



AGENDA & NOTICE

LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022, 6:30 P.M.

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Quinault/Yurok

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Navajo

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Gabrieleno Tongva

SHAWN IMITATES DOG, Treasurer
Lakota

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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

**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. ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1. Review and take possible action adopting the October 18, 2022 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Unapproved Meeting Minutes
- 6.2. Review and take possible action adopting the September 26, 2022 LANAIC Elections Committee Unapproved Meeting Minutes

- 6.3. Take possible action appointing Commissioner Rene' Williams as the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission representative to serve on the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LA CoC) Board
- 6.4. Take possible action directing Executive Director Alexandra Valdes to draft the LANAIC FY22-23 County Budget Request letter advocating for funding to support the development of a Countywide tribal consent and consultation policy and an implementation framework for the Chair's review, signature and formal submission

7. 2022 LANAIC COMMUNITY ELECTED COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE REMARKS

Each candidate will be allotted 4 minutes to address the public and the Commission. There will be no Q&A.

- 7.1 Caroline Bhalla
- 7.2 Denise Escoto
- 7.3 Shawn Imitates Dog
- 7.4 Dawn Jackson
- 7.5 Robert Judkins
- 7.6 Kim Morales Johnson
- 7.7 John Only A Chief
- 7.8 Mona Recalde

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

- 8.1 CFCI Updates, Tencha Espino (LANAIC Alternate Designee – CFCI Advisory Committee)

9. CHAIR'S REPORT

- 9.1 LA Metro 2022 Native American Heritage Month TAP CARD Distribution
- 9.2 The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #SAC-22-022: *Calling for the Removal of The Christopher Columbus Transcontinental Highway Designation from All Portions of Interstate 10*
- 9.3 Adoption of Countywide Land Acknowledgment (11.1.2022)
- 9.4 December 2022 LANAIC Meeting Date and Location

10. COMMITTEE & AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 10.1. Elections Committee Updates
- 10.2. Communications Committee Updates
- 10.3. 2022 Native American Heritage Month Updates

11. COMMISSIONER GENERAL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. COMMISSION ADJOURNMENT

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, contact@lanaic.lacounty.gov, or 213-595-4827



**LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2022**

The October 18, 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 6:32 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 September 27, 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
Dawn Jackson
Andrea Garcia
Robert Judkins
Joseph Quintana
Rich Toyon
Randall Murphy
Rene' Williams

Absent: Treasurer Shawn Imitates-Dog
Vice Chair Chrissie Castro (Excused)
Rudy Ortega Jr.
Ted Tenorio
Allison Hicks
Mark Villasenor

Quorum was met.

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



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Commissioner & Staff Introductions

Commissioners and staff provided brief introductions.

Public Comment

The following members of the public briefly introduced themselves:

Eric Eisenberg, President of the LA County Arts Commission

Grace Ramirez, Director Civic Art Division – LA County Department of Arts & Culture

Iris Regn, Civic Art Division – LA County Department of Arts & Culture

Jacqueline Robles, Project Manager – Watson Consulting Group

Heather Rigby – Chief Deputy - LA County Department of Arts & Culture

Nedra Darling – Co-Founder – Bright Path Strong

Megan Moret - Board Liaison – LA County Department of Arts & Culture

Presentations

County of Los Angeles Department of Arts & Culture Welcome, Kristin Sakoda – Director of Department of Arts & Culture

Kristin Sakoda extended a warm welcome to the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission who is now officially housed within the Department of Arts & Culture (Arts & Culture). The LANAIC was officially transferred from the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors to Arts & Culture on Friday, October 7, 2022.

Action Items

Review and take possible action adopting the September 20, 2022 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Unapproved Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Jackson to adopt the September 20, 2022 LANAIC Unapproved Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion passed

YES	Chair Thomas, Secretary Morales Johnson, Jackson, Judkins, Quintana, Toyon, Murphy, Williams
NO	
ABSTAIN	Garcia



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ABSENT	Treasurer Imitates-Dog, Vice Chair Castro, Ortega Jr., Tenorio, Hicks, Villasenor
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Review and take possible action adopting the September 26, 2022 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Election Committee Unapproved Meeting Minutes

There was not a quorum of Election Committee members present so this item was tabled until the November 2022 LANAIC meeting.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Jackson directing LANAIC Chair Cheri Thomas to release solidarity in support of the communities impacted by LA City Council comments. Motion passed.

YES	Chair Thomas, Secretary Morales Johnson, Garcia, Jackson, Judkins, Quintana, Toyon, Murphy, Williams
NO	
ABSTAIN	
ABSENT	Treasurer Imitates-Dog, Vice Chair Castro, Ortega Jr., Tenorio, Hicks, Villasenor

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to recommend to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors that they adopt the draft land acknowledgment statement developed by the Tribal Planning Group and as presented. Motion passed.

YES	Chair Thomas, Garcia, Jackson, Judkins, Toyon, Murphy, Williams
NO	
ABSTAIN	Secretary Morales Johnson, Quintana
ABSENT	Treasurer Imitates-Dog, Vice Chair Castro, Ortega Jr., Tenorio, Hicks, Villasenor



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Care First, Community Investment (CFCI) Advisory Committee Report

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

Tencha Espino, LANAIC Alternate Designee – CFCI Advisory Committee provided an update on Care First Community Investment.

Chair's Report

Native American Heritage Month Collaboration Opportunities

Chair Thomas invited Nedra Darling to address the Commission and share about the upcoming Sovereignty Run at USC on Saturday, October 23, 2022. Ms. Darling invited the Commission to attend and shared details about the event.

Committee & Ad Hoc Committee Reports

2022 Community Elections Ad Hoc Committee Updates

Elections Committee member Rene' Williams addressed the Commission and shared that the 2022 Community Elected Commissioner Packet and election timeline was adopted by the Election Committee on Monday, September 26, 2022 and was promptly released the same day via the Commission's website. Additionally, she shared that packets are due by Friday, November 4, 2022 by 5 PM and that candidates can either submit electronically up until 5 pm on Friday, November 4, 2022 or in person on Friday, November 4, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the County of Los Angeles East LA Service Center. She requested that all commissioners help share the opportunity to serve on the commission with their networks.

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

Alexandra Valdes shared that the 2022 IPD celebration was a great success and thanked all commissioners who attended and helped coordinate this year's event. Finally, she shared the Planning Committee had shifted gears to plan for 2022 NAHM and that they are working closely with Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's Office to plan this year's City honoree celebration and that it is likely that County Supervisor Hilda Solis will be introducing a motion on November 1, 2022 to proclaim NAHM and celebrate this year's honorees.

Executive Director's Report

Alexandra briefly shared that the move to the Department of Arts & Culture has been going very well.



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Commissioner General Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No general comments on non-agenda items were made.

Announcements/Future Agenda Items

No announcements/future agenda items were shared.

Commission Adjournment

The Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission meeting of October 18, 2022 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 Villaseñor

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 Villaseñor 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.

YES	Tenorio, Villasenor, Williams
NO	
ABSTAIN	
ABSENT	

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.

October 14, 2022

Alexandra Valdes, Executive Director
Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission
510 S. Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Dear Alexandra Valdes:

We are pleased to invite your organization's participation on the **Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LA CoC) Board**. The LA CoC addresses critical issues related to homelessness through a coordinated community-based process of identifying and addressing our region's needs to address homelessness. The LA CoC Board oversees the allocation and utilization of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) resources, and other sources of funding, throughout LA County as mandated by HUD. The LA CoC Board consults, provides feedback, approves, and makes recommendations on policies and processes related to the CoC Program, HMIS software serving the LA CoC geographic area, and other areas impacting homelessness within the LA CoC. The LA CoC excludes the cities of Glendale, Long Beach, and Pasadena who maintain their own CoCs. ***We invite your organization to appoint a representative to serve on the LA CoC Board.***

In June 2022, the LA CoC General Membership approved a charter revision expanding the representation of the LA CoC Board. This includes five at-large representatives, of which one shall represent the American Indian/Alaska Native Populations and be appointed by the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission.

The LA CoC Board meets monthly throughout the calendar year and may meet more often as deemed necessary to carry out its responsibilities. Members serve terms of three years and may serve two consecutive terms before a mandatory inactive period. Enclosed for your reference is the LA CoC Governance Charter which outlines the full responsibilities of the LA CoC and its Board.

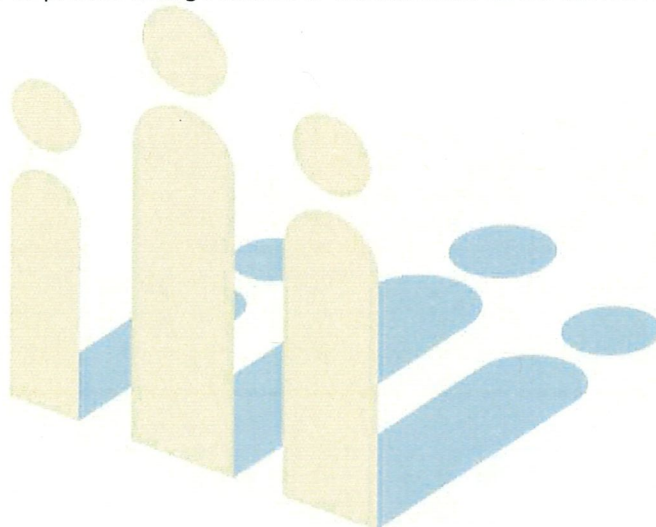
Please send the appointee's contact information to LACoCBoard@lahsa.org by Tuesday, November 15, 2022. The 2022-2023 LA CoC Board will be seated during the Board's regular meeting on **Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 2-4 p.m.** LAHSA will coordinate with new members and distribute information and materials related to orientation and training for preparation in advance of that meeting.

Please direct any questions to Jessica Reed, Senior Planning Manager, at jreed@lahsa.org or (213) 689-4094. We look forward to continuing to work together to provide lasting solutions to homelessness across the Los Angeles CoC.

Sincerely,



Stephen David Simon
Interim Executive Director





NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #SAC-22-022

TITLE: Calling for Removal of The Christopher Columbus Transcontinental Highway Designation from All Portions of Interstate 10

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT
Fawn R. Sharp
Quinalt Indian Nation

1ST VICE PRESIDENT
Mark Macarro
Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians

RECORDING SECRETARY
Stephen Roe Lewis
Gila River Indian Community

TREASURER
Shannon Holsey
Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

ALASKA
Mike Williams
Akiak Native Community

EASTERN OKLAHOMA
Norman Hildebrand
Wyandotte Nation

GREAT PLAINS
Harold Frazier
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

MIDWEST
Rebecca Crooks-Stratton
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

NORTHEAST
Lance Gumbs
Shinnecock Indian Nation

NORTHWEST
Melvin Sheldon, Jr.
Tulalip Tribes of Washington

PACIFIC
Jack Potter
Redding Rancheria

ROCKY MOUNTAIN
VACANT

SOUTHEAST
Reggie Tupponce
Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe

SOUTHERN PLAINS
Gonzo Flores
Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas

SOUTHWEST
Joe Garcia
Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo

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Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

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WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 10 in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida is a transcontinental route of almost 3,000 miles traveled by millions of Americans throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, public roads and highways serve as an opportunity to educate and inform road-users through historic names and the use of historic and cultural plaques to commemorate the history of the United States and the Indigenous People of the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Columbus provided the impetus for European colonization of North America and that colonization and conquest led directly to the confiscation of land from Indigenous people, displacement, enslavement, and the violent deaths of millions of the original peoples of these lands; and

WHEREAS, NCAI does not condone the use of offensive placenames or dedications to colonial figures that perpetuate the legacy of settler-colonialism and disregard the full and accurate history of the indigenous people of what is now the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has removed the Christopher Columbus designation through Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 177 as well as any signage and markers memorializing that designation; and any efforts to replace removed signage should involve public input and feedback from the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI urges tribal nations in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida to work with their state legislatures to also remove the designation from their respective sections of Interstate 10; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI urges States to uphold their responsibility to promote and enhance safety for all residents and uplift truth, dignity, and justice for all; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2022 Annual Conference of the National Congress of American Indians, held in Sacramento, CA, October 30-November 4, 2022, with a quorum present.

Fawn Sharp, President

ATTEST:

Stephen Roe Lewis, Recording Secretary