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JANICE KAMENIR-REZNIK APPOINTED TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CITIZENS' ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

Janice Kamenir-Reznik is the newest member of the Los Angeles County Citizens' Economy and Efficiency Commission.

She was nominated by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Kamenir-Reznik practiced environmental law with Reznik & Reznik, which eventually merged with Jeffer, Mangels, Butler and Marmaro, from 1982 until 2003. She chaired the environmental practice group and remained a partner until her retirement. After retiring from her legal career, she co-founded Jewish World Watch, a non-profit grassroots organization established in 2004 to mobilize the community against the genocide in Darfur.

Kamenir-Reznik was president of California Women Lawyers, the statewide women's bar, a founder and president of California Women's Law Center, a public interest organization advocating for the rights of women and girls, a trustee of the California State Bar's Trust Fund, and a trustee of the LA County Bar. She is also past chair of the LA County Judicial Procedures Commission and a former member of the LA County Child Support Advisory Board. She earned her B.A. from UCLA, M.A. from Hebrew Union College, and JD from UCLA School of Law. She and her husband, Benjamin, have three children, Yoni (26), Devi (24) and Sami (21).

"I am very excited to join my fellow EEC commissioners in the work of the Economy and Efficiency Commission," Kamenir-Reznik commented upon her appointment. "The work of the Commission can play a central role in ensuring that County residents receive maximum benefit from the tax dollars spent in Los Angeles County. By so doing, we can be an important force in increasing accountability of and consequently confidence in our County government. I am excited to be part of this important commission and look forward to contributing my time and energy for this constructive venture."

Each of the five members of the Board of Supervisors appoints four commissioners to the Economy and Efficiency Commission for a two-year term. The commissioners may be reappointed. The previous year's Grand Jury foreperson is appointed by the Board as the Commission's 21st member. Created in 1964, the Commission is charged with reviewing all aspects of local government management, operations and policies and submits recommendations to the Board of Supervisors with the objective of improving the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of local government. The members of this commission provide their time to the County on a voluntary basis and serve without pay.