



Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission

**2022 Community-Elected Commissioner
Election**

Candidate Packet

DUE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022, BY 5:00 PM PST

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Introduction

Community Election to Fill Five Seats on the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission

An election will be held December 6th and 7th, 2022, to fill five community-elected Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) seats. Community-elected LANAIC commissioners serve on both the LANAIC and the LANAIC Self Governance Board (LANAIC SGB). The term of office will begin January 17, 2023 and expire January 18, 2027.

A schedule of events for the election is attached. All candidates are encouraged to campaign by preparing flyers and speaking at community events.

The LANAIC was created in 1976. The primary purpose of the commission is to increase the acquisition and application of federal funding resources for addressing the socioeconomic problems of American Indians in Los Angeles city and county. In performing this function, the commission represents the interests and concerns of American Indians of all tribal and cultural backgrounds, religious convictions, and social circumstances (Ord. 11409 § 1 (part), 1976: Ord. 4099 Art. 113 § 21011, 1942.).

On February 23, 1993, the Board of Supervisors approved the creation of the LANAIC SGB to meet all the requirements of Native American community self-governance and self-determination. The LANAIC SGB is established to administer public/private funds, particularly those funds that have Indian self-governance requirements.

Duties of Community Elected Commissioners

Community-elected commissioners serve on both the LANAIC and the LANAIC SGB. The LANAIC and the LANAIC SGB meet in the evening every third Tuesday and third Thursday of the month respectively.

The LANAIC SGB is charged with oversight of the Community Services Block Grant Native American Set-Aside funds (CSAIBG), development of additional grant funds, and other opportunities for the general support of the Los Angeles American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) community. Community-elected commissioners act as advocates for the community and provide leadership and direction to the Commission, LA City (City) government and LA County (County) government in matters concerning the AIAN community. It is hoped that community-elected Commissioners will vigorously represent the AIAN community and, in cooperation with other Commissioners, County and City agencies, work toward more and better services and economic opportunities for AIAN. Candidates should demonstrate current active participation in the AIAN community and show strong interest in working on issues and problems facing the County's AIAN community.

In order to meet its primary purpose of increasing the acquisition and local application of Federal funds, the Commission shall have the following duties:

- a. Promote the development of programs and funding resources to serve urban AIANs and AIAN organizations; to advocate legislation and policy favorable to the urban AIAN community on issues and problems of furthering participation of urban AIAN in the mainstream of social and economic activities.
- b. Work with existing Federal, State, and local agencies in researching, preparing, and disseminating information in the field of AIAN affairs, to avoid duplication of effort.

- c. Provide a coordinating function with respect to the activities of the many community groups and organizations working for the special concerns of AIAN people. Serve as a catalyst and coordinating agency between Federal, State, County, City, and private agencies and with AIAN culture among all Americans.
- d. Study and/or investigate by means of meetings, conferences, public hearings, or forums, conditions which adversely affect the welfare and socio-economic status of AIAN, and to develop recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and the City Council, on steps to be taken to correct these conditions.
- e. Advise the residents of Los Angeles City and County, the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the City Council, and departments and agencies of these respective governments, or other organizations and institutions on matters involving the needs of AIAN, and to render to the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the City Council, and the AIAN community at least once each calendar year a report of its activities.
- f. Nothing in the assignment of Commission duties shall be construed as vesting in the Commission any power on duty assigned by charter, law, or ordinance to any power on duty assigned by charter, law or ordinance to any other County officer, Commission, or department, or as authorizing the Commission to engage in any activity or to provide any service which the County is not authorized to conduct or perform.
- g. The Commission shall not duplicate any service or activity provided by any other County officer or department. The Commission shall coordinate its activities with those of related County officers and departments to achieve maximum effectiveness and service to the public. No action shall be taken by any Commission member on the behalf of or in the name of the Commission unless specifically authorized by the Commission.

Candidate Eligibility Criteria

Criteria

- 1. Must be a resident of Los Angeles County.
- 2. Must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- 3. To ensure candidates are reflective of the diversity of American Indian and Alaska Natives in the city and county of Los Angeles and to attract representation from various tribal backgrounds (County Code Chap. 3.42.040) as well as to meet the qualifications of the Community Services Block Grant Native American Set Aside Funds program (Cal Gov. Code § 12772) candidates must be American Indians and Alaska Natives meeting one of the following definitions:
 - a. Enrolled member of a federally or State recognized tribe, now under Federal or State jurisdiction. OR:
 - b. North American Indian from the United States or Alaska Native community with a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) with supporting genealogical documentation. OR:
 - c. North American Indian from a United States or Alaska Native community with supporting genealogical documentation.
- 4. Must not be an officer or employee of contractors, subcontractors, or agencies receiving Community Services Block Grant funding (CSAIBG) to prevent a conflict of interest. (Current CSAIBG agencies: Gabrieleno Tongva Tribal Council, Pukuu Cultural Community Services & United American Indian Involvement, Inc.)

PLEASE NOTE: For candidates submitting applications through the electronic submission process, you must upload copies of documents demonstrating that you meet criteria 1-3 (see above). Once the documents are reviewed by an LANAIC Elections Committee member or the LANAIC Executive Director to verify eligibility, the copies will be destroyed.

For candidates submitting candidate packets in person on November 4, 2022, please bring documents demonstrating that you meet criteria 1-3 (see above). The documents will be reviewed by an LANAIC Elections Committee member or the LANAIC Executive Director to verify eligibility and then immediately returned to the candidate.

Procedures

Nominations and Election

To have your name placed on the ballot as an official candidate for the LANAIC you must complete the following procedures:

1. Each candidate must have the nominating petition signed by twenty (20) eligible voters. Eligible voters are persons who are; 1) enrolled member of any state or federally recognized Indian tribe or Alaska Native village, or, North American Indian with a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) with provided genealogical support, or, member of an Indian community with genealogical documentation; 2) resident of the County of Los Angeles; 3) eighteen years of age or older.
2. All petitioners must be in legible handwriting. Printed signatures or signatures of petitioners residing out of the County of Los Angeles are not valid.
3. Candidates cannot list themselves as a petitioner.
4. Each candidate must turn in the completed **Declaration of Candidacy** on or before **5:00 P.M. PST Friday, November 4, 2022**. Any candidate packets submitted after this deadline will be ruled invalid.
5. Candidates must demonstrate that they meet the eligibility requirements. For candidates submitting applications through the electronic submission process, you must upload copies of documents demonstrating that you meet criteria 1-3 (pg. 3). Once the documents are reviewed by an LANAIC Elections Committee member or the LANAIC Executive Director to verify eligibility the copies will be destroyed. For candidates submitting candidate packets in person on November 4, 2022, please bring documents demonstrating that you meet criteria 1-3 (pg.3). The documents will be reviewed by an LANAIC Elections Committee member or the LANAIC Executive Director to verify eligibility and then immediately returned to the candidate.
6. The Elections Committee, appointed by the Commission, will provide the official ballots, conduct the election, select 2-3 County employees to verify election results, and confirm voter and candidate eligibility.
7. There may be no electioneering within 100 feet of a polling site.
8. Election Committee will select 2-3 County employees unaffiliated with the LANAIC to verify the election results. The LANAIC will notify candidates and provide the media with official election results.
9. Each Candidate for commissioner may appoint one (1) observer for the counting of ballots. The name shall be submitted to the LANAIC Executive Director (aferguson@lanaic.lacounty.gov) no later than five (5) days prior to the first day of the election (December 6, 2022). No Candidate shall be an observer.
10. Candidates will not be reimbursed for any costs incurred during the election process.
11. The State of California has ruled that county and state election codes do not apply to commission elections.
12. Candidate's names will be placed on the ballot with their submitted statements about their community involvement and why they want to serve as a Commissioner. Candidates' names will be placed in alphabetical order based on first name.
13. A plurality of one (1) vote constitutes a winner. A tie will be broke by lot with both parties in attendance in the Commission office and witnessed by the Elections Committee.
14. NO QUESTION WHEN NO CONTEST. If only five (5) Candidates file for candidacy for election as commissioners, no question shall be placed on the ballot for that candidacy. The act of filing for commissioner shall be counted as an affirmative vote for such Candidate's selection, therefore the Candidates shall be elected by a one-vote margin. If only five (5) Candidates file for community-elected commissioner, the Elections Committee shall certify that Candidates as elected.

Candidate Packet Submission Instruction

Candidates can either submit their completed candidate packets electronically through a secure portal or in person on Friday, November 4, 2022.

Candidate packets are due on Friday, November 4, 2022, by 5:00 PM PST.

1. Electronic Submission

If you are submitting electronically, please visit the below link and upload your Declaration of Candidacy, Nominating Form and documents that demonstrate candidate eligibility.

[2022 Community-Elected Commissioner Election Candidate Electronic Submission Page](#)

Once your documents are submitted you will receive an email from County of Los Angeles <adobesign@adobesign.com> confirming submission of your candidate packet.

2. In Person Submission: Friday, November 4, 2022, from 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm PST

133 N Sunol Drive
County of Los Angeles
East Los Angeles Service Center Los Angeles, CA 90063

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Election Schedule

Monday, September 26, 2022 -ELECTIONS ANNOUNCED & CANDIDATE PACKETS RELEASED

- Candidate packets released and posted on Commission's website, and shared social media channels

Friday, November 4, 2022, at 5:00 PM PST – DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF CANDIDATE PACKETS

- See page 5 for submission instructions

Thursday, November 10, 2022 – SLATE OF CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED

- Slate of Candidates posted to lanaic.lacounty.gov

Tuesday, November 15, 2022, AT 6:30 PM PST– PUBLIC FORUM

- Candidates invited to address the community and provide brief remarks at Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Meeting

December 6 & 7, 2022 – ELECTION DAYS

- Community invited to vote for candidates
- Election Sites TBD

December 8, 2022 – BALLOT COUNT

- Publicly accessible ballot count site TBD

December 8, 2022 – NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

- Posted to lanaic.lacounty.gov

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

- Swearing in of commissioner-elects at the January 17, 2023, regular meeting of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alexandra Valdes, Executive Director, at (213) 595-4827.

Candidate's Check List

- ☐ Declaration of Candidacy: candidate's address, phone number, personal background statements with signature
- ☐ Documents that demonstrate candidate meets one of the American Indian or Alaska Native identity criteria described on page 3
- ☐ Proof that the candidate resides in Los Angeles County
- ☐ Proof that the candidate is 18 years or older
- ☐ Nominating Form with twenty petition signatures from Los Angeles County's American Indian and Alaska Native Community over 18 years of age

For information call Alexandra Valdes at 213-595-4827 or email at aferguson@lanaic.lacounty.gov



LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Declaration of Candidacy

IMPORTANT - Eligibility Criteria, please submit documentation to verify the following: 1) Resident of the County of Los Angeles, 2.) Eighteen years of age or older, 3.) Member of any federal or state recognized Indian tribe, OR North American Indian from the United States or Alaskan Native community with a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) and supporting genealogical documentation, OR member of a United States or Alaskan community with supporting genealogical documentation.

COMMUNITY-ELECTED LANAIC CANDIDATE

LAST NAME:		FIRST NAME:		MIDDLE NAME:
OTHER NAMES USED:			DATE OF BIRTH (DOB):	
TRIBAL AFFILIATION:			TRIBAL ROLL NUMBER:	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:			TELEPHONE:	
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	OTHER TELEPHONE:	
MAILING ADDRESS:			EMAIL:	
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:		

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY

Please describe your involvement with the American Indian and Alaska Native community. (Please provide no more than 500 words. Include additional sheets if necessary.)

Please describe why you want to be a Los City/County Native American Indian Commissioner, what you hope to achieve during your term and how you plan to uplift the AIAN community's voice and concerns to LA City and County. (Please provide no more than 500 words. Include additional sheets if necessary.)

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION: By signing below, the undersigned hereby declares that all information provided on the above form and the documents that demonstrate candidate eligibility are accurate.

Signature

Print Name

Date



LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Nomination Form

We, the undersigned, nominate _____, as a candidate for the Los Angeles City/County American Indian Commission. By signing this petition, we certify that we are members of the American Indian and Alaska Native community and eligible to vote in Commission elections and meet the following criteria: 1.) A resident of the county of Los Angeles, 2.) 18 years or age or older, and 3.) American Indian and Alaska Native who meets one or more of the following definitions: Member of any federal or state recognized American Indian or Alaska Native tribe, OR North American Indian from the United States or Alaska Native community with a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) and supporting genealogical documentation, OR member of a United States or Alaska Native community with supporting genealogical documentation.

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