



AGENDA & NOTICE

LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023, 6:30 P.M.

Meeting Location: County of Los Angeles Hall of Administration
Sybil Brand Room 372
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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CHERI THOMAS, Chairperson
Quinault/Yurok

CHRISSIE CASTRO, Vice Chairperson
Navajo

RENE' WILLIAMS, Secretary
Colville Tribes

SHAWN IMITATES DOG, Treasurer
Lakota

DENISE ESCOTO, Commissioner
Northern Cheyenne

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

DAWN JACKSON, Commissioner
Saginaw Chippewa

MONA MORALES RECALDE, Commissioner
Gabrieleno Tongva

JOHN ONLY A CHIEF, Commissioner
Pawnee Nation

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

ALEXANDRA VALDES
Executive Director
Tlingit/Athabaskan

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1. CALL TO ORDER
 2. INVOCATION & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
 3. ROLL CALL
 4. COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS
 5. PUBLIC COMMENT
 6. ACTION ITEMS
 - 6.1. Review and take possible action adopting the March 21, 2023 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Unapproved Meeting Minutes

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- 6.2. Take possible action adopting proposed Code of Conduct section addition to the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Bylaws
- 6.3. Take possible action selecting a 2023 Native American Heritage Month Theme
- 6.4. Take possible action selecting a 2023 Native American Heritage Month Metro TAP Card Design

7. PRESENTATION

- 7.1 *Care First Community Investment Updates* – (Joey Williams – LANAIC Designee & Tencha Chavez – LANAIC Alternate Designee)
- 7.2 *Introduction to Your Neighborhood Museum-* (Diana Terrazas - Program Manager & Lylliam Posadas – Co-Founder)

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 8.1 Possible MMIW Activities for May
- 8.2 Preparation for May LANAIC Meeting with Mayor Karen Bass

9. CHAIR'S REPORT

- 9.2 2023 Ad Hoc Committee Appointments

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 10.1 Updates of AB 776: Renaming the 210 Freeway
- 10.2 Commissioner Appointment of Audra Wise by Mayor Karen Bass
- 10.3 *Erasure* Film Screening and Q&A (April 22, 2023)

11. COMMISSIONER GENERAL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. COMMISSION ADJOURNMENT

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**LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2023**

The March 21, 2023, meeting Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) was at the County of Los Angeles Hall of Administration, Sybil Brand Room 372, 500 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

Call to Order

Chairperson Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Invocation

No invocation was provided.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Cheri Thomas
Vice Chairperson Chrissie Castro (Joined at 6:36 PM)
Treasurer Shawn Imitates Dog
Denise Escoto
Andrea Garcia
Dawn Jackson
Mona Morales Recalde
John Only A Chief
Rudy Ortega Jr.
Mark Villasenor
Rene' Williams

Absent: Randall Murphy (excused)
Joseph Quintana (unexcused)
Rich Toyon (excused)
Ted Tenorio (excused)

Quorum was met.

Staff Present: Alexandra Valdes, Executive Director
Stephanie Guadron, Administrative Manager

Commissioner & Staff Introductions

Commissioners provided brief introductions including their names, appointing office and tribal affiliation.

Public Comment

No public comment was given.



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Action Items

Review & Approval of the Unapproved February 21, 2023, Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrea Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Rudy Ortega Jr. to approve the unapproved February 21, 2023 LANAIC Meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed.

YES	Garcia, Ortega, Thomas, Escoto, Morales Recalde, Only A Chief, Villasenor, Williams, Jackson, Imitates Dog
NO	
ABSTAIN	Castro
ABSENT	Toyon, Tenorio, Murphy, Quintana

Review and take possible action adopting proposed responses to the Office of Management & Budget’s (OBM) request for comments regarding the revision SPD15 – Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity and request that Board Chair Janice Hahn transmit a letter to PMB supporting these adopted responses

Commissioner Andrea Garcia shared that the item is an opportunity to provide feedback for the first time in nearly 30 years on the federal standards for maintaining, collecting, and presenting data on race and ethnicity. Commissioner Garcia also stated that the revisions that are addressed in the letter of support are considered best practices by other major organizations, such as Urban Indian Health Institute.

Brian Hui joined as a guest speaker and presented on the five responses that are discussed within the letter. Commissioner Chrissie Castro discussed her support of most of the letter and requested further information and discussion on whether the revisions that are being recommended would have a fiscal impact on the Community Services Block Grant Native American Set-Aside (CSAIBG) programs that the LANAIC Self Governance Board administers.

Commissioners tabled the letter of support to further discuss and refine the content of the letter and ensure the positions were aligned with the Natives Count sign on letter that is being drafted by Native-led organizations. There was consensus amongst the body that the recommendation to consolidate race and ethnicity into one question should be supported since the current two question structure results in the erasure of large percentages of LA County’s Native community who also identify as Hispanic. Alexandra stated that if needed the Executive Board could hold a special meeting to meet the OMB deadline for public comments (April 12, 2023) and reiterated that this letter would be sent to Board Chair Janice Hahn requesting that she submit the public comment as the Chair of the Board.



**LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
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Take possible action recommending that the Board of Supervisors take a supportive position on AB 776 – 210 Interstate Highway Renaming

A motion was made by Commissioner Rene’ Williams and seconded by Commissioner Shawn Imitates Dog to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they take a supportive position on AB 776 – 210 Interstate Highway Renaming. The motion passed.

YES	Garcia, Ortega, Thomas, Escoto, Morales Recalde, Only A Chief, Villasenor, Williams, Jackson, Castro, Imitates Dog
NO	
ABSTAIN	
ABSENT	Toyon, Tenorio, Murphy, Quintana

Take possible action selecting a new Secretary to serve on the Executive Committee through January 2024

A roll call vote was conducted. Commissioner Rene’ Williams was elected Executive Committee Secretary.

Executive Committee Secretary Roll Call Vote	Randall Murphy *1 Vote*	Mark Villasenor *2 Votes*	Rene’ Williams *8 Votes*
Chair Cheri Thomas			x
Vice Chair Chrissie Castro			x
Treasurer Shawn Imitates Dog			x
Denise Escoto			x
Andrea Garcia			x
Dawn Jackson		x	
Mona Morales Recalde	x		
Randall Murphy			
John Only A Chief			x
Rudy Ortega Jr.			x
Joseph Quintana			
Ted Tenorio			
Rich Toyon			
Mark Villasenor			x
Rene’ Williams		x	



LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2023

Presentation

County of Los Angeles Employee Onboarding Process for Commissioners

A presentation was given by Brandon Turner, LAC Department of Arts & Culture Administrative Deputy, about the County of Los Angeles Employee Onboarding Process for Commissioners. Brandon stated that in order to be in compliance all Commissioners must complete an employee onboarding process for commissioners. This process includes working with the department's Human Resources staff to submit all appropriate paperwork, complete a live scan and register for County mandated trainings. Once the Commissioners are onboarded, they will receive a County issued ID badge and will begin to receive the attendance meeting stipend. The Department's Human Resources staff will look into the individual circumstances for any Commissioners who are currently employed by the County or for anyone who shares a name with a current County employee.

Discussion Items

Code of Conduct

Commissioners reviewed a proposed bylaws addition. Per the LANAIC bylaws in order to amend the bylaws the body first must discuss the proposed revisions at one meeting and then adopt at a subsequent meeting.

Commissioner Andrea Garcia stated that it is important that the Commission ensures safety for Commissioners during meetings by incorporating shared values and standards in the Commission's Bylaws. Chair Cheri Thomas stated that Los Angeles City Council Rules of Decorum should also be included in the Bylaws. Alexandra stated that the Commission would have to submit the Rules of Decorum to County Counsel and will share the rules from Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to compare language. Commissioner Garcia noted that the bylaws are an internal governance document and that as such Rules of Decorum for the public would not be appropriate to include. Alexandra also stated that SB 1100 could also be referenced at meetings if any individuals were disruptive. The item was tabled for a vote at the following meeting.

Chair's Report

Retreat Follow Up

Chair Cheri Thomas thanked all who sacrificed a weekend to meet for the retreat. It was also stated that retreats in the future would require a physical location and follow all Brown Act regulations for public postings and attendance. Chair Cheri Thomas stated that items discussed at the retreat will be added to regular meeting agendas throughout the year.

Ad Hoc Committees

Chair Cheri Thomas stated that she would like to encourage Commissioners to volunteer for an ad hoc committee. Alexandra stated that she would review the list of ad hoc committees that was sent via email and that staff will develop a survey with the identified groups.



LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2023

Meeting with Mayor Karen Bass

Alexandra shared that Mayor Karen Bass will be attending the May 2023 LANAIC Meeting. Chair Cheri Thomas stated that the Commission should arrange for a special agenda for the meeting that Mayor Bass will attend. Alexandra stated that she will meet with the Mayor's staff to ensure that all pre-meeting documents are shared, and that the agenda will include the asks that were discussed with the previous Los Angeles Mayor. Commissioner Rudy Ortega Jr. stated that if a larger venue is needed, he recommends asking the city if we could meet at City Hall in the Public Works Chamber.

Executive Director's Report

Creative Strategist Updates

Alexandra provided brief updates about Jacob Pratt's Creative Strategist Residency. She shared that he had to pivot his project from an immersive experience to a film screening due to an issue obtaining a venue. Alexandra shared she would send out a save the date to the commissioners and encouraged everyone to attend to support Jacob.

Commissioner General Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Commissioner Dawn Jackson shared that there are digital and hard copy versions of the 2023 Community Needs Assessment survey and encouraged Commissioners to help distribute the survey to their networks.

Announcements/Future Agenda Items

Tencha Chavez, the LANAIC Alternate Designee to the County's Care First Community Investment (CFCI) Advisory Committee, shared that there is going to be a CFCI Town Hall on April 20, 2023 and encouraged the Commission to help ensure that the community turns out.

Commissioner Rudy Ortega Jr. requested that LANAIC staff provide State and Federal legislative report summaries on a regular basis at Commission meetings.

Commission Adjournment

The Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission meeting of March 21, 2023 was adjourned by Chairperson Thomas at 8:39 PM in honor of Paula Starr.



Proposed Bylaws Revisions & Addition

ADDITION

Section XXI: Code of Conduct

(A) Commissioners will exercise mutual respect and professionalism during commission and committee meetings, in the exercise of all County and City business, and at all times while publicly representing the Commission. This includes maintaining a respectful approach to debate and disagreement, interactions with Commission staff, City and County contractors and community as well as seeking to proactively resolve conflicts through the exercise of open and respectful feedback;

(B) Commissioners will respect the diversity, dignity, and expression of views of all individuals, groups, and organizations within the community and/or involved with the Commission including Commission staff;

(C) It will be the responsibility of the Chair and/or other members of the Executive committee to intervene if they observe anything during a Commission meeting that is in violation of this Code of Conduct. However, any member of the Commission may speak to observed conflicts with this Code of Conduct.

(D) Commissioners should not use language that is threatening, obscene, or slanderous, including profanities, insults or other disparaging remarks or gestures directed toward other Commissioners, staff and community members.

(E) Commissioners' conduct shall not be limited to points A through D above but shall also reflect the Codes of Conduct outlined by their respective appointing bodies.

REVISIONS

- Retitle Section XXI: Ethics to Section XXII: Ethics
- Retitle Section XXII: Calendar to Section XXIII: Calendar

**Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission
2019 Bylaws**

(Adopted July 23, 2019)

Section I: Name

- A. The Commission shall be known as the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC). As used in these bylaws, the word "Commission" refers to the LANAIC. For the purposes of the LANAIC, American Indians/Alaska Natives (AIAN) is inclusive of AIAN of the United States, who are residents of the Los Angeles City and County, and is inclusive of federally-recognized and state-recognized Tribes.

Section II: Legal Authority

- A. The Commission is authorized by Article CXIII as added to Ordinance No. 11409 § 1 (part), 1976: Ord. 4099 Art. 113 § 21010, 1942) entitled "Administrative Code of the County of Los Angeles." The Commission shall prepare and adopt by a majority vote rules and regulations for the internal governance and operations of its business and designate the time and place of holding its meetings, provided that such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with any other County Ordinance or Statute.

Section III: Purpose

- A. 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.

Section IV: Membership Composition

- A. The Commission shall consist of fifteen (15) members, five (5) to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors, five (5) by the City of Los Angeles, and five (5) selected by the Los Angeles Indian community pursuant to elections conducted by the Commission.
- B. Each person who is a member of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of his or her appointing authority for the remainder of their term.
- C. Each Commission member shall continue to serve following expiration of their term until their successor is appointed or elected.

Section V: Member Qualifications

- A. In appointing members to the Commission, the appointing agencies shall, insofar as possible, appoint individuals based on the following criteria:
 - 1. Members should be reflective of the diversity of AIANs in the city and county, and

- consideration should be given to various tribal backgrounds, age groups, gender identities, lifestyles, and federally recognized and state recognized tribes;
2. Members should have demonstrated capabilities of effective leadership within a specific area of community activity;
 3. Members should have demonstrated knowledge or ability in an area which has a significant bearing upon the purpose and duties of the LANAIC.

Section VI: Terms and Vacancies

- A. Each member of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority.
- B. A member's position on the Commission shall become vacant upon his or her death, resignation, or removal by their appointing authority.
- C. Upon a vacancy occurring in the Commission, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner as was their predecessor. When a vacancy occurs for any reason, the person filling such vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of their predecessor.
- D. Should the appointing authority not appoint a successor at the end of the Commissioner's term, the Commissioner will continue to serve in their position until a replacement is named.
- E. Sections 5.12.050, 5.12.060 and 5.12.090 of this code, and their successors, shall not apply to the commission.

Section VII: Conduct of Elections

The entire Commission shall prescribe procedures for the election of the five representatives from the AIAN Community. All electors and candidates must meet the below criteria:

- A. Criteria
 1. Must be a resident of Los Angeles County.
 2. Must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
 3. Must be American Indian/Alaska Native 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 Alaskan Native community with a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) with supporting genealogical documentation.
OR:
 - c. North American Indian from a United States or Alaskan Native community with genealogical documentation.
- B. No candidate may be an employee or affiliate of a current grant recipient.
- C. Nominations and Election
 1. Each candidate must have the nominating petition signed by ten (10) 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. Nominees cannot list themselves as a petitioner.
4. Each nominee must turn in the completed **Declaration of Candidacy** on or before a **date determined by the Elections Committee**. Any petitions submitted after this deadline will be ruled invalid.
5. Nominees must provide proof that they meet the eligibility requirements. Proof includes a copy of tribal enrollment, or Indian CDIB with genealogical documentation, or tribal affiliation through genealogical record; and a photo ID with your current address within Los Angeles County.
6. The Elections Committee, appointed by the Commission, will provide the official ballots, conduct the election, verify election results, and verify voter and candidate eligibility.
7. There may be no electioneering within 100 feet of a polling site.
8. The Elections Committee will verify the election results. The Commission will notify candidates and provide the media with official election results.
9. Observers. Each Candidate for Commissioner may appoint one (1) observer for the counting of ballots. The name shall be submitted to the Elections Committee no later than five (5) days prior to the election date. No Candidate for any office 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 excerpts from the community involvement and statement as to why they want to serve as a Commissioner.
13. A plurality of one (1) vote constitutes a winner. A tie will be broken 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.

Section VIII: Duties of the Commission

- A. It shall be the duty of the Commissioners to employ, supervise and terminate the Executive Director and other employees in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Los Angeles County Government and Civil Service Code.
- B. No action shall be taken by any Commission member on behalf of or in the name of the Commission unless specifically authorized by the Commission.

Section IX: Duties of Commissioners

- A. It shall be the duty of Commissioners to:
 - 1. Attend monthly Commission meetings.
 - 2. Participate actively in committees to fulfill the purpose and duties of the commission.
 - 3. Listen to the concerns of the community.
 - 4. Identify opportunities to advance the purpose and duties of the commission.
 - 5. Serve as a connector between government agencies and the AIAN community.
 - 6. Promote development of community programs that meet community needs.
 - 7. Mobilize AIAN peoples and allies to advance the health and well-being of the community.
 - 8. Understand and promote policy that positively impacts the AIAN community.
 - 9. Attend community forums and/or other events hosted or co-hosted by the Commission.

B. Mayoral Appointees

The duties of the Mayoral Appointees are to develop and sustain relations and contacts with the Mayor’s office, city councilmembers and city government officers and agencies in order to promote collaboration and fundraising goals of the Commission. All planned meetings with the Mayor’s office or city officials will be coordinated with the Executive Committee. The chairperson will appoint the Mayor’s Committee Chair.

C. Board of Supervisor Appointees

The duties of the Board of Supervisor Appointees are to develop and sustain relations and contacts with the County Board of Supervisor’s office and County government officers and agencies in order to promote collaboration and fundraising goals of the Commission. All planned meetings with County Supervisors and officials will be coordinated with the Executive Committee. The chairperson will appoint the County Committee Chair.

Section X: Officers

- A. The Commission’s officers will consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the Commission deems necessary. Nominations and election will be at the regular meeting in January, with installation taking place immediately after the election results are announced. Election shall be by secret ballot. Term of office is two years, with no more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Section XI: Duties of Officers

A. Chairperson

- 1. The Chairperson shall have general supervision of the business, and shall preside at all meetings of the Commission. The Chairperson shall appoint all committees and committee chairs, and shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

2. The Chairperson shall authenticate by their signature, when necessary, all the acts, orders, and proceedings of the Commission.
3. The Commission has the authority to hold an election for a new Chairperson prior to the completion of their term, which can only be executed with a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the Commission.

B. Vice-Chairperson

1. The Vice-Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in their absence. They shall attend all meetings of the Commission and perform all other duties which may be assigned to them.

C. Secretary

1. The Secretary shall work with the Executive Director to record the minutes, and maintain records of acts, and reports of the Commission and Executive Committee meetings.
2. The Secretary shall be responsible for notification of action for nonattendance.
3. In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Secretary shall exercise the power and perform the duties of the Chair.

D. Treasurer

1. The Treasurer will work with the Executive Director to create and monitor the Commission's budget, as well as program and events budgets.
2. The Treasurer will work with the Executive Director to set internal fiscal policies and procedures to promote the fiscal health of the Commission.

Section XII: Executive Director

- A. The Executive Director of the Commission shall serve as head of the Commission staff. Subject to the supervision of the Chairperson and pursuant to appropriate Civil Service provisions of the Los Angeles
- B. County Charter, the Executive Director of the Commission is responsible, as the administrative head of the Commission staff, for implementing and executing the policy and programs of the Commission.
- C. The Commission has the authority to request appropriate staffing infrastructure in order to fulfill its duties as required by law.

Section XIII: Duties and Functions

- A. 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.

Section XIII: Committees

A. Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of four Commissioners: the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

1. The Executive Committee shall take action when necessary in behalf of the Commission between regular meetings of the Commission. A summary of any action taken by the Executive Committee shall be reported at the next regular meeting of the Commission. The Executive Committee shall have authority to act for the Commission between its business meetings. It may not take any action that conflicts with resolutions or acts of the Commission or these by-laws. It shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Commission and may prepare recommendations for its review and action.
2. The Executive Committee shall provide direction to the Executive Director in the conduct of the affairs of the Commission when required
3. The Executive Committee shall determine its own dates, times and places for meeting. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Chair; upon written request of three (3) of its members; or the Executive Assistant as needed.

B. Standing Committees

The Commission may establish standing committees as necessary for carrying out its business. The standing committees, other than the Executive Committee, are as follows and include but are not limited to the following responsibilities.

C. Nominations and Elections Committee

This committee will oversee the preparations for elections, conduct elections, monitor elections, create guide lines for determining eligibility of electors and candidates, and will rule on petitions of verification of Indian identity. The committee will submit its guidelines for determining Indian identity to the Commission for approval. The committee will accept nominations, and make and monitor rules and procedures for nominations. The Chairperson shall appoint the chair and members of the Nominations and Elections Committee. The members nominated by the Chairperson shall be ratified by the Commission. Members shall serve until expiration of their term of office.

D. Ad Hoc Committees

The Commission may establish ad hoc committees at its discretion, and define their area of operation and concern. Such committees may be composed of persons not holding membership on the Commission, except that the chairperson of each committee shall be a Commission member and there must be a majority of Commission members on the committee, unless approved in writing by the Executive Committee.

Section XV: Annual Report

- A. The Commission will render a report to the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the City Council, and American Indian Community at least once each fiscal year a report of its activities.

Section XVI: Meetings

- A. The Commission should hold regular monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at such place and time as determined by the Commission, except that the Commission may change the date of the meeting at its discretion as long as at least one regular meeting is held each month. Meetings shall be scheduled at a time suitable to accommodate a regular work schedule in private industry (Monday-Friday) and regular work hours (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM), so as not to be in conflict with Commission meetings.
- B. It shall be the duty of all Commission members to attend all meetings of the Commission.
- C. If a member of the Commission shall fail to attend two (2) regular meetings, without good cause and timely notification to the Chairperson or their designee within a 12 month period, such member shall be given notice that two (2) regular meetings have been missed.
- D. If a member of the Commission shall fail to attend any three (3) regular meetings without good cause and timely notification to the Chairperson or their designee during a 12 month period, such absences shall be reported to the appointing authority by the Executive Committee, and request the appointing authority to intervene and/or replace said member, or in the case of community elected members, the Chairperson may name a replacement. The successor may be appointed by the same authority as was their predecessor to fill the balance of the term.
- E. Meetings of the Commission shall be governed by the provisions of Chapter 9 of the California Government Code, also known as the Ralph M. Brown Act, commencing at Sec. 54950 of Part I. Division 2. Title 5. All meetings of the Commission shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting and receive notice of such meetings as provided in the Act.
- F. The Commission shall provide by resolution for the agenda, date, time and place of each regular meeting. Adequate notice in English of each regular Commission meeting shall be given to the public at least 72 business hours in advance of the meeting.

- G. Persons who are not members of the Commission may attend Commission and Commission committee meetings and will be offered a reasonable opportunity to be heard whether or not on the agenda.
- H. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or upon the request of two-thirds of current Commissioners to the Chair. In addition, the Executive Assistant may call a special meeting when necessary.
- I. Whenever possible, written notice together with the agenda for that meeting shall be provided to each Commission member so as to be received 72 business hours in advance. No other business than that on the agenda may be conducted at a special meeting.
- J. Written minutes shall be kept for each meeting of the Commission and its committees.
- K. A copy of all minutes shall be forwarded to all Commission members at least 72 business hours prior to the next regular meeting. The minutes shall be available for inspection. Translation shall be made available upon request.

Section XVII: Quorum

- A. Fifty percent plus one (50 % +1) of the non-vacant seats on the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. An official Commission meeting may not take place until this quorum is met. The approval of a majority of those present is required to pass any resolution or transact any business. If at any time the quorum is not met, official actions of the Commission cannot be made. These provisions apply to any committee or other group appointed by the Commission to assist in the conduct of its business.

Section XVIII: Proxy

- A. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section XIX: Amendments

- A. These rules may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the sitting Commission members. Notice of intention to amend the rules and copies of the proposed amendment must be provided to Commissioners 72 hours in advance of a Commission meeting, pursuant to meeting notice requirements. The Commission will review and discuss the proposed amendments during a monthly meeting. The vote on the amended changes cannot take place during the meeting where initial review and discussion takes place; the vote must take place at a subsequent meeting.

Section XX: Meeting Format and Decision-Making

- A. Meetings will be conducted in a culturally appropriate manner, using any methods the Chairperson deems effective to accomplish the work of the Commission. The Commission's voting procedures shall be conducted by Robert's Rules of Order.

Section XXI: Ethics

- A. Commissioners shall act with integrity and transparency in all matters.

- B. No member of the Commission shall make any commitment or promises by the Commission, unless first approved by the Commission nor shall any member of the Commission speak or act in the name of the Commission, unless specifically authorized by resolution of the Commission to do so.
- C. Any act on the part of a Commission member which would give the impression of a lack of unanimity of purpose, or of integrity on the part of the Commission or any member thereof shall be considered an unethical act, except as otherwise indicated herein.
- D. No member of the Commission shall divulge confidential information of the Commission to anyone until the minutes of the Commission containing such subject matters are approved.
- E. Commissioners shall comply will all requirements of the Conflict of Interest Laws in California and the County of Los Angeles.

Section XXII: Calendar

- A. For budgetary and fiscal practices the Commission utilizes the County fiscal year calendar, July 1 to June 30. For all other planning purposes, the Commission uses the calendar year.

Code of Decorum

Chairperson: May I please have your attention. The meeting of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission is about to commence. A code of decorum will now be read, and we request that you comply with it to ensure the efficient administration of the meeting. Members of the public, it is your right to participate in today's Commission meeting, and the LANAIC encourages such participation. However, the right of the public to address the LANAIC must be balanced with the need to ensure that public comment does not interfere with the orderly course of the commission's business. All are reminded to abide by the following rules: speakers must cease speaking immediately when their time has ended. Public comment on agenda items must relate to the subject matter of that item. General public comment is limited to subjects within the jurisdiction of the LANAIC. Public comment does not include the right to engage in a dialogue with commissioners or staff. Please remain respectful of the forum, and refrain from uttering, writing, or displaying profane, personal, threatening, derogatory, demeaning, or other abusive statements toward the LANAIC, any member thereof, staff, or any other person. Members of the audience should be respectful of the views expressed by speakers, staff, and commissioners, and may not clap, cheer, whistle, or otherwise disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting. Any person engaging in conduct that disrupts the meeting is subject to being removed from the commission meeting. And finally, if you witness conduct or behavior by other members of the public that disrupts your ability to remain engaged or participate in this meeting, please notify the LANAIC staff. Thank you for your cooperation.



Proposed 2023 Native American Heritage Month Themes

- 1. We Are Here**
- 2. We Never Left**
- 3. Natives Connected to Nature**
- 4. Elements as Blessings**
- 5. Celebrating Los Angeles Indigenous Tribal Recognition Sovereignty and Trust**
- 6. Being a Good Relative**
- 7. The Next 7 Generations**
- 8. A Community of Enduring Strength**
- 9. A Community Embracing the Future**



JOIN US FOR A CFCI TOWN HALL

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023
5:00 - 7:00 PM
IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL

**\$20 GIFT CARD
ON A LIMITED
BASIS***
(DETAILS BELOW)

ATTEND THE CFCI TOWN HALL AND REVIEW THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S DRAFT SPENDING PLAN AND SEE WHICH CONCEPTS AND PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED. SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS & IDEAS WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BEFORE THE SPENDING PLAN IS FINALIZED AND SUBMITTED.



REGISTER HERE: [BIT.LY/3NUNPCV](https://bit.ly/3NUNPCV)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED! MEETING ADDRESS & VIRTUAL MEETING LINK WILL BE SHARED UPON REGISTRATION

**THE FIRST 145 PEOPLE WHO ATTEND THE FULL IN PERSON MEETING, AND FIRST 100 VIRTUAL ATTENDEES, AND PARTICIPATE (ZOOM USERS MUST STAY ON VIDEO), WILL RECEIVE A \$20 GIFT CARD!*

**COMMUNITY
MEETING**



ACOMPÁÑENOS A UNA JUNTA DE CFCI

**JUEVES, 20 DE ABRIL DE 2023
5:00 - 7:00 PM
EN PERSONA Y VIRTUAL**

**TARJETA
DE REGALO
DE \$20 ***

DE FORMA LIMITADA
(DETALLES ABAJO)

ASISTE A LA JUNTA DE CFCI Y REVISE EL PLAN DE GASTOS DEL COMITÉ CFCI Y VEA QUÉ CONCEPTOS Y PROGRAMAS SE HAN INCLUIDO. COMPARTA SUS IDEAS Y PENSAMIENTOS CON EL COMITÉ ANTES DE QUE SE FINALIZE EL PLAN DE GASTOS Y SE ENTREGA AL CONDADO DE LOS ÁNGELES.



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¡SE REQUIERE SU REGISTRO! LA DIRECCIÓN DE LA REUNIÓN Y EL ENLACE DE LA REUNIÓN VIRTUAL SE COMPARTIRÁN AL REGISTRARSE

**DE FORMA LIMITADA, LAS PRIMERAS 145 PERSONAS QUE ASISTAN A LA REUNIÓN COMPLETA EN PERSONA Y LOS PRIMEROS 100 ASISTENTES VIRTUALES Y PARTICIPEN (LOS USUARIOS DE ZOOM DEBEN PERMANECER EN EL VIDEO) RECIBIRÁN UNA TARJETA DE REGALO DE \$20!*

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About Your Neighborhood Museum

Your Neighborhood Museum provides museum services directly to artists and culture workers of color and their communities.

Our mission is to empower artists and communities of color to care for our own collections and tell our own stories.

We do this by making critical resources such as art conservation, exhibition design, research, technical and administrative support directly available and accessible to those under-resourced and under-recognized by traditional art institutions. We leverage our professional skills, networks, and experience to collaborate with BIPOC artists, culture workers, and communities to create sustainable community-led projects while also investigating and addressing the root causes of inequities in the arts and culture landscape.

YNM Co-Founder and Co-Directors: Jennifer Kim and Lylliam Posadas

YNM Program Manager: Diana Terrazas, Paiute



Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission 2023 Ad-hoc Committees

2023 LANAIC Ad-hoc Committees

- **2023 Indigenous Peoples' Day & Native American Heritage Month Planning Ad-hoc Committee**
 - **Purpose:** To plan and execute 2023 Indigenous Peoples' Day & Native American Heritage Month events and programs for LA City & County
 - **Time:** Dissolves on December 1, 2023
 - **Members:** Cheri Thomas, Shawn Imitates Dog, Denise Escoto, Mona Morales Recalde, and John Only A Chief

- **Governance Ad-hoc Committee**
 - **Purpose:** To make recommended revisions to the LANAIC Bylaws
 - **Time:** Dissolves on December 31, 2023
 - **Members:** Chrissie Castro, Andrea Garcia, Rudy Ortega Jr., and Ted Tenorio

- **2020 Census Analysis Ad-hoc Committee**
 - **Purpose:** To develop updated Los Angeles County American Indian and Alaska Native policy briefs
 - **Time:** Dissolves on December 31, 2023
 - **Members:** Chrissie Castro, Andrea Garcia and Rene' Williams

- **2023 Indian Child Welfare Act Ad-hoc Committee**
 - **Purpose:** Track Brakeen v. Haaland and develop materials for community awareness and education
 - **Time:** Dissolves when the Supreme Court issues final ruling
 - **Members:** Cheri Thomas,

- **2023 Arts & Culture Ad-hoc Committee**
 - **Purpose:** To target arts and culture related goals brainstormed at the 2023 Planning Retreat as well as identify resources for 2023 arts and culture events and projects beyond Indigenous Peoples' Day and Native American Heritage Month.
 - **Time:** Dissolves on December 31, 2023
 - **Members:** Shawn Imitates Dog, Dawn Jackson and Rich Toyon