



# AGENDA & NOTICE

LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY  
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION  
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEETING  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2023, 10:00 A.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](mailto: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 August 31, 2023 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Homelessness Subcommittee Unapproved Meeting Minutes

## 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Discuss coordination of follow-up with BOS and Mayor's office regarding letter sent by Chair requesting a sustainability plan following the end of the consultant contract addressing AIAN homelessness. Review tracking document.

7.2 Discuss report release strategy and the following logistics:

7.2.1 Review report release strategy

7.2.2 Discuss development of specific calls to action

7.3 Discuss collaboration with USC Homelessness Policy Research Institute

7.3.1 Opportunities to inform PIT count methodology and race/ethnicity reporting standards? Study comparing outcomes by definition?

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  
AUGUST 31, 2023**

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

DENISE ESCOTO, Commissioner  
*Northern Cheyenne*

RENE' WILLIAMS, Commissioner  
*Colville Tribes*

The August 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 Garcia called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Andrea Garcia  
Rene' Williams

Absent: Denise Escoto

Quorum was met.

Staff Present: None

**COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS**

Commissioners provided a brief check in.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was submitted.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Review & Approval of the Unapproved July 31st, 2023, Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Homelessness Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrea Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Rene' Williams to approve the unapproved July 31, 2023 LANAIC Homelessness Subcommittee Meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed.

**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**

Discussion was had and letter was deemed ready to submit to full LANAIC for approval at next meeting.

**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**

Discussion was had and letter was deemed ready to submit to full LANAIC for approval at next meeting. Discussion was also had in relation to a previous LANAIC meeting in which the Mayoral Appointees discussed writing a possible letter to Mayor Bass, outlining priorities for the short term which include homelessness priorities. It was decided that due to the uncertain timeline of a possible letter from Mayoral appointees, and the urgency of the current request, that the proposed letter today would still be prioritized for action at the September LANAIC meeting.

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

Current status of the report: With graphic designer. Subcommittee needs to submit to graphic designer quotes for 'call out' within the report, as well as an inside cover with Land Acknowledgement, authors, and LANAIC information. It was also flagged that we need to get permission from the Housing Collaborative to include a brief description of them in the report. A title was not finalized during this meeting, however the subcommittee did review the products developed by Swell outlining the report release strategy. This includes draft press release, draft emails, and social media copy.

Upon further discussion it was decided that we need to discuss the following at our next meeting: 1. Develop a list of contacts for report release, 2. Consider updating homelessness tab on website prior to report release, 3. Consider developing specific calls to action, 4. Dependent on the calls to action, consider more in-depth outreach strategies (with community, elected officials, in-sector partners, etc.), 5. Consider creation of an animated video short

**7.4 Identify standing meeting dates and times**

A hold was placed for the following dates and times. The subcommittee will confirm with Commissioner Escoto before finalizing a date and location.

10/3/23: 3pm-4pm OR 10/5/23: 12pm-2pm

The following agenda items will be sent to the LANAIC Chair for consideration at Sept meeting.

**Action items**

- 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 adopting a two-page AIAN Homelessness in LA County Infographic.
- Review and take possible action on authorizing the Executive Director [and/or Homelessness Subcommittee] to pursue philanthropic funds as a possible bridge to advocating for a full-time County funded AIAN homelessness position.—unclear if this should be discussion only

### **Discussion Items**

- Presentation by CEO HI and Watson Consulting Group on final report back to Board of Supervisors regarding the Board Motion, "Identifying, Supporting, and Serving American Indians and Alaska Natives Who Are at Risk of or Experiencing Homelessness Motion (October 2019)"
- Discuss report, "Advancing Indigenous housing rights in Los Angeles: International Best Practices and a Legal Framework" in anticipation of adoption next month

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

#### **8.1 AIAN Homelessness Board Motion Update**

The LANAIC is waiting for release of the report back and possible presentation by CEO HI and Watson Consulting Group at our September meeting.

### **COMMISSIONER GENERAL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No additional comments were provided

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Regarding impending report release: These are the proposed discussion items: 1. Discuss a list of contacts for report release, 2. Consider updating homelessness tab on website prior to report release. What are the mechanics and what content is desired? 3. Consider developing specific calls to action, 4. Dependent on the calls to action, consider more in-depth outreach strategies (with community, elected officials, in-sector partners, etc.), 5. Consider creation of an animated video short

### **COMMITTEE ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:03 P.M.

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