



# L.A. BUILDING & SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT



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## TOPIC

### CATHERINE NUEZCA GABA, LADBS' NEWLY APPOINTED DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDING I AND CHIEF OF LADBS' PERMIT & ENGINEERING BUREAU



Catherine Nuezca Gaba was appointed as Deputy Superintendent of Building I and Chief of the Department's Permit and Engineering Bureau on February 19, 2019. She was formerly the Director of LADBS' Government and Community Relations and Code Studies Division.

**EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUND.** Ms. Nuezca Gaba has more than 19 years of experience with the City of Los Angeles and in LADBS. Twelve of those years, she served in various managerial positions overseeing LADBS operations such as the Government and Community Relations and Code Studies Division, Development Services Case Management, interdepartmental development services partnerships and enhancements, the Board of Building and Safety Commission, Soft Story Division, and Zoning and Subdivision. In addition to overseeing the Soft Story Division, she developed the Ordinance and created the Division to enforce it. This entailed developing policies, procedures, performance metrics, and work plans as well as managing the Division's staff and other resources. Prior to joining the City, Ms. Nuezca Gaba had four years of experience in the private industry with cold formed steel structural design.

**PROBLEM SOLVER AND FACILITATOR.** Ms. Nuezca Gaba is known for using her collaborative leadership style and expertise across multiple development service agencies to resolve issues and facilitate land use development in the City of Los Angeles. As such, LADBS appointed her to serve as its liaison for many programs that support Mayor Garcetti's priorities, including the following: Affordable Housing {Executive Directive 13}; Homeless Resolution Strategies {ED 24}; LA 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games; 100 Resilient City, Resiliency Officer; and "Resilience by Design", Mandated Seismic Retrofit.

**RECOGNITIONS.** Ms. Nuezca Gaba has received various recognitions from the industry and the Department for her leadership; problem solving; program development; and collaborative improvements to operations and services.

**CERTIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS.** Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Southern California in Civil Engineering {Structural, Building Science} with a minor in Architecture. Licensed Civil Engineer. A member of the International Code Council; Society of Women Engineers; and American Society of Civil Engineers.

**MESSAGE FROM MS. NUEZCA GABA.** *I am honored to serve the Department and our customers as the Deputy Superintendent of Building I and Chief of LADBS' Permit and Engineering Bureau. It is gratifying to know that my years of dedicated service and experience have resulted in this milestone achievement. I am committed to working collaboratively to find solutions, provide optimal service, foster a positive work environment, and further the priorities of Mayor Garcetti and the Department.*