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LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON INSURANCE RE-ELECTS SCOTT J. SVONKIN AS CHAIRMAN AND ARI RUIZ AS VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2019

The Los Angeles County Commission on Insurance has unanimously re-elected Scott J. Svonkin, for the 17th 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 2017 by current Third District Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. He is an elected member of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees and has shown leadership and a tireless work ethic befitting this selection by his fellow Commissioners. Chairman Svonkin stated, "My goal is to help our commission lead the fight in Los Angeles County against insurance fraud and educate consumers".

Ari Ruiz was appointed to the Commission in July 2017 by Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. Vice Chair Ruiz is an influential civic and political activist who has devoted his life to community and civic engagement, particularly in the areas of immigrant rights, LGBT equality, youth empowerment, and education. He is a former member of the City of Los Angeles Commission for Children, Youth & Their Families and served as the second youngest Commissioner in the history of the City of Los Angeles. In that capacity, he served as an advisor to the Mayor and City Council about policy in regards to children, youth and their families; including health insurance. Vice Chair Ruiz serves as District Representative for Assemblywoman Autumn R. Burke, where he advises her on Lesbian Gay Bi-Sexual and Transgender, education, environment and insurance issues.

Duties of the 10 member Commission includes 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 regarding rights and services, fraud and consumer education.

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