

## Villaraigosa picks producer as head of Cultural Affairs

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Olga Garay, the former chief of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, was nominated Monday to head the city's Department of Cultural Affairs.

If approved by the City Council, Garay will receive \$180,000 annually overseeing the city's \$9.9 million-a-year cultural-arts program.

Garay left the Duke Foundation in 2005 to work as an independent producer in New York. She was previously director of cultural affairs at Miami Dade College and worked for the Miami-Dade Cultural Affairs Department in Florida.

"Olga will bring just the right mix of vision, knowledge and creativity that Los Angeles needs as we reaffirm our commitment to making this the arts and culture capital of the country," said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, who nominated Garay.

"This should send a strong message that we are ready to build support around the arts."