



AGENDA & NOTICE

LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 31ST, 2023, 3:00 P.M.

Meeting Location: County of Los Angeles
Department of Arts and Culture
1055 Wilshire Blvd Suite 800
Los Angeles, CA 90017

To Provide Public Comment: You may submit written public comment via email to aferguson@lanaic.lacounty.gov. Please submit your public comment or documentation as soon as possible but no later than 5 p.m. the night before the scheduled meeting.

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

DENISE ESCOTO, Commissioner
Northern Cheyenne

RENE' WILLIAMS, Commissioner
Colville Tribes

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 July 27, 2023 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Homelessness Subcommittee Unapproved Meeting Minutes

7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7.1 Discuss and edit a letter to be approved by the full LANAIC addressed to the Board of Supervisors, requesting a sustainability plan following the end of the consultant contract addressing AIAN homelessness

7.2 Discuss and edit a letter to be approved by the full LANAIC addressed to the Mayor's Office, requesting a sustainability plan following the end of the consultant contract addressing AIAN homelessness

7.3 Discuss re-titling of the Report on UNDRIP Framework and Indigenous Housing Rights and the report release strategy

7.4 Identify standing meeting dates and times

8. CHAIR'S REPORT

8.1 AIAN Homelessness Board Motion Updates

8.2 AIAN Housing Collaborative Updates

12. COMMISSIONER GENERAL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

14. COMMITTEE ADJOURNMENT

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**LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN
INDIAN COMMISSION
UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE HOMELESSNESS
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF
JULY 31, 2023**

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

DENISE ESCOTO, Commissioner
Northern Cheyenne

RENE' WILLIAMS, Commissioner
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The July 31, 2023, meeting of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Homelessness Subcommittee was held at the County of Los Angeles Department of Arts and Culture, 1055 Wilshire Blvd Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair of the Homelessness Subcommittee Dr. Andrea Garcia called the meeting to order at 3:09 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Andrea Garcia
Denise Escoto
Rene' Williams

Absent: None

Quorum was met.

Staff Present: None

COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioners provided a brief check in.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was submitted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Identifying advocacy topics and strategies for Los Angeles City and County of Los Angeles Audiences

Discussion was had on next steps after the end of the County consultant contract (October 2023) to help address the AIAN Homelessness Board Motion. Specifically, Watson Consulting Group (WCG) has served in this capacity for 18 months, housed under CEO Homeless Initiative (CEO HI) with a directive to also work with the LANAIC. A report back and implementation plan is to be developed as part of the final deliverables.

Short term action items included 1) Asking our Executive Director to formally request the full and final report back and implementation plan; 2) To invite WCG to an LANAIC meeting to discuss the final report back and implementation plan; 3) To possibly request the scoping of a position, based on the report back and implementation plan, if a full-time position were to be created.

Aside from WCG possibly scoping a position, discussion was had on where a proposed position may best function. The following benefits and perceived barriers were discussed for the following placements:

CEO HI: Benefits may include having the power and authority to continue to convene multiple county departments; being situated within the expertise of housing and homelessness; having awareness of the relevant policies and resources that could move this agenda forward; an established track record of success as the current consultant has been housed within CEO HI to date. Perceived barriers include not being adjacent to existing efforts under ARDI such as the Ad Hoc Committee on Black People Experiencing Homelessness or Latinx Homelessness; not having as much proximity to the AIAN community.

LANAIC: Benefits may include concentrating more resources and expertise for this body; AIAN subject matter expertise, including the ability to engage community, and a trusted reputation since 1976. Perceived barriers include a possible lack of authority and power to convene county departments and a potential hindrance in achieving farther reaching systems change; being silo'd away from day-to-day homelessness conversations, expertise, and resources; requiring more staff time and a lack of existing resources to support.

CEO ARDI: Benefits may include being adjacent to existing efforts under ARDI such as the Ad Hoc Committee on Black People Experiencing Homelessness or Latinx Homelessness; potential convening power for county departments. Perceived barriers include lack of subject matter expertise on homelessness; perceived lack of subject matter expertise on the uniqueness and nuances of AIAN identity and homelessness, particularly given the full body of work that falls under the purview of the LANAIC.

The following discussion item was developed for the full commission to discuss at our August meeting:

- Discuss possible strategies to ensure that the work resultant of the Identifying, Supporting, and Serving American Indians and Alaska Natives Who Are at Risk of or Experiencing Homelessness Motion (October 2019) continues beyond the expiration of the County contract with Watson Consulting Group in September 2023

The following action items were developed for the full Commission to take action on at the September LANAIC meeting.

- Review and take possible action on adopting a letter to the Board of Supervisors, requesting a sustainability plan following the end of the consultant contract addressing AIAN homelessness
- Review and take possible action on adopting a letter to the Mayor's Office, requesting a sustainability plan following the end of the consultant contract addressing AIAN homelessness
- Review and take possible action on authorizing the Executive Director to pursue philanthropic funds as a possible bridge to advocating for a full-time County funded AIAN homelessness position

7.2 Developing a fact sheet on American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) homelessness

It was agreed that a one-pager on AIAN homelessness would be produced and sent for design and distribution. Content will be drafted by August 22nd, and a designed draft will be presented for the full Commission by the September 19th meeting.

7.3 Designing and Releasing Report on UNDRIP Framework and Indigenous Housing Rights

The drafted report will be updated, sent for design, and then presented for the full Commission by the September 19th meeting, along with the drafted report release communications strategy prepared by Swell.

7.4 Identify standing meeting dates and times

The next meeting of this subcommittee will occur on August 24th at 3pm. We will revisit the need and cadence of future meetings at that time.

CHAIR'S REPORT

8.1 AIAN Homelessness Board Motion Update

A brief history was given about the ongoing work being done in relation to the AIAN Homelessness Board Motion, and the role of the LANAIC within that work. The near end of the consultant contract was discussed, as were the anticipated report back and implementation plan as part of the final deliverables.

A brief update and history was given about the AIAN Housing Collaborative that is in its nascent stages of development, and the LANAIC's possible role.

COMMISSIONER GENERAL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No additional comments were provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None for this subcommittee; see above for full Commission items.

COMMITTEE ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:04 P.M.