



# AGENDA & NOTICE

LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY  
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022, 6:30 P.M.**

**To Listen Via Telephone:** (669) 444-9171  
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CHERI THOMAS, Chairperson  
*Quinault/Yurok*

CHRISSE CASTRO, Vice Chairperson  
*Navajo*

KIMBERLY MORALES JOHNSON,  
Secretary  
*Gabrieleno Tongva*

SHAWN IMITATES DOG, Treasurer  
*Lakota*

ANDREA N. GARCIA, M.D., Commissioner  
*Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara*

ALLISON HICKS, Commissioner  
*Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation*

DAWN JACKSON, Commissioner  
*Saginaw Chippewa*

ROBERT JUDKINS, Commissioner  
*Apache*

RANDALL MURPHY, Commissioner  
*Choctaw/Lakota*

RUDY ORTEGA JR., Commissioner  
*Fernandeño Tataviam*

JOSEPH A. QUINTANA, Commissioner  
*Kewa Pueblo*

TED TENORIO, Commissioner  
*Tiguan Nation*

RICH TOYON, Commissioner  
*Acjachemen*

MARK VILLASEÑOR, Commissioner  
*Fernandeño Tataviam*

RENE WILLIAMS, Commissioner  
*Colville Tribes*

ALEXANDRA VALDES  
Executive Director  
*Tlingit/Athabaskan*

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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. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 6. PRESENTATIONS**
  - 6.1 County of Los Angeles Department of Arts & Culture Welcome, Kristin Sakoda – Director of Department of Arts & Culture

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

- 7.1. Review and take possible action adopting the September 20, 2022 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Unapproved Meeting Minutes
- 7.2. Review and take possible action adopting the September 26, 2022 LANAIC Elections Committee Unapproved Meeting Minutes
- 7.3. Review and take possible action directing LANAIC Chair Cheri Thomas to release a statement of solidarity in support of the communities impacted by LA City Council comments
- 7.4. Review and take possible action recommending to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors that they adopt the draft land acknowledgment statement developed by the Tribal Planning Group

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

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

**9. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- 9.1 Native American Heritage Month Collaboration Opportunities

**10. COMMITTEE & AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 10.1. Elections Committee Updates
- 10.2. Communications Committee Updates
- 10.3. 2022 Native American Heritage Month & Indigenous Peoples Day Ad Hoc Committee Updates

**11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- 11.1. Updates on Transition to the Department of Arts & Culture
- 11.2. County of Los Angeles FY22-23 Budget Process

**12. COMMISSIONER GENERAL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**13. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**14. COMMISSION ADJOURNMENT**

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022, 6:30 P.M.**

**Meetings are held in English. If interpretation in other languages or accommodations for persons with disabilities are needed, please contact the Commission at 213-595-4827 at least 3 business days before the meeting. The meetings of the Native American Indian Commission are accessible to persons with disabilities.**

**Contact: [www.lanaic.lacounty.gov](http://www.lanaic.lacounty.gov), [aferguson@lanaic.lacounty.gov](mailto:aferguson@lanaic.lacounty.gov), or 213-595-4827**



**LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

The September 20, 2022, meeting Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Call to Order

Chairperson Cheri Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

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 30, 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

Commissioner Randall Murphy provided an invocation.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Cheri Thomas  
Secretary Kimberly Morales Johnson  
Treasurer Shawn Imitates-Dog  
Allison Hicks  
Dawn Jackson  
Robert Judkins  
Randall Murphy  
Rudy Ortega Jr.  
Joseph Quintana  
Ted Tenorio  
Rich Toyon  
Mark Villasenor  
Rene' Williams

Absent: Vice Chair Chrissie Castro (Excused)  
Andrea Garcia (Excused)

Quorum was met.

Staff Present: Alexandra Valdes, Executive Director  
Israel Tejeda, Administrative Assistant



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Commissioner Introductions

Commissioners and staff provided brief introductions.

Introduction: Israel Tejada, LANAIC Temporary Administrative Assistant

Alexandra shared that the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors has a contract with AppleOne and they were able to assist Alexandra securing a temporary Administrative Assistant. Israel provided a brief introduction about himself, and the Commission provided him a warm welcome.

Public Comment

The community members present provided brief introductions.

Action Items

**Review and take possible action adopting the August 16, 2022 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Unapproved Meeting Minutes**

*A motion was made by Chair Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Mark Villasenor to approve the unapproved August 16, 2022 LANAIC Meeting as presented The motion passed.*

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|----------------|---|
| <b>YES</b>     | Thomas, Imitates Dog, Morales Johnson, Hicks Jackson, Judkins, Murphy, Ortega, Quintana, Tenorio, Toyon, Villasenor, Williams |
| <b>NO</b>      |   |
| <b>ABSTAIN</b> |   |
| <b>ABSENT</b>  | Castro, Garcia  |

**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**

The LANAIC selected the following LA County American Indian and Alaska Native community members as the 2022 Native American Heritage Month Honorees:

- Spirits of Community- Dr. Carrie Johnson
- Spirit of Tradition- The Phoenix Family
- Spirit of Creativity- The Cast & Crew of Reservation Dogs

Commissioner Rich Toyon abstained from voting for the Spirit of Creativity honoree as he is a member of the Reservation Dogs crew.



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**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**

*A motion was made by Chair Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Villasenor to adopt the draft FY21-22 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission and direct Alexandra Valdes to submit it to the County Board of Supervisors and Commission Services by the September 30, 2022 due date.*

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| <b>YES</b>     | Thomas, Imitates Dog, Morales Johnson, Hicks Jackson, Judkins, Murphy, Ortega, Quintana, Tenorio, Toyon, Villasenor, Williams |
| <b>NO</b>      |   |
| <b>ABSTAIN</b> |   |
| <b>ABSENT</b>  | Castro, Garcia  |

Presentations

**2022 Indigenous Peoples Day Event, David Giron (Office of LA City Council Member Mitch O’Farrell)**

David Giron addressed the LANAIC and shared about funds secured for this year’s Indigenous Peoples Day event including \$25,000 from the Department of Cultural Affairs and a recent \$5,000 donation from LADWP. He also shared about an upcoming resolution Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell will be introducing directing the City to develop a land acknowledgment and opening each Council and Commission meeting with it.

Care First, Community Investment Advisory Committee Report

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

Chair Thomas tabled this item until the October LANAIC meeting.

Chair’s Report

**LA Metro 2022 Native American Heritage Month TAP CARD**

Chair Thomas tabled this item until the October LANAIC meeting.

Committee & Ad Hoc Committee Reports

**2022 Community Elections Ad Hoc Committee Updates**

Elections Committee member Rene’ Williams shared that the draft 2022 LANAIC Community Elected Commissioner Candidate Packet and elections timeline has been reviewed by County Counsel and that



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Alexandra is working to finalize a secure electronic submission process for candidate packets. She shared that the Elections Committee is meeting virtually at 12:00 PM on Monday, September 26, 2022 to take possible action adopting the draft packet and election timeline and that the agenda will be posted no later than 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Once the packet and timeline are adopted it will be released to the public. The Committee is also actively working to secure election locations.

### **Communications Committee**

Communications Committee member Joseph Quintana addressed the Commission and shared updates regarding the Commissioner biographies and headshots on the LANAIC website as well as a proposed shared spreadsheet to track incoming emails to the Executive Director. Alexandra shared she would have to check with County Counsel to ensure a spreadsheet shared by the full Commission is Brown Act compliant.

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

2022 NAHM/IPD Ad Hoc Committee member Cheri Thomas briefly elaborated on IPD planning that David Giron shared about earlier in the meeting.

### Executive Director's Report

#### **Updates: Establishing Our Commitment to the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Board Motion (August 9, 2022)**

Alexandra Valdes shared she has been working with the Department of Arts & Culture, Executive Office and the CEO to report back to the Board by Supplemental Budget on the transition of the LANAIC to Arts & Culture.

#### **Updates: ACR 177: Christopher Columbus Transcontinental Highway Removal of Designation**

Alexandra shared that on August 31, the California Legislature approved passage of ACR 177 (Bloom/Ramos) removing the "Christopher Columbus" designation on the California segment of the I-10, reversing a previous legislative resolution adopted in 1976. The Resolution reflects another significant state and local effort to promote cultural sensitivity.

The resolution requires that if there are any efforts to replace the removed signage, these efforts should involve public input and feedback, including input and participation from the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, and the LANAIC.

### Commissioner General Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Commissioner Quintana invited all commissioners to the grand opening of United American Indian Involvement Inc.'s Native American Housing on Saturday, September 24, 2022.



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Announcements/Future Agenda Items

No announcements/future agenda items were shared.

Commission Adjournment

The September 20, 2022 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Thomas at 8:10 PM.

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**LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION  
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

The September 26, 2022, meeting of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Elections Committee was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Call to Order

Commissioner Rene' Williams called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM.

Holding Meetings via Teleconference

Commissioner Rene' Williams read the following teleconference statement allowing for the LANAIC Elections Committee 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 30, 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: Rene' Williams  
Ted Tenorio  
Mark Villasenor

Quorum was met.

Staff Present: Alexandra Valdes, Executive Director  
Israel Tejada, Administrative Assistant

Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Action Items

**Review and take possible action adopting the draft Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Draft 2022 Community Elected Candidate Packet and Proposed Election Timeline**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Mark Villasenor and seconded by Commissioner Williams to adopt the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Draft 2022 Community Elected*



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*Commissioner Candidate Packet and Proposed Timeline and to update the agenda with the appropriate date of September 26, 2022. The motion passed.*

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| <b>YES</b>     | Tenorio, Villasenor, Williams |
| <b>NO</b>      |                               |
| <b>ABSTAIN</b> |                               |
| <b>ABSENT</b>  |                               |

Committee Members' General Comments on Non-Agenda Items

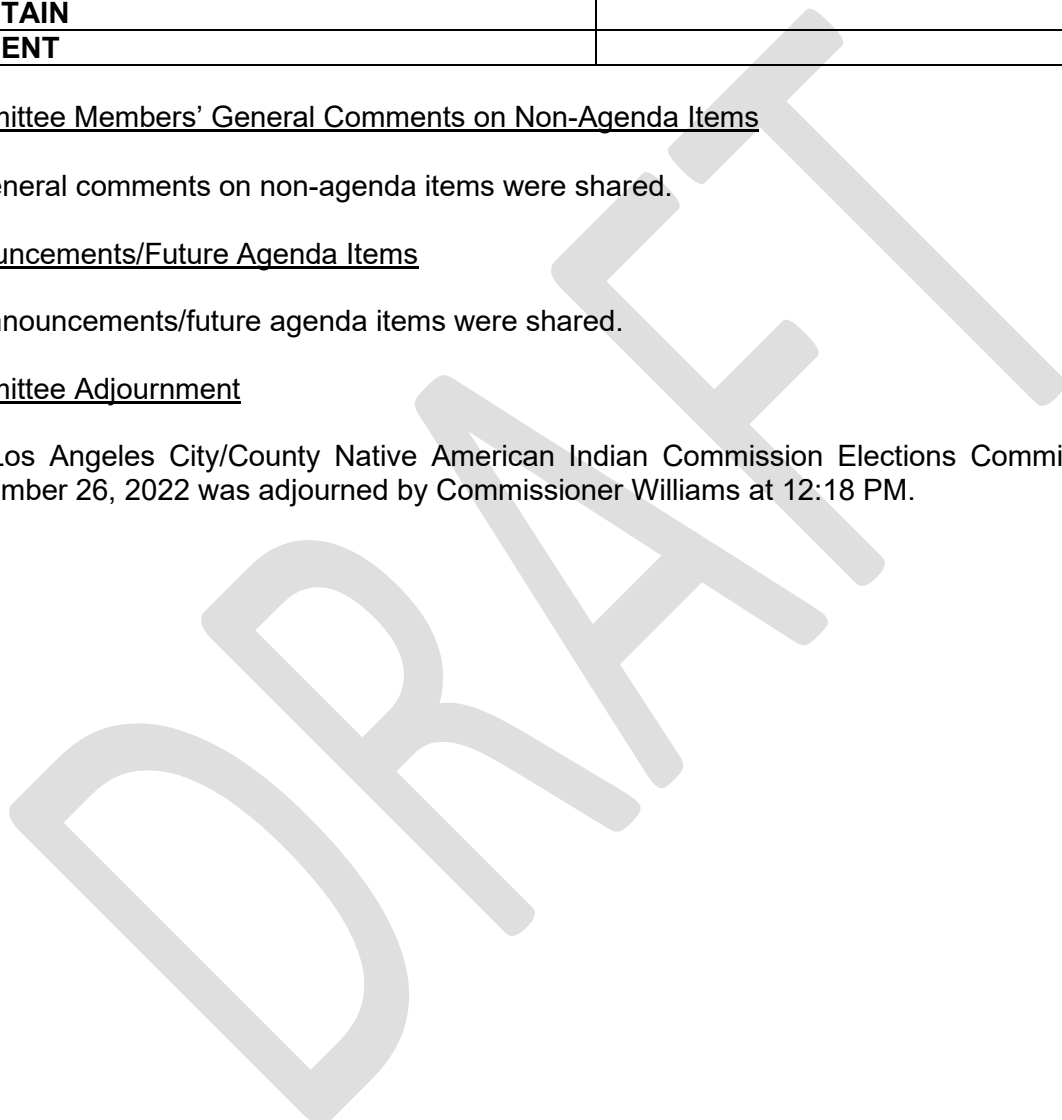
No general comments on non-agenda items were shared.

Announcements/Future Agenda Items

No announcements/future agenda items were shared.

Committee Adjournment

The Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Elections Committee meeting of September 26, 2022 was adjourned by Commissioner Williams at 12:18 PM.



## **Los Angeles County Countywide Land Acknowledgment**

The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respects to their elders and descendants -- past, present, and emerging -- as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma. This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the

Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians  
Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council  
Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians  
Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation  
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians  
San Fernando Band of Mission Indians

To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website at [lanaic.lacounty.gov](http://lanaic.lacounty.gov).