



# AGENDA & NOTICE

LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY  
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
**TUESDAY, MAY 16, 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

**To Listen Via Telephone:** (669) 444-9171  
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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*

TED TENORIO, Commissioner  
*Tiguan Nation*

RICH TOYON, Commissioner  
*Acjachemen*

MARK VILLASEÑOR, Commissioner  
*Fernandeño Tataviam*

AUDRA WISE, Commissioner  
*Zia Pueblo & Laguna Pueblo*

ALEXANDRA VALDES  
Executive Director  
*Tlingit/Athabaskan*

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
3. ROLL CALL
4. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO COMMISSIONER AUDRA WISE
5. COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. ACTION ITEMS
  - 7.1. Review and take possible action adopting the April 18, 2023 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Unapproved Meeting Minutes

**8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 8.1 Creative Strategist Jacob Pratt's *Erasure* Film Screening Recap (April 22, 2023)
- 8.2 Developing FY23-24 Calendar

**9. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- 9.1 2023 Native American Heritage Month LA Metro TAP Card Update
- 9.2 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program

**10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- 10.1 Countywide Land Acknowledgement Toolkit Updates

**11. COMMITTEE & AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 11.1 Self Governance Board
- 11.2 Executive Committee
- 11.3 Homelessness Committee
- 11.4 2023 Indigenous Peoples' Day & Native American Heritage Month Ad-hoc Committee
- 11.5 Governance Ad-hoc Committee
- 11.6 2020 Census Analysis Ad-hoc Committee
- 11.7 2023 Indian Child Welfare Act Ad-hoc Committee
- 11.8 2023 Arts & Culture Ad-hoc Committee

**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 APRIL 18, 2023**

The April 18, 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 & Land Acknowledgement

Chairperson Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and shared the County of Los Angeles Land Acknowledgment.

Invocation

Commissioner John Only A Chief provided an invocation

Roll Call

Present: Chair Cheri Thomas  
Vice Chairperson Chrissie Castro (*Joined at 6:38 PM*)  
Treasurer Shawn Imitates Dog (*Attended Virtually; Just Cause*)  
Rich Toyon (*Attended Virtually; Just Cause*)  
Denise Escoto  
Andrea Garcia (*Joined at 6:38 PM*)  
Dawn Jackson  
Mona Morales Recalde  
John Only A Chief  
Mark Villasenor  
Rene' Williams  
Ted Tenorio

Absent: Rudy Ortega Jr.(unexcused)

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 March 21, 2023, Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Meeting Minutes**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Shawn Imitates Dog and seconded by Commissioner Mark Villasenor to approve the unapproved March 21, 2023 LANAIC Meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed.*

<b>YES</b>	Imitates Dog, Villasenor, Thomas, Escoto, Morales Recalde, Only A Chief, Williams, Jackson
<b>NO</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	Tenorio, Toyon
<b>ABSENT</b>	Ortega, Castro, Garcia

**Review and take possible action adopting proposed Code of Conduct section addition to the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Bylaws**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Andrea Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Rene' Williams to adopt the Code of Conduct section addition to the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Bylaws. The motion passed.*

<b>YES</b>	Garcia, Williams, Imitates Dog, Thomas, Escoto, Morales Recalde, Only A Chief, Villasenor, Jackson, Castro, Tenorio, Toyon
<b>NO</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	
<b>ABSENT</b>	Ortega

**Take possible action selecting a 2023 Native American Heritage Month Theme**

A majority vote was conducted from a list of nine (9) Commissioner-submitted themes to establish the top two choices. The final two choices were used to conduct a second majority vote. The 2023 Native American Heritage Month Theme with the most votes passed: *A Community Embracing the Future*.

**Take possible action selecting a 2023 Native American Heritage Month Metro TAP Card Design**

A majority vote was conducted from a list of eight (8) themes. The 2023 Native American Heritage Month Metro TAP Card Design was *Design B4 (Art design A-2 with Land Acknowledgement language)*.



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<b>2023 TAP Card Design</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Chair Cheri Thomas	B2
Vice Chair Chrissie Castro	B4
Treasurer Shawn Imitates Dog	B4
Denise Escoto	B4
Andrea Garcia	Abstain
Dawn Jackson	Abstain
Mona Morales Recalde	B4
John Only A Chief	B4
Rudy Ortega Jr.	Absent
Joseph Quintana	Absent
Ted Tenorio	B4
Rich Toyon	Abstain
Mark Villasenor	B4
Rene' Williams	Abstain

There was discussion about the 2023 Metro Tap Cards before the final vote was made. Commissioner Dawn Jackson submitted new concepts to consider because of the disconnect with the Metro proposed designs. Chair Cheri Thomas provided clarification that the TAP cards would not be loaded by Metro. Vice Chair Chrissie Castro asked what the Commission's role in this project is or if there is a community organization that is better suited to meet the asks of this project. Chair Cheri Thomas shared that this would be a great opportunity to uplift Native artists and for representation. Alexandra stated that the LANAIC could develop a list of recommendations that would aid Metro in running an inclusive solicitation for their selection process in hiring an artist to design the TAP card. Vice Chair Castro requested a more robust discussion regarding the role of the commission on this project at the June meeting.

Presentation

**Care First Community Investment Updates**

Joey Williams (LANAIC Designee) shared that the Native community showed up in large numbers for the CFCI survey collection efforts, accounting for 23% of all submitted responses. Joey stated that there are many allies on the Board of Supervisors who are championing CFCI. Joey also shared that there is a possibility for additional funding for Year 3 of the program. Alexandra stated that County-appointed Commissioners could help rally support for additional funding by reaching out to their respective Supervisorial District Offices and submit letters of support. Tencha Chavez (LANAIC Alternate Designee) stated that she has felt heard in every CFCI meeting she attends and reinforced the importance of showing support at the upcoming town hall. Commissioner Chrissie Castro stated



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that CFCI is a perfect example of the LANAIC's scope and expressed thanks to Joey and Tencha for fighting the fight and getting community involved because we see results when we work together.

### **Introduction to Your Neighborhood Museum**

Diana Terrazas and Lylliam Posadas presented their newly formed nonprofit Your Neighborhood Museum. Diana stated that their organization consists of many professionals who have years of experience working in and around museum settings, specifically in the preservation of artifacts. Diana and Lylliam shared that the mission of their organization is to empower communities to preserve their own cultural artifacts so that they could tell their own stories. Diana and Lylliam shared that the LANAIC could support their organization by sharing about their services, mission, CARE Fellowship Program and referring community to their organization.

### Discussion Items

#### **Possible MMIW Activities for May**

Alexandra shared that in the past Supervisor Solis has authored motions proclaiming May 5<sup>th</sup> the National Day of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Alexandra offered to the LANAIC that if there was not interest in advocating for a Proclamation motion that she could leverage the LANAIC's social media platforms to share content generated by organizations that focus their work in this space. Vice Chair Chrissie Castro shared that California Native Vote Project may be partnering with Assemblymember James Ramos later this year on an event to raise awareness about the Feather Alert. Commissioner Andrea Garcia asked if a policy stance related to MMIWG is on the Legislative agenda and Alexandra stated it was on the legislative agenda and added two cycles back.

#### **Preparation for May LANAIC Meeting with Mayor Karen Bass**

Alexandra shared that she attempted to reserve the Public Works chambers in LA City Hall, but the room was already reserved. Commissioner Andrea Garcia stated that all Los Angeles City appointed commissioners should make a list of asks for the Mayor. Commissioner Chrissie Castro stated that the Los Angeles City appointed commissioners did meet and agreed that housing issues and additional resources for the community are the top priorities. Commissioner Chrissie Castro also stated that she supports advocating for a City counterpart position that could provide resources and support to the LANAIC. Commissioner John Only a Chief stated that Mayor Karen Bass should attend the LANAIC meeting in the regular meeting space. He also stated that he would rather be in a packed conference room than in an empty hall. Alexandra shared that she would be able to share information from the Harms report with LA City. Alexandra also stated that a timeline and internal and external agendas will be provided for next month's meeting.

### Chair's Report

#### **2023 Ad Hoc Committee Appointments**

Chair Cheri Thomas, as authorized by the bylaws, appointed commissioners who requested seats on to the 2023 ad hoc committees (rosters included in board packet). She also that if any of the commissioners decide they want to join an ad-hoc to let her know.



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### Executive Director's Report

#### **Updates of AB 776: Renaming the 210 Freeway**

Alexandra shared that the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a motion to support AB776, as advised by the LANAIC in March 2023.

#### **Commissioner Appointment of Audra Wise by Mayor Karen Bass**

Alexandra shared that Audra Wise (Zia Pueblo & Laguna Pueblo) is on the agenda to go before LA City Council for confirmation to the LANAIC on behalf of the City of Los Angeles. If confirmed, her first meeting will be May 16, 2023.

#### **Erasure Film Screening and Q&A (April 22, 2023)**

Alexandra stated that Jacob Pratt's Erasure Film Screening will take place on April 22, 2023 at Los Angeles City College beginning at 5:30 PDT. She shared that Chair Thomas, Treasurer Imitates Dog, Commissioners Morales Recalde, Escoto and Only A Chief have confirmed attendance.

#### Commissioner General Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Commissioner Andrea Garcia stated to commissioners that they would be receiving an email from Alexandra in the coming days requesting feedback from the Homelessness Report Back developed by Watson Consulting Group, the consulting team contracted by CEO to move forward work pertaining to AIAN homelessness.

#### Announcements/Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Mona Morales Recalde stated that she would like to recommend an agenda item about planning the next 12-18 months out.

#### Commission Adjournment

The Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission meeting of April 18, 2023 was adjourned by Chairperson Thomas at 8:40 PM.





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 Meeting Minutes Attachment

<b>Action Item – Native American Heritage Month Theme</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vote</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vote</b>
Chair Cheri Thomas	1	9
Vice Chair Chrissie Castro	9	9
Treasurer Shawn Imitates Dog	6	1
Denise Escoto	1	9
Andrea Garcia	9	9
Dawn Jackson	9	9
Mona Morales Recalde	1	9
John Only A Chief	8	1
Rudy Ortega Jr.	-	-
Ted Tenorio	9	9
Rich Toyon	1	9
Mark Villasenor	6	9
Rene' Williams	9	9

**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