib

Mayor Garcetti has appointed Chris Laib to the GTAC for the term ending April 29, 2019, subject to the Board's approval. Mr. Laib is a realtor that resides within the Los Feliz community. He currently serves on various Boards of Directors including the Friends Of The Observatory, Los Feliz Improvement Association, Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation, and the Griffith Park Advisory Board. Mr. Laib also serves as a member of the Fourth Council District (CD 4) Discretionary Fund Advisory Committee.

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Jon Deutsch

Mayor Garcetti has appointed Jon Deutsch to the GTAC for the term ending April 29, 2019, subject to the Board's approval. Mr. Deutsch is a comedy writer and director with experience in major motion pictures, television, web series, concerts, and theatrical productions. He also worked as an intern for former Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and Congresswoman Nita Lowey. Mr. Deutsch currently serves as the Vice President of Communications for the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC), and has worked on various community issues as a member of the LFNC such as improving pedestrian safety and access to Griffith Park and the Greek Theatre.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The approval of GTAC Member appointments has no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund.

This Report was prepared by Armando Bencomo, Commission Executive Assistant II, Innovation, Technology, and Community Engagement Division – Board Office Operations.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Mayor Garcetti's Appointment Letter for Chris Laib
- 2) Mayor Garcetti's Appointment Letter for Jon Deutsch



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

January 24, 2017

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 300
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners,

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. Chris Laib to the Greek Theater Advisory Committee for the term ending April 29, 2019.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Laib is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work that shall devolve upon him and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Garcetti', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

Attachment

cc: David Ryu, Councilmember of the 4th District
Mike Shull, General Manager of Department of Recreation and Parks
Barbara Romero, Deputy Mayor of City Services

Chris Laib

Community Involvement Bio:*-Perspective regarding Greek Theatre:*

First and foremost, the Greek is a treasured and historic asset in our community. I have been quite active in promotion of peaceful co-existence between neighbors and the impact of concerts in the neighborhood. I believe that we need to be sensitive to the unique circumstances of an outdoor theatre in a dense residential neighborhood. That said, the Greek is a valuable revenue and cultural resource for the recreation and parks department and its efforts to maintain and supply programming in our city parks.

Community involvement

-2008-current	Director, Friends of the Observatory
-2001-current	Director, Los Feliz Improvement Association
-2013-2016	President, Los Feliz Improvement Association
-2007-current	Director, Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation
-2014-current	Director, Griffith Park Advisory Board
-2015-current	Member of CD4 Discretionary Fund Advisory Committee

Education

-1975-1981	UC San Diego
Political Science	Bachelor of Fine Arts

Personal

Realtor since 1989. Live with partner in historic home on edge of Griffith Park Golf, hiking and running are recreation interests



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

March 3, 2017

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 300
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners,

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. Jon Deutsch to the Greek Theater Advisory Committee for the term ending April 29, 2019.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Deutsch is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work that shall devolve upon him and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Garcetti'.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Jon Deutsch

A comedy writer/ director with experience in major motion pictures, television, and web series, Jon has made his home in Los Feliz since moving to Los Angeles 9 years ago. His work has been covered and reviewed in *The Hollywood Reporter*, *The Onion's AV Club*, and *TIME*.

After receiving his B.A. in political science at Georgetown University, Jon moved to Los Angeles where he studied at the University of Southern California completing a M.F.A. in film and television production. He has worked with all types, from Oscar-winning actors to backwoods animal hunters; celebrity chefs to Grammy winners. In addition to directing for the screen he has also directed several concerts and theatrical productions.

In 2016, Jon was elected to the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, where he now serves as the Vice President of Communications. As a member of the LFNC, Jon has worked to improve pedestrian safety, promote small businesses, and improve access to Los Feliz's priceless attractions including Barnsdall Art Park, Griffith Park, and the Greek Theatre. Jon's previous stints in government service include interning for former Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and Congresswoman Nita Lowey.

In his spare time, Jon enjoys exploring Los Angeles, hiking in Griffith Park, performing civil marriage ceremonies as a volunteer for the County of Los Angeles, and rooting on his adopted Dodgers.