



AGENDA & NOTICE

LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, 6:30 P.M.

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THIS MEETING WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES AS PERMITTED UNDER STATE LAW

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS**
- 5. INTRODUCTION: ISRAEL TEJEDA, LANAIC TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 7. ACTION ITEMS**
 - 7.1. Review and take possible action adopting the August 16, 2022 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Unapproved Meeting Minutes

- 7.2. Review 2022 Native American Heritage Month Slate of Nominees and take possible action selecting the 2022 NAHM Honorees: Spirit of Community, Spirit of Tradition and Spirit of Creativity
- 7.3. Review and take possible action adopting the draft FY21-22 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission to Submit to the County Board of Supervisors and Commission Services

8. PRESENTATIONS

- 8.1 2022 Indigenous Peoples Day Event, David Giron (Office of LA City Council Member Mitch O'Farrell)

9. CARE FIRST, COMMUNITY INVESTMENT (CFCI) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

- 10.1 CFCI Updates, Joey Williams (LANAIC Lead Designee - CFCI Advisory Committee) & Tencha Espino (LANAIC Alternate Designee – CFCI Advisory Committee)

10. CHAIR'S REPORT

- 11.3 LA Metro 2022 Native American Heritage Month TAP CARD

11. COMMITTEE & AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 11.1. Elections Committee Updates
- 11.2. Communications Committee Updates
- 11.3. 2022 Native American Heritage Month & Indigenous Peoples Day Ad Hoc Committee Updates

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 12.1. Updates: Establishing Our Commitment to the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Board Motion (August 9, 2022)
- 12.2. Updates: ACR 177: Christopher Columbus Transcontinental Highway Removal of Designation

13. COMMISSIONER GENERAL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

15. COMMISSION ADJOURNMENT

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**LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2022**

The August 16, 2022, meeting Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Call to Order

Chairperson Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

Holding Meetings via Teleconference

Chairperson Thomas read the following teleconference statement allowing for the LANAIC meeting to take place via teleconference:

Welcome everybody, before we begin I have a brief announcement; this teleconference meeting is in compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 361 and the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisor's action taken at their August 9, 2022 meeting and subsequently renewed every 30 days to continue meeting by teleconference to limit the spread of Covid-19 and to promote social distancing where possible

Invocation

No invocation was provided.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Cheri Thomas
Secretary Kimberly Morales Johnson (Joined at 6:37 PM)
Treasurer Shawn Imitates-Dog (Left at 7:21 PM)
Dr. Andrea Garcia
Dawn Jackson
Robert Judkins
Joseph Quintana
Rich Toyon (Joined at 7:08 PM)
Mark Villasenor
Rene' Williams

Absent: Vice Chair Chrissie Castro (Excused)
Allison Hicks
Randall Murphy
Rudy Ortega Jr.(Excused)
Ted Tenorio

Quorum was met.

Staff Present: Alexandra Valdes, Executive Director



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Commissioner & Staff Introductions

Commissioners and staff provided brief introductions.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Committee & Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Communications Committee

Communications Committee member Joseph Quintana addressed the Commission and shared updates regarding the direction the Communications Committee is going in. He shared that the Communications Committee will be leading an update of the Commissioner biographies and headshots on the LANAIC website and will be sending out email instructions shortly regarding the desired content and how to submit to a shared drive.

He also shared that the Committee will be revisiting developing a Communications Plan for the Commission to ensure the body is able to effectively communicate all the great work achieved.

2022 Community Elections Ad Hoc Committee Updates

Elections Committee member Rene' Williams addressed the Commission and shared that the draft 2022 Community Elected Candidate Packet is currently being reviewed by County Counsel and the Committee is working to get the packet released as soon as possible to the public.

2022 Native American Heritage Month & Indigenous Peoples Day Ad Hoc Committee Updates

2022 NAHM/IPD Ad Hoc Committee member Shawn Imitates Dog shared that the Ad Hoc Committee recently met and is beginning to plan programming for this year's IPD and NAHM. At current there are no funds available to support either event.



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Action Items

Review & Approval of the Unapproved July 19, 2022, Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrea Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Mark Villasenor to approve the unapproved July 19, 2022 LANAIC Meeting as presented The motion passed.

YES	Thomas, Morales Johnson, Imitates Dog, Jackson, Judkins, Quintana, Villasenor, Williams
NO	
ABSTAIN	
ABSENT	Murphy, Castro, Ortega Jr., Hicks, Tenorio, Toyon

Care First, Community Investment Advisory Committee Report

CFCI Updates, Joey Williams (LANAIC Lead Designee - CFCI Advisory Committee)

Joey Williams, LANAIC Designee – CFCI Advisory Committee provided an update on the FY22-23 CFCI proposed spending plan. He shared that he is possibly running for Chair of the body for the next term.

Presentations

Grand Park Pathway Project, Julia Diamond (Director of Grand Park)

Julia Diamond provided a 10-minute presentation to the LANAIC on Grand Park’s Uncovering LA project. She shared with the LANAIC about the overall purpose of the project and how they have engaged with local tribes and Native American individuals thus far in the process.

Discussion Items

Appointing process to the Los Angeles Continuum of Care Board

Commissioner Dr. Andrea Garcia shared that the LANAIC staff had not received any additional information from the Los Angeles Continuum of Care Board (COC) about how and by when they are expected to appoint to the recently created at-large seat on the COC.

Chair’s Report

2022 LANAIC Retreat

Chair Thomas shared she will be sending out a survey to commissioners to solidify dates and times they are available to attend a planning retreat.



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LA Metro 2022 Native American Heritage Month TAP CARD

Chair Thomas shared that she has yet to receive a mockup of the draft 2022 Native American Heritage Month Metro TAP cards from LA Metro.

Executive Director's Report

County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Board Order Updates & Board Priority Updates

Alexandra Valdes shared that on August 9, 2022 the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted the *Establishing Our Commitment to the LANAIC* Board Motion directing the CEO to work with the Executive Board of Supervisors (EO), Department of Arts and Culture (Arts & Culture) and the LANAIC in order to report back to the BOS by Supplemental Budget on the feasibility of moving the LANAIC from EO to Arts & Culture. This action was a direct response to the LANAIC's letter submitted to the BOS and CEO on July 5, 2022 that elevated issues resultant of the LANAIC's move in early 2022 from the former Department of Workforce Development, Aging & Community Services to the EO.

Commissioner General Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Chair Thomas shared that at the end of September she would be traveling to Australia for the World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education.

Commissioner Quintana extended an invitation to all commissioners to attend the grand opening of United American Indian Involvement, Inc.'s new building on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 10:00 AM. He also shared that Georganne Shaw, a beloved elder, recently passed away.

Chair Thomas shared that she has a desire to host the December LANAIC meeting in person at the new UAI building.

Announcements/Future Agenda Items

No announcements/future agenda items were shared.

Commission Adjournment

The Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission meeting of August 16, 2022 was adjourned by Chairperson Thomas at 8:00 PM.



DATE: 9/16/2022

TO: LANAIC Commissioners

FROM: Alexandra Valdes, Executive Director

RE: Process of Selecting Native American Heritage Month Honorees & 2022 Slate of Nominees

BACKGROUND

Each year the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (Commission) selects three individuals or organizations to honor during Native American Heritage Month in November. The Executive Director shares the selected honorees with both LA City and the County of Los Angeles who also recognizes these honorees as their respective government's NAHM honorees.

The LANAIC Executive Director solicits nominations from all LANAIC commissioners. Nominees received by the specified deadline are then consolidated into a slate for the LANAIC to review and select at a regular public meeting. The 2022 Spirit of Community, Spirit of Tradition and Spirit of Creativity nominees are listed on pages 2-5 of this document.

Eligibility for Nominees

Must reside or work in Los Angeles County.

Honoree Categories

Spirit of Community

- Community leaders, activists & organizers
- Long term employees of Native organizations, programs & initiatives

Spirit of Tradition

- Pow wow dancers, drum/singers. MCs, etc.
- California Native cultural bearers
- Cultural teachers

Spirit of Creativity

- Artist, designers, craftspeople
- Entertainment professionals

2022 Native American Heritage Month Honoree Nominations

2022 Spirit of Community Nominees

Los Angeles County Native American Health Care Workers & First Responders

I would like to nominate Native healthcare workers/1st responders who provided COVID efforts over the last 2 years for the Spirit of Community. If we could have Native organizations submit their workers, we could set up a master list for a merge print of certificates. The names could also be posted to the website for the month of November.

Dr. Carrie Johnson

Dr. Carrie Johnson's (Wahpeton Dakota) impressive bio follows below. What is not stated is the impact she has had on community. Her creation of the Native American Dance, Drum, and Regalia program (NADDAR) teaches our local AIAN people lessons they might not otherwise have access to, while promoting connection, community, and wellness. Wisely, she is also evaluating its impact and creating the evidence to integrate interventions like this as part of standard mental health care; surely an action that will affect future generations. This is just the tip of the iceberg in her multifaceted work. Dr. Johnson is humble, full of grace, and a powerful FORCE whose ongoing contributions deserve to be recognized.

Dr. Johnson is a licensed clinical psychologist and the Vice President of Behavioral Health at United American Indian Involvement in Los Angeles, California. For the last 20 years, Dr. Johnson has provided Behavioral Health services to American Indians in Los Angeles County, including mental health treatment, grant writing, integrating traditional healing into services and evaluation of the services. Dr. Johnson is involved with local county-wide and Statewide advisory boards to increase the access and cultural competence of services provided to Native Americans. She is also an experienced trainer and consultant in the impact of intergenerational trauma on Indian children, families, and communities; and provides consultation, training, and workshops on a Community and Family Healing Model she has developed. Dr. Johnson also provides TA on program development, grant writing, evaluation, and direct services for Native Americans.

Mark Parra

Mark Parra is a Health Program Analyst at LA County Department of Mental Health.

Cynthia Ruiz

Cynthia M. Ruiz – *Lion Mother* (Cherokee Name) is an Award-winning Professor, Bestselling Author, Commissioner, Leadership expert, an Executive Coach and Personal Development Speaker. Cynthia is the newest member of the Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners. Ruiz was appointed to the Board by Mayor Eric Garcetti. She is the first Native American to serve in this capacity.

In 2021 She received the esteemed 7 Feathers Award from the Cherokee Phoenix and in 2019 she received the Cherokee National Community Leadership Award. Cynthia has also received the prestigious Hollywood Chamber "Women of Distinction Award, the HOPE "Ray of Hope"

award and the Weingart, "Women Building LA Award. She was awarded the "President's Award for Outstanding Professor in the Business School at UWLA in 2017.

Twice the California Apparel News has listed her on their renowned List of Influential People and LA Weekly showcased her in their people edition.

Cynthia holds a Masters of Science Degree in Counseling and has completed a Leadership Course at Harvard University, John F Kennedy School of Government. She has received over 78 accolades and awards for her leadership and service to the community.

Coming from blended cultures (Latina and Native American), she enjoys a passion for life and an appreciation of the gifts of Mother Nature. As a Leadership Expert and a Latina Influencer her passion is teaching others to rise to their power. Her Cherokee values have inspired her to share lessons she has learned from her ancestors.

Cynthia's mother was one of the longest serving Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commissioners and she grew up as a child of the Commission. She is always looking for ways to bring visibility to our Commission and our community.

2022 Spirit of Tradition Nominees

Phoenix Family

The Phoenix family are from LA and have been very active in the Indian community. They are very involved in the Pow Wow community through dancing and managing food booths. The family also works together to teach cooking at beading at different local organizations to help pass on their knowledge and artistry. They are truly what our community should represent.

Dr. Joseph Medicine Crow

Born in October 1913 on the Crow Reservation in Montana, Medicine Crow grew up under the tutelage of his grandparents as part of the Whistling Water clan. Stories from his childhood recount how his grandfather Yellowtail trained him to be a warrior, combining physical stamina and immersion in the tribe's cultural traditions and immense history as told by elders.

From eighth grade through his first two years of college, Medicine Crow attended Bacone College in Oklahoma. He became a star pitcher for the baseball team and completed his associate degree there in 1936. He then pursued his degree in sociology and psychology at Linfield College in Oregon.

In 1938, Medicine Crow came to USC on scholarship and earned his master's in anthropology in 1939. His thesis, "The Effects of European Culture Contacts Upon The Economic, Social and Religious Life of the Crow Indians," was the seminal scholarly work on the topic. He wrote his people's history and cultural traditions into American history books.

By the early 1940s, Medicine Crow had completed his coursework toward a doctorate at USC when he was called to serve in World War II. While serving in the U.S. Army's 103rd Infantry Division, he completed four feats necessary to be named the last Apsáalooke (Crow) war chief: touching an enemy soldier, disarming an enemy soldier, leading a successful war party, and capturing an enemy's horse.

In 2021 University of Southern California leaders announced the naming of the Dr. Joseph Medicine Crow Center for International and Public Affairs. Medicine Crow completed his master's degree in anthropology while on scholarship at USC in 1939 and received an honorary doctorate in 2003 — one of four honorary doctorates awarded throughout his life. He died in April 2016 at age 102.

Spirit of Creativity

Kinsale Drake

Kinsale Drake (Diné) is a poet/editor/playwright whose work has appeared in *The Adroit Journal*, *Poetry Online*, *Diode Poetry Journal*, *Wax Nine*, *Yale Literary Magazine*, *TIME*, *NPR*, *The Foundationalist*, *Abalone Mountain Press*, and elsewhere. She previously served as a National Student Poet; she currently edits Changing Wxman Collective. She is an Indigenous Nations Poets Fellow, and the recent winner of the J. Edgar Meeker Prize, the Academy of American Poets Prize/Sean T. Lannan Poetry Prize, and the Young Native Playwrights Award. Her work is forthcoming in *The Academy of American Poets (Poets.org)*, *The Languages of Our Love* (Abalone Mountain Press, 2022), and elsewhere.

She has received fellowships from First Peoples Fund, Mellon Mays, the Richter Fund, the Bucknell Seminar for Undergraduate Poets, Girlfriend Collective, and Indigenous Nations Poets. She has been recognized as a 2022 Yahoo “In The Know” Changemaker, one of *Time’s* People Changing How We See the World curated by filmmaker Ava Duvernay, and more.

Kinsale is young Native changemaker, doing excellent work for the community in Los Angeles by encouraging other young Natives to write and tell their stories.

The Cast & Crew of Reservation Dogs

Reservation Dogs is an Indigenous American teen comedy drama television series created by Sterlin Harjo and Taika Waititi for FX Productions. Filmed on location in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Reservation Dogs is a breakthrough in Indigenous representation on television, both in front of and behind the camera. Every writer, director, and series regular on the show is Indigenous. This first-of-its-kind creative team tells a story that resonates with them and their lived experiences. In its first season, Reservation Dogs landed on 80+ critics’ year-end best lists, won The Gotham Award for “Breakthrough Series – Short Form,” won two Independent Spirit Awards, was honored as one of AFI’s Television Programs of the Year and won a Peabody Award. The show is also among seven programs recognized in 2022 by the Television Academy as part of its 15th Television Academy Honors, showcasing exceptional television programs and their producers who have leveraged the power of television to fuel social change.

Mato Wayuhi

While still a very young artist, Mato has grown quickly in his artistry and has made a name for himself in a short period of time. He’s performed on the stage in front of City Hall for the Inaugural Indigenous Peoples Day, as well as throughout Los Angeles, and Indian Country. He has also done the Score for Reservation Dogs both seasons. His art and drive at such a young age is exactly what our youth need to see. He does volunteer work with Native youth to teach the art of filmmaking and is involved with our community in and out of LA.

FY2021-2022 Annual Report



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Commission Roster (2022)

Chairperson Cheri Thomas, Quinault/Yurok, Second Supervisorial District Appointee

Vice Chairperson Chrissie Castro, Navajo, Mayoral Appointee

Secretary Kimberly Morales Johnson, Gabrieleno Tongva, Community Elected

Treasurer Shawn Imitates-Dog, Lakota, Community Elected

Andrea N. Garcia, M.D., Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara, Mayoral Appointee

Allison Hicks, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation/Choctaw, Community Elected

Dawn Jackson, Saginaw Chippewa, Community Elected

Robert Judkins, Apache, Community Elected

Fred Leaf, Potawatomi, Fifth Supervisorial District Appointee (January 1, 2022 - April 4, 2022)

Randall Murphy, Choctaw/Lakota, Mayoral Appointee

Rudy Ortega Jr., Fernandefio Tataviam, Third Supervisorial District Appointee

Joseph A. Quintana, Kewa Pueblo, Mayoral Appointee

Ted Tenorio, Tiguan Nation, First Supervisorial District Appointee

Rich Toyon, Acjachemen, Fifth District Appointee (April 5, 2022 – Present)

Mark Villaseñor, Fernandefio Tataviam, Mayoral Appointee

Rene' Williams, Colville Tribes, Fourth Supervisorial District Appointee

Staff

Alexandra Valdes, Tlingit/Athabaskan, Executive Director

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Chairperson Chrissie Castro, Navajo, Mayoral Appointee

Vice Chairperson Rudy Ortega Jr., Fernandefio Tataviam, Third Supervisorial District Appointee

Secretary Pat Lopez, Taos Pueblo/Tiwa, Fourth Supervisorial District Appointee (January 1, 2021 – January 31, 2021)

Treasurer Shawn Imitates-Dog, Lakota, Community Elected

Andrea Garcia, M.D., Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara, Mayoral Appointee

Allison Hicks, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation/Choctaw, Community Elected

Dawn Jackson, Saginaw Chippewa, Community Elected

Robert Judkins, Apache, Community Elected (September 21, 2021 – Present)

Fred Leaf, Potawatomi, Fifth Supervisorial District Appointee

Randall Murphy, Choctaw/Lakota, Mayoral Appointee

Tracy Perez, Navajo, Community Elected (January 1, 2021 – August 16, 2021)

Joseph A. Quintana, Kewa Pueblo, Mayoral Appointee

Ted Tenorio, Tiguan Nation, First Supervisorial District Appointee

Cheri Thomas, Quinault/Yurok, Second Supervisorial District Appointee

Mark Villaseñor, Fernandefio Tataviam, Mayoral Appointee

Rene' Williams, Colville Tribes, Fourth District Appointee (March 23, 2021 – Present)

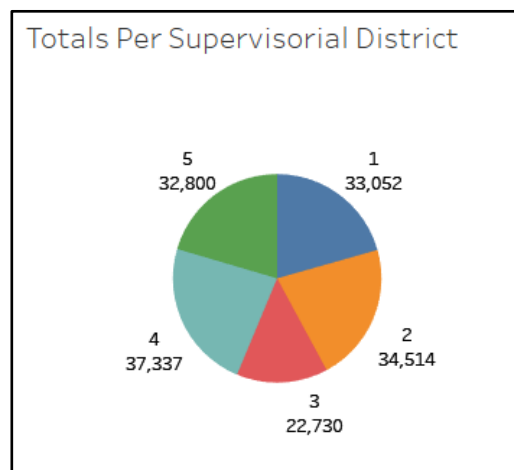
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Part II. Los Angeles County's American Indian & Alaska Native Population

Los Angeles County (LAC) is built upon on the unceded and ancestral homelands of the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh and Chumash. LAC's AIAN population is incredibly diverse, comprised of individuals from over 200 tribes. The policies of relocation and termination greatly contributed to today's large urban Indian population. Per Census Bureau data 7 out of 10 AIAN people reside in urban areas. LAC is home to the largest urban AIAN population of any county in the United States, with 171,163 people identifying as AIAN alone or in combination (2010 Census.) The Relocation policy was intentional in ensuring that Native enclaves were not able to form upon the relocation of Native people to cities in the mid-20th century. This tactic was to force assimilation. The impact of relocation policy is made visible by the relative equal population disbursement of LAC's AIAN population throughout each LAC Supervisorial District.

The pie chart below shows the AIAN population per Supervisorial District based on American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year population estimates, which are based on Census 2010 data. The total population size for LAC's AIAN alone or in combination with another race was 157,517 versus 171,163 in the 2010 Census.



Data Source: American Community Survey: 2017 5-Year Demographic Estimates for Los Angeles County. Retrieved by Urban Indian Health Institute on May 17, 2019.

Over 200 years of Federal Indian policy has had lasting impacts on Indian Country and the AIAN population including LAC's AIAN population. Federal Indian policy has created significant social, economic and health issues for AIAN populations today. AIAN in LAC are 3.4 times more likely than non-Hispanic Whites (NHW) to live in households with an income below the federal poverty level, with approximately one in three urban AIAN children living in households with an income below the federal poverty level. Nearly a third of urban AIAN in LAC who are 25 years and older have not completed high school or passed the General Educational Development (GED) exam compared to 6% of the NHW population.

Due to a legacy of systemic racism and genocide, AIAN endure disproportionate symptoms of intergenerational trauma (e.g., mental health, chronic disease, substance use, and economic disparities). The health of individuals and populations is greatly

influenced by social determinants including the conditions in which people live, learn, work and play. Research shows greater social disadvantages lead to poor health outcomes. This is evident in the significant number of health disparities affecting the AIAN population throughout the country and the urban AIAN in LAC. The diabetes mortality rate for AIAN is more than twice that of all races in LAC, and suicidal ideation among AIAN is more than 3 times higher than all races in LAC. Alcohol and pain reliever abuse or dependence is also twice as high nationally for urban AIAN compared to NHW. While the social, health and economic issues afflicting the nation's tribal populations including the urban AIAN population are recognized to be significant, the resources devoted to mitigating them has been and continues to be inadequate.

It is of note that the descendants of the First Peoples of what is now known as LAC face unique challenges as a result of being members of non-Federally recognized tribes. Lack of federal recognition presents its own swath of problems for Native people, greatly affecting their ability to access services, funding, resources and cultural practices

Part III. Mission Statement, Duties & Responsibilities

The primary purpose of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) is to improve the health and well-being of the Los Angeles American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) community. It accomplishes its purpose through many strategies, including but not limited to increasing the acquisition of funding resources available to the AIAN community, advocating for policy that will improve the health and well-being of AIANs, and gathering and disseminating information about AIANs in Los Angeles County. In performing these functions, the Commission will represent the interests and concerns of AIAN of all tribal and cultural backgrounds, religious convictions, gender identities, and social circumstances.

Duties & Responsibilities

The Commission interprets Ordinance 11409 § 3.42.110 to mean that the duties and functions of the Commission are to:

1. Promote the health and well-being of AIAN in Los Angeles.
2. To advocate for the development of funding resources and programs to serve urban AIANs and AIAN organizations.
3. To advocate legislation and policy favorable to urban AIANs;
4. To research, prepare, and disseminate information about AIAN affairs, including but not limited to collaboration with federal, state, and local agencies.
5. To advise and collaborate with non-Indian community organizations and private agencies working for the concerns of AIAN people.
6. To assist and coordinate collaboration among federal, state, county, and city agencies, and with AIAN agencies and organizations.
7. To foster pride among AIANs, and raise visibility of AIAN culture among Los Angeles City and County residents.
8. To educate the public about the accurate history and contemporary issues of Tribes in Los Angeles and California, and center Los Angeles Tribes and Tribal Members.
9. To engage and understand by means of conferences and public hearings conditions which affect the health and well-being of AIANs.
10. To develop recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor and City Council that address the health and well-being of AIANs in Los Angeles.
11. To advise the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the City Council, and the departments and agencies of these respective governments, and/or other

organizations and institutions on matters involving the health and well-being of AIANs in Los Angeles

Part III. Historical Background & Significant Accomplishments

Forty-five years ago, on June 25, 1976, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and City of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley signed an ordinance establishing the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) at the Los Angeles Civic Mall, which is now Grand Park. The establishment of the LANAIC came at the behest of the City's and County's American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) communities and was historic in nature. For 45 years, the LANAIC has worked tirelessly to uplift and advocate for the concerns and needs of the AIAN community, the largest of any county in the U.S. The Commission is comprised of five members appointed by the LA County Board of Supervisors, five appointed by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, and five elected by Los Angeles County's American Indian and Alaska Native community through elections held every 4 years.

While the LANAIC was originally created as a Citizens Advisory Commission over the past four and half decades the portfolio of work has grown and today it more closely mimics an Administrative Commission which is responsible for administering programs. In the early 1990s the Board of Supervisors established the LANAIC's Self Governance Board (LANAIC SGB) in order to be eligible to administer the Community Services Block Grant Native American Set-Aside Funds (CSAIBG). Since then, the LANAIC SGB has administered CSAIBG funding and contracted with subrecipient agencies to provide critical poverty alleviating services to AIAN residents living at or below 100% Federal Poverty Line. In 2021 the LANAIC was successful at leveraging CSAIBG funding to secure \$500,000 in County Care First Community Investment funding to address homelessness and housing insecurity experienced by the AIAN population. In addition to administering two programs that provide direct services to LAC residents the LANAICs work has expanded to meet the evolving directives and priorities of the Board of Supervisors and City of LA's Mayor and City Council.

Over the past 45 years the LANAIC has worked on a variety of projects and achieved many accomplishments. Below are some of the significant past accomplishments of the LANAIC in chronological order:

June 20, 1977 – The LANAIC supported the creation of the Indian Health Services Liaison Officer in the County Department of Health Services.

March 6, 1988 – Steven L. A. Stallings, Chairperson of the LANAIC was quoted in the Los Angeles Times' article Back to Their Roots for Retirement: Aging Indians Finding They Can Go Home Again

1993 – The LANAIC's Self Governance Board (SGB) became an eligible Community Action Agency (CAA) and began receiving and administering Community Service Block Grant Native American set aside funds (CSAIBG.)

April 15, 2002 – The LANAIC supported AB-2115, a bill to ban all Native American mascots from public schools in California

June 9, 2004 – The LANAIC supported AB-858 California Racial Mascots Act: athletic team names and mascots.

September 30, 2004 – The LANAIC supported SB-18 Traditional tribal cultural places.

2006 – The City of Los Angeles established November as American Indian Heritage Month and began partnering with the LANAIC to develop programming for the month.

2009 to 2021– The LANAIC partnered with San Manuel Band of Mission Indians to provide tickets for Native youth and their families to attend Native American professional sports Heritage Appreciation Nights

March 2012 – The LANAIC discovered that Native youth were being administered psychotropic medication while in foster care without the knowledge of their tribe or relatives and successfully fought to stop the practice in Los Angeles County. The LANAIC then worked with national Native organizations to have the Psychotropic Medication to American Indian Youth amendment added to the Indian Child Welfare Act.

2012 – 2016 – The LANAIC in conjunction with UCLA'S American Indian Studies Center, the California Wellness Foundation and the American Indian Community Council (AICC) developed a series of policy briefs that analyzed and reported on 2010 US Census data. Previously, the LANAIC and AICC worked with the Ralph and Goldy Lewis Policy Center at UCLA to publish similar policy briefs for the 2000 US Census. These policy briefs built upon this past work and included a comparative study of Los Angeles AIAN population trends. All four of the policy briefs addressed the Status of AIAN in Los Angeles, analyzing (1) population changes; (2) economic indicators post-Great Recession; (3) health insurance coverage; and (4) labor. The LANAIC hosted the Urban Indian Roundtable to discuss the findings of the policy briefs.

November 2014 – The LANAIC was heavily involved in the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education (WHIAIANE) – the first-ever school environment listening tour.

2015 – The LANAIC advocated against the sainthood of Junipero Serra.

November 13, 2015 – The City of Los Angeles Arts, Parks, and River Committee passed Indigenous Peoples Day (Motion File No. 15-1343)

November 13, 2015 – The City of Los Angeles Arts, Parks, and River Committee passed the Native American Locations/Report on History and Cultural Impact (Motion File No. 15-1341)

September 2016 – The LANAIC helped organize the community in support of the Los Angeles City Council motion to stand with the Standing Rock Sioux Nation and against the Dakota Access Pipeline project. The LANAIC actively worked with and supported the Oglala and Sicangu Lakota, and other successful efforts to convince then President Obama of the Pipeline’s dangers.

October 5, 2016 – With the strong urging and vocal support of the LANAIC, including testifying at several meetings, the County of Los Angeles Commission on Human Relations voted to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day.

November 2016 - The LANAIC hosted the First Annual LANAIC Pow Wow at Grand Park

August 30, 2017– With the strong urging and vocal support of the LANAIC, including testifying at several hearings, the Los Angeles City Council passed a motion creating Indigenous Peoples Day as an official City holiday, to be observed on the second Monday of each October.

October 3, 2017 – With the strong urging and vocal support of the LANAIC, including testifying at several hearings, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors passed a motion removing Columbus Day as an official County holiday and replacing it with Indigenous Peoples Day.

November 2017 - The LANAIC hosted the 2nd Annual LANAIC Pow Wow at Grand Park.

September 25, 2018 - The LANAIC hosted the Community Forum on Native American Homelessness at the California Endowment.

October 8, 2018 - The City and County of Los Angeles celebrated the inaugural Indigenous Peoples Day (IPD) as a recognized City and County holiday in Los Angeles replacing Columbus Day. The LANAIC in partnership with Council Member Mitch O’Farrell planned, coordinated and executed the inaugural celebration at Grand Park and City Hall.

November 10, 2018 – The Columbus statue located in Grand Park was removed. The removal of the statue was the result of sustained action by the Los Angeles City and County’s Native American and Indigenous communities.

November 17, 2018 - The LANAIC hosted the 3rd Annual LANAIC Pow Wow at Grand Park.

December 2018 – The LANAIC conducted key informant interviews with community members with lived homeless experience.

Spring of 2019 - The LANAIC collaborated with the Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) to develop and administer two community needs assessment survey tools for Los Angeles County’s AIAN Community and service providers.

March 9, 2019 - The LANAIC co-sponsored the Center for Health Equity's American Indian and Alaska Native Community in Focus event on March 9, 2019, at the California State Long Beach University.

March 14, 2019 - In partnership with several community-based and local government organizations the LANAIC released a preliminary report entitled Understanding Native American Homelessness in Los Angeles.

March 2019 – The LANAIC launched the AIAN Homelessness Portal on the LANAIC website.

May 13, 2019 - The LANAIC co-sponsored LA County Chief Sustainability Office's Tribal & Indigenous Communities Feedback Session.

June 1, 2019 - The LANAIC co-sponsored the LA River Master Plan's Native American Community Discussion.

August 9, 2019 – AIAN Community Night - Los Angeles Dodgers. September 29, 2019 – AIAN Community Night - Los Angeles Galaxy October 10, 2019 – Los Angeles Clippers Native American Cultural Night. November 25, 2019 - AIAN Community Night - Los Angeles Kings.

October 13, 2019 – The LANAIC, in partnership with Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell planned, coordinated, and executed the Second Annual Indigenous Peoples Day celebration at Grand Park and City Hall. The annual event was an opportunity to uplift the true history of the Los Angeles Basin and push back against the erasure of Indigenous peoples, including AIAN peoples.

November 2019 – In partnership with the Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, the LANAIC produced the 3rd Annual Native American Heritage Month Bridge Gallery. The 2019 gallery featured eight professional LA based community artists from tribes including Kumeyaay, Apache, Ojibwe, Tejon and Chehallis. Commissioner and artist Dawn Jackson curated the event.

November 1, 2019 – The LANAIC and Councilmember O'Farrell jointly recognized the 2019 Native American Heritage Month honorees at Los Angeles City Hall:

- Spirit of Tradition Saginaw Grant (Sac and Fox Nation)
- Spirit of Creativity Randy Reinholz (Choctaw)
- Spirit of Community Omerlene Thompson (Gila River)

November 5, 2019 – The County Board of Supervisors honored the 2019 NAHM honorees in a presentation given by Supervisor Solis in the Board Room.

November 16, 2019 – The LANAIC hosted the 4th Annual LANAIC Pow Wow at Grand Park.

January 2020 – LANAIC Homelessness Adhoc Committee Chair Commissioner Dr. Andrea Garcia presented on the LANAIC's homelessness work at a workshop at the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) conference.

March 23, 2020 – In partnership with a number of AIAN community-based organizations the LANAIC hosted a community webinar on COVID-19 that was livestreamed to Facebook. As a result of this positive effort, participating organizations expressed an interest to continue to meet in order to work in coordination throughout the duration of the pandemic. As a result, the LANAIC created the adhoc committee Natives in LA COVID Response Working Group.

March 23, 2020 – Present – The Natives in LA COVID Response Working Group has met every other week and through a collective effort have supported LAC's AIAN community in a number of ways including food and essential items distributions, a video PSA, culturally supportive educational resources, advocacy efforts, two pop vaccine events and numerous partnerships and linkages to resources.

April 2020 – The LANAIC created and launched a COVID Resources page on the LANAIC website (<https://lanaic.lacounty.gov/covid-19-resources/>). The page shares resources broken down by offerings at AIAN Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Housing & Utilities, Education & Childcare, Health & Mental Health, Employees & Employers, and Food.

April 13, 2020 - The LANAIC submitted a letter of support to the Board of Supervisors for the Ensuring Collection of Full Racial and Ethnic Data of COVID-19 Patients throughout Los Angeles County Board Motion. Included in the letter was a set of recommendations advocating for proper data collection for the AIAN community to ensure the disparate effects that COVID-19 was having on the AIAN community were accurately captured. The LANAIC's letter of support and set of recommendations were referenced and included in the Department of Public Health's report back to the Board entitled Report on LA County COVID-19 Data Disaggregated by Race and Ethnicity.

June 2020 – LANAIC Homelessness Adhoc Committee Chair Commissioner Dr. Andrea Garcia presented on the LANAIC's homelessness work at a webinar presentation in conjunction with the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) and the National Coalition to End Urban Indigenous Homelessness.

July 2020 – FNX, First Nations Experience, began airing the AIAN COVID PSA that the LANAIC and Natives in LA COVID Response Working Group produced.

August 2020 – KABC7 began airing the AIAN COVID PSA that the LANAIC and Natives in LA COVID Response Working Group produced.

August 18, 2020 - In partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, LA City Mayor's Office and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell the Commission hosted the Native American Connections Webinar. The webinar was an opportunity for community members and City and County officials to learn from Native American

Connections (NAC) and the ways in which they work with their local Continuum of Care, how they navigate Fair Housing, and how they have developed culturally sensitive housing is accomplished.

September 25, 2020 - In partnership with Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, LA City Mayor's Office and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, the Commission hosted the second Native American housing webinar. This webinar served as an opportunity for community members and City and County officials to learn from Chief Seattle Club and the ways in which they have developed culturally supportive housing in Seattle, WA.

October 10, 2020 - In observance of Indigenous Peoples Day 2020 the Commission partnered with the LA County Library and the LA County Department of Arts & Culture to host a virtual reading and discussion of Waa'aka': The Bird Who Fell in Love with the Sun with author Cindi Alvitre (Tongva) and illustrator Carly Lake.

October 12, 2020 - The Commission hosted a virtual Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration. The virtual event featured remarks from Chairwoman Chrissie Castro (Navajo) and LA City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell (Wyandotte), a land acknowledgement from Julia Bogany (Tongva), a Tataviam welcome song from Vice Chairperson Rudy Ortega Jr. and his son Noe, presentations from Marcos Aguilar (Masewalli Mexicano), Commissioner Dr. Andrea Garcia (Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara) and Aseña Filihia (Tongan) and a musical performance by Tongva singer Kelly Caballero.

November 2020 – The LANAIC, the Board of Supervisors and LA City Councilmember O'Farrell jointly recognized the 2020 Native American Heritage Month honorees during a virtual ceremony streamed to Facebook on November 7, 2020. The ceremony was part of a larger NAHM 2-part virtual program. The second virtual was streamed live to Facebook on November 21, 2020.

- Julia Bogany (Tongva) - Spirit of Tradition
- Bird Runningwater (Cheyenne and Mescalero Apache) - Spirit of Creativity
- Keith Vielle (Blackfeet) - Spirit of Community

November 21, 2020 – January 4, 2021 - Tongva artist Mercedes Dorame created a temporary art installation in Grand Park, to coincide with the programming of Memory is in the Present, a program supported by a LANAIC and Department of Arts & Culture partnership. The artwork was available for viewing from November 21, 2020 – January 4, 2021 and was located in the second block of the park between Grand Ave and Hill Street.

Spring 2021 - The Executive Director of the LANAIC and the LANAIC SGB submitted a proposal for Measure J funding to enhance and expand housing insecurity and homelessness services provided through the Community Services Block Grant Native American Set-Aside funds program. As a result of strong community advocacy, the proposal for \$500,000 was included in the Measure J Re-Imagine LA Advisory Committee: Spending Plan Recommendations for Year One (FY2021-2022).

May 1, 2021 - LANAIC and Natives in LA COVID Response Working Group partnered with Kedren Health Centers and Supervisor Solis to the first of two pop vaccine events at LA State Historic Park. The events were targeted at LAC's AIAN and Indigenous communities and provided a safe and supportive environment to receive a COVID vaccination. Food boxes, diapers, wipes and other items were distributed at the event as well. Two local Native artists also performed during the event.

May 29, 2021 - LANAIC and Natives in LA COVID Response Working Group partnered with Kedren Health Centers and Supervisor Solis for the second of two two pop vaccine events at LA State Historic Park. The events were targeted at LAC's AIAN and Indigenous communities and provided a safe and supportive environment to receive a COVID vaccination. Food boxes, diapers, wipes and other items were distributed at the event as well.

Part IV. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

As an advisory Commission to the Board of Supervisors, the LANAIC understands that it's charged to ensure equity, diversity and inclusion among the constituents it serves. As such in the Summer of 2019 the LANAIC amended its bylaws to contain more inclusive language, specifically in the Purpose section where it states:

The primary purpose of the Commission is to improve the health and well-being of the Los Angeles AIAN community. It accomplishes its purpose through many strategies, including but not limited to increasing the acquisition of funding resources available to the AIAN community, advocating for policy that will improve the health and well-being of AIANs, and gathering and disseminating information about AIANs in Los Angeles County. In performing these functions, the Commission will represent the interests and concerns of AIAN of all tribal and cultural backgrounds, religious convictions, gender identities, and social circumstances.

Currently, the bylaws do not include explicit language that promotes zero tolerance in relation to racial and ethnic discrimination and/or gender-based differences.

The LANAIC strives to create an environment at all meetings that allows members, public and stakeholders to share and express openly their ideas, opinions and beliefs. This is done so by the Commission opening meetings in a good way with an invocation, personal introductions by the Commissioners and with the Chair inviting the public and guests to introduce themselves. This approach creates a welcoming, respectful, and inviting environment.

Part V. FY21-22 Annual Work Plan

The LANAIC will be holding a planning session later in 2022 to finalize a detailed FY22-23 Work Plan. At this time the date of this session has not been set however much of the work of the FY22-23 Work Plan is already known. It includes supporting the directives from various Board Motions and priorities, City directives, annual community programming, administration of the Community Services Block Grant Native American Set-Aside Funds and Care First Community Investment Funds as well as supporting the pending transfer from the Executive Office to the Department of Arts & Culture.

Part VI. FY21-22 Accomplishments

Care First Community Investment

In February 2021 the Executive Director of the LANAIC and the LANAIC SGB submitted a proposal for Measure J funding to enhance and expand housing insecurity and homelessness services provided through the CSAIBG program. As a result of strong community advocacy, the proposal for \$500,000 was included in the Measure J Re-Imagine LA Advisory Committee: Spending Plan Recommendations for Year One (FY2021-2022).

In partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging & Community Services' Contracts Management Division, the LANAIC released a competitive Request for Statement of Interest (RFSI) solicitation in January 2022. Two subrecipient agencies were selected to provide various services to support AIAN individuals and families experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness: Pukuu Cultural Community Services and United American Indian Involvement, Inc.

The contracts were executed on February 18, 2022 and both entities immediately began providing services including rental burden subsidies, rental assistance and utility assistance. Funds were also used to increase the organizational capacity of both entities to better serve AIAN individuals and families experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.

Year 2 (FY22-23) contract amendments were executed in the end of June and both contractors began providing Year 2 services on July 1, 2022. This CFCI funded program is one of the first in the County to be operational.

Indigenous Peoples Day 2021 - Development of Land Acknowledgement and Land Access Policies (October 5, 2022)

On October 5, 2022 the Board of Supervisors adopted the Indigenous Peoples Day 2021 - Development of Land Acknowledgement and Land Access Policies motion. The motion secured funding to support the participation, knowledge, and emotional and mental labor of tribal participants throughout a process to develop a Countywide land acknowledgment policy, protocol and toolkit and document harms inflicted by the County on local tribes and people. The funding also supported the hiring of a neutral facilitator to help navigate the delicate relationship between the County and tribes. The LANAIC in partnership with the Department of Arts & Culture ran a competitive RFP process to procure a consultant team. The County entered into an agreement with a consultant on February 3, 2022, to facilitate engagement with tribal leaders and members of the AIAN community to complete this work. The consultant has extensive experience consulting with Native American leaders and community members in a variety of contexts, including the collection of ethnographic and historic data from an Indigenous perspective and implementation of community-based research. Since February the LANAIC's Executive Director has attended weekly meetings with

Department of Arts & Culture staff and the consultant team as well as attended facilitated meetings with the Tribal Planning Group and additional AIAN collaborators.

Report Back On Proclaim June 25, 2021, As The 45th Anniversary Of The Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission And Envision The Commission's Future And Acknowledge And Apologize For The Historic Mistreatment Of California Native Americans By Los Angeles County (Item No. 61-A, Agenda Of June 22, 2021, And Item No. 16, Agenda Of July 13, 2021) 45th Anniversary Motion (June 22, 2021)

On June 21, 2022 the LANAIC Executive Director submitted and distributed the Report Back On Proclaim June 25, 2021, As The 45th Anniversary Of The Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission And Envision The Commission's Future And Acknowledge And Apologize For The Historic Mistreatment Of California Native Americans By Los Angeles County (Item No. 61-A, Agenda Of June 22, 2021, And Item No. 16, Agenda Of July 13, 2021) 45th Anniversary Motion (June 22, 2021)

On June 22, 2021, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a [motion](#) by Supervisors Hahn and Solis directing the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC), in coordination with the Executive Director of Racial Equity for the County's Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative (ARDI), to facilitate and co-lead a workgroup with the Chief Sustainability Office (CSO), the Departments of Public Works (DPW), Regional Planning (DRP), Parks and Recreation (Parks), Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture), County Counsel, and leadership from the local tribes listed by the State of California's Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) to provide specific recommendations regarding the resources and funding needed to develop a systemic tribal consultation policy for the County, as well as provide specific recommendations regarding the resources and funding needed to develop a truth, healing, and transformation council. On July 13, 2021, the Board adopted a [motion](#), "Acknowledge and Apologize for the Historic Mistreatment of California Native Americans by Los Angeles County," that directed the above-named departments to work in collaboration with local tribes to explore and examine the historical record and relationship between the County and California Native Americans and develop a public statement that acknowledges, corrects, and disseminates the true historical record of the County.

As directed by the Board, the report provided a status update on the above-noted directives and specific recommendations for the development of a Countywide tribal consultation policy and a truth, healing, and transformation council.

2021 Indigenous Peoples Day

For Indigenous Peoples' Day 2021, the LANAIC collaborated with LA County Library's Cultural Resource Centers (American Indian, Asian Pacific, Black, and Chicano) and Pride Committee to develop Indigenous Peoples' Day booklists for the education and enjoyment of LAC residents. The intent of the 4 booklists (Kids, Teens, Adults & Adults with a focus on California Native Peoples) was to help people consider and rethink their assumptions about Indigenous history and literature and remind them about the power

of story to create social and personal change ([Celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day – LA County Library](#)).

2021 Native American Heritage Month: A Community United in Strength & Resolve

Since 1976, the United States has recognized November as Native American Heritage Month (NAHM). Each November, the City and County of Los Angeles celebrate the culture, contributions and heritage of Native Americans.

In 2021 the Commission selected three NAHM honorees on behalf of the City and County:

- Angie Behrens (Gabrieleno Tongva) - Spirit of Tradition
- Tazbah Rose Chavez (Nüümü, Diné and San Carlos Apache) - Spirit of Creativity
- Tracy M. Ball (Diné) - Spirit of Community

The Commission, the Board of Supervisors and LA City Councilmember O'Farrell jointly recognized the 2021 NAHM honorees during a virtual ceremony streamed to Facebook on November 13, 2021.

The virtual program included host Krista Hazelwood (Seminole), a welcome song and land acknowledgement given by Rudy Ortega Jr. (Fernandeno Tataviam) and Mark Villasenor (Fernandeno Tataviam), remarks on the impact of the COVID pandemic on LA's AIAN community delivered by Commissioner Dr. Andrea Garcia (Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara), an acknowledgement of the sacrifices made by Native Veterans provided by Keith Vielle (Blackfeet), the 2021 NAHM honoree program presented by Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell (Wyandotte) which included NAHM Honoree acceptance videos, and videos from numerous elected officials including Board Supervisors Hilda Solis, Holly Mitchell, Sheila Kuehl, Janice Hahn and Kathryn Barger, LA City Mayor Eric Garcetti and LA City Council President Nury Martinez.

Department of Human Resources DIALogue Series

In June 2021 the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted the Proclaim June 25, 2021, As the 45th Anniversary of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission and Envision the Commission's Future motion. The motion directed the LANAIC to work with DHR to develop a multi-part DIALogue series to increase awareness and understanding of County employees of the LAC AIAN population.

The LANAIC Executive Director produced the following two events that were video recorded and now available to all County staff via LearningNet: *Combating Erasure: A Conversation with Native American Leaders* (October 14, 2021) and *(Understanding the Indian Child Welfare Act* (January 26, 2022).

Creative Strategist-Artist in Residence

The LANAIC was selected by the Department of Arts & Culture as the 2022 host department for the 2022 Creative Strategist-Artist in Residence (Creative Strategist). The LANAIC support a competitive RFP process ran by Arts & Culture as well as developed the focus on the year-long residency. Jacob Pratt (Dakota) was selected through the solicitation process and began his residency with the LANAIC in February 2022. The purpose of his residency is to help uplift stories of LAC's AIAN community and combat erasure. He regularly attends LANAIC meetings and has sought guidance and feedback from LANAIC commissioners.

Part VII. Self Governance Board

The Commission’s Self Governance Board (LANAIC SGB) was established in 1993 by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors. The LANAIC SGB is a Brown Act body that is composed of the five community elected members of the Commission, along with one City appointed Commissioner, one County appointed Commissioner, and the Chairperson of the Commission. The LANAIC SGB’s primary purpose is to administer certain public and private funds, particularly funds that have Indian self-governance requirements. The SGB meets once a month separately from the LANAIC.

Community Services Block Grant Native American Set-Aside Funds

Since 1994, the LANAIC SGB has administered Community Services Block Grant Native American Set Aside funds (CSAIBG). This funding is intended to be utilized to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in LAC’s AIAN community. The LANAIC SGB receives ongoing annual CSAIBG Baseline funding on a calendar year basis as well as Discretionary funding on an ad-hoc basis. In 2020 the LANAIC SGB received an additional \$451,857.00 in CSBG through Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. The term for this funding is March 27, 2020, through May 31, 2022.

Calendar Year 2022 CSAIBG Funding	
CY2022 Baseline	\$297,596.00
CY2022 Discretionary	\$31,000.00
Total Funding	\$328,596.00

Calendar Year 2021 CSAIBG Funding	
CY2021 Baseline	\$296,567.00
CY2021 Discretionary	\$28,250.00
Total Funding	\$324,817.00

CSAIBG CARES Funding	
Baseline	\$ 411,487.00
Discretionary	\$40,370.00
Total Funding	\$451,857.00

In 2021 and 2022 three American Indian and Alaska Native serving organizations received CSAIBG funding administered by the LANAIC SGB: Gabrieleno Tongva Tribal Council, Pukuu Cultural Community Services, and United American Indian Involvement, Inc. CSAIBG funded services provided in 2021 and 2022 included the following:

Part VIII. Ongoing Long-Term Projects

- **COVID-19 Response, Relief & Recovery Efforts**
- **Establishing a County Tribal Relations Office**
- **Addressing Native American Homelessness**
- **Resiliency & Visibility through Data**
- **Combatting Erasure**
- **Indigenizing Public Spaces**

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