



AGENDA & NOTICE

LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024, 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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Webinar ID: 843 3844 9426

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Lakota

MARK VILLASEÑOR, Vice Chairperson
Fernandeño Tataviam

AUDRA WISE, Secretary
Zia Pueblo & Laguna Pueblo

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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

CHERI THOMAS, Commissioner
Quinault/Yurok

RICH TOYON, Commissioner
Acjachemen

RENE' WILLIAMS, Commissioner
Colville Tribes

ALEXANDRA VALDES
Executive Director
Tlingit/Athabaskan

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 December 19, 2023 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Unapproved Meeting Minutes

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- 6.2. Take action establishing the following 2024 Ad Hoc Committees: 2024 Native American Heritage Month Ad Hoc Committee, Anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act, June 2, 1924 Ad Hoc Committee, FY23-24 Annual Report Ad Hoc Committee, and Legislative Agenda Ad Hoc Committee and selecting a chairperson for each ad hoc

7. PRESENTATION

- 7.1 Scroll presentation to Commissioner Cheri Thomas for her 16 years of service as the LANAIC Supervisorial District 2 appointee, Isela Gracian (Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell Senior Deputy, Homelessness & Housing)

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 8.1 Updates on the 2024 LANAIC Calendar, Commissioner Dawn Jackson
8.2 Long Beach Native American Heritage Commission Discussion
8.3 HR 6859: Gabrielino/Tongva Nation Recognition Act of 2023 Discussion

9. CHAIR'S REPORT

- 9.1 2024 LANAIC Retreat Planning

10. COMMITTEE & AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 10.1 Homelessness 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 DECEMBER 19, 2023**

The December 19, 2023, meeting Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) was at Chapter House LA 1707 Glendale Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90026.

Call to Order

Chairperson Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:46 P.M. and read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgment.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Cheri Thomas
Vice Chairperson Chrissie Castro
Secretary Rene' Williams
Treasurer Shawn Imitates Dog
Andrea Garcia
John Only A Chief
Mona Morales Recalde
Denise Escoto
Dawn Jackson
Rudy Ortega Jr.

Absent: Mark Villasenor
Ted Tenorio
Rich Toyon
Audra Wise

Quorum was met.

No staff was present.

Commissioner & Staff Introductions

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

Public Comment

Written public comment was received by email from Carla Hernandez at 5:43 PM on Tuesday, December 19, 2023. Chair Cheri Thomas read the public comment.

Using the DV/SV was not meant to help families but was intended for mentally ill and homeless people. I sent a link pertaining to this to Audra Wise a few days ago. In the book, Los Angeles 200 Bicentennial celebration ;"in 1836 drunken Indians were ordered to help build more water facilities because the supply of fresh water was low. Townsfolk



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guaranteed a continual force of laborers by feeding liquor to Indians until they were drunk enough to be indentured to the chain gang".

Action Items

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

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

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

Review and take possible action adopting an LANAIC Bylaws revision that would change the number of required annual meetings from 12 to 11

A motion was made by Commissioner Chrissie Castro and seconded by Commissioner Shawn Imitates Dog to adopt a LANAIC Bylaws revision that would change the number of required annual meetings from 12 to 11.

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

Chair's Report

Brown Act Reminders

Chairperson Cheri Thomas read a statement reminding commissioners about the importance of adhering to the Brown Act that was provided by County Counsel.

Commission Adjournment

Chairperson Cheri Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.



Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Proposed 2024 Ad Hoc Committees

2024 Native American Heritage Month Ad Hoc Committee

- Proposed Sunset Date: November 30, 2024
- Purpose: Provide advisement and direction to the LA County Board of Supervisors (BOS), LA City Mayor Karen Bass and LA City Council regarding how to commemorate 2024 Native American Heritage Month.

Anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act, June 2, 1924 Ad Hoc Committee

- Proposed Sunset Date: June 3, 2024
- Purpose: Develop recommendations to the BOS, Mayor Karen Bass and LA City Council regarding how to commemorate the Anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act.

FY23-24 Annual Report Ad Hoc Committee

- Proposed Sunset Date: September 30, 2024
- Purpose: Develop content regarding the work and accomplishments of the LANAIC during FY23-24 for the required annual report due to the BOS by September 30, 2024.

Legislative Agenda Ad Hoc Committee

- Proposed Sunset Date: September 30, 2024
- Purpose: Develop recommended policy positions and justifications for the LANAIC to review and possibly recommend to the BOS including in the FY24-25 County State and Federal Policy Agendas.

Date: October 18, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

Subject: **Update on the Feasibility of a Native American Commission**

On [November 15, 2022](#), the City Council requested that the City Manager report back on the feasibility of establishing a Native American Commission (Commission) for the City of Long Beach (City) and to include an action plan for potential implementation to create a Native American Commission. This memorandum provides a current understanding on the various approaches to recognize Native American contributions in the City and resources necessary to establish a Commission.

Background

Over the last decades, there have been several efforts by the State of California (State), and counties and cities within the State to provide Native Americans with a representative body to address issues and promote the rights and interests of Native American communities. In 1976, the State Government passed Assembly Bill (AB) 4239, which established the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) as the primary government agency responsible for identifying and cataloging Native American cultural resources. The NAHC was established primarily to prevent damage and to ensure Native American access to sacred sites. In 1982 the NAHC was strengthened further to authorize the NAHC to identify a most likely descendent when Native American human remains were discovered. This allowed the identified decedent to make a recommendation on the treatment of the discovered remains so that they are treated in an appropriate manner.

In 1976, Los Angeles City and County also created the Los Angeles City/County American Indian Commission, which was tasked with increasing the application of funding resources to the socioeconomic problems of American Indians in Los Angeles City and County. Additional focus areas of the Los Angeles City and County Native American Commission includes: advocating for legislation and policy; working with existing federal, State, and local agencies; and, fostering pride in and awareness of Native American culture.

On October 10, 2017, the Long Beach City Council adopted a [resolution](#) that marks the second Monday of each October as Indigenous Peoples Day to recognize the diversity, respect, and unity within Long Beach, and to acknowledge the challenges that Native Americans face, and upholding openness and cultural awareness within communities and government institutions. Several cities throughout the State now also recognize Indigenous Peoples Day.

Recognizing and Acknowledging Native Americans in California Cities

Of the eight largest cities in California, including Long Beach, only Los Angeles City and County have created a Native American Commission. Most other jurisdictions achieve Native American representation and celebrate Native American legacy, culture, people, and contributions in a variety of other ways.

San Diego County, for example, contains the largest number of tribes and reservations in the country, and recognizes Native American Heritage Month through commemorations, programming, literature and art displays. Most of these events are coordinated by the Library Department. San Diego County also maintains engagement with Native American affairs through Tribal Governments and Tribal Nation Reservations. In the City and County of San Francisco (San Francisco), Native American contributions are recognized through the Arts Council's American Indian Initiative. The American Indian Initiative is a series of public events and is a collaboration of San Francisco departments, nonprofit organizations, and organizations that represent the interest of Native Americans. In 2020 San Francisco established the American Indian Cultural District to recognize Native American legacy, culture, people, and contributions. Lastly, the City of Oakland recently decided to convey a cultural conservation easement to an Indigenous nonprofit land trust to return land to Indigenous stewardship for natural resource restoration projects, the practice of cultural and ceremonial traditions, and to provide education programs to the public.

Recognizing and Acknowledging Native Americans in Long Beach

The City has honored our Native American community for several years through an annual recognition at the City Council meeting, led by Councilman Supernaw from the 4th District. This was one of the City's first regular annual cultural celebrations. The celebration is held every November and includes, but is not limited to, speaking from local/community leaders, reflection on the history of the native/indigenous peoples of Long Beach and the greater area, entertainment, and more. Additionally, California State University Long Beach (CSULB) hosts the largest gathering of American Indians in Los Angeles and Orange counties and longest running university-based powwow west of the Mississippi River through their *CSU Puvungna Pow Wow*. In the past, this event has been co-sponsored by the American Indian Studies Program, American Indian Student Services, American Indian Student Council, Student Affairs, Student Life and Development, and Associated Students, Inc.

Developing Commissions, Boards, and Committees in the City of Long Beach

The City currently has 30 [Advisory Groups](#) who function as Charter Commissions or Boards, and Commissions or Committees created by the City Council. These community-based commissions play a vital role in bringing transparency, change, and growth to the City. Except where noted by the City Charter, appointments are made by the Mayor and approved by the City Council.

Four Commissions have been added in the past several years with one of those significantly upgraded. These Commissions include: Veteran’s Commission, Ethics Commission (Charter), Human Relations Commission, and the Commission on Women and Girls.

In November of 2021, the scope of the Human Relations Commission was amended to become an Equity and Human Relations Commission and was moved from the Health Department to the Office of the City Manager. This commission is tasked with making advisory policy recommendations to the City Council on equity, human relations, and social justice issues, including racial equity and reconciliation, to serve as a forum for community discussion on equity and social justice policy issues, and to encourage input and participation from groups most impacted by such issues.

During the formation of each of these Commissions, staff estimated the permanent staffing needs and requested resources from the City Council. In each of those cases, the actual staffing needs were greater than originally anticipated, and additional staffing was added to keep up with the workload and meet the expectations of the Committee members. Table 1 below represents the ongoing approximate direct and indirect costs of each Commission listed. Approximation accounts for considerations such as staff pay/step level (included fully loaded costs), MOU adjustments, varying activity level of Commissions, strategic efforts, community outreach and programs, and more.

Table 1: Approximate Direct and Indirect Cost of Commissions

Commission	Staff Support / Other Costs	Direct Costs	Indirect Costs
Veterans Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative Analyst I* • Commission stipends 	\$144,510	Varies
Equity and Human Relations Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Specialist* • Commission Stipends 	\$130,200	\$53,000
Ethics Commission**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics Officer* • Assistant to the City Manager • Deputy City Manager • Deputy City Attorney • Clerk Analyst • Commission Stipends 	\$180,582	\$315,528
Commission on Women and Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Specialist* • Commission Stipends • Community and Commissioner Engagement 	\$165,200	\$53,000

*Represents full-time staff dedicated to the Commission

**Ethics Commission is a Charter Commission and thereby has an increased number of City staff dedicated to Commission meetings and Ethics related programs, projects, and activities.

City staff learned, through the development of the Commission on Women and Girls, that it takes significant time and resources to bring together a City Commission in a mindful way that

honors the community in which it is intended to serve. Beyond establishing the Commission, it also takes dedicated staff to oversee and manage Commission meetings and activities which vary based on Commission interest and activity and cannot always be predicted. Through the development of this most recent Commission, staff understand the one-time and structural costs and staff time needed, as outlined below.

Anticipated Initial Costs

The City requires both one-time and structural funding to support staff and resources needed for the creation of a Commission. Table 2 below outlines a direct cost breakdown but does not represent indirect costs of management and administrative support which, for the Commission on Women and Girls, is estimated at \$53,000. This \$53,000 estimate is the time of existing staff and should be noted that oversight of new projects creates a diversion of existing work and City priorities.

While these estimates are based on the one-time/initial efforts undertaken for the development of the Commission on Women and Girls, staff acknowledge that costs may vary for future new Commission or Committee development. However, we have seen that the effort, outreach, funding, and analysis undertaken for this Commission should set the standard on best practices for future similar efforts. In addition to the initial and subsequent funding provided for the Commission on Women and Girls, the Equity Office was also successful in obtaining a \$25,000 capacity-building grant award from the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.

Table 2: Anticipated Initial Costs

Item	Amount
Program Specialist <i>Full-time</i>	\$126,000.00
Advisory Team commission development and community engagement activities	\$30,000.00
Community & Commissioner Engagement <i>Activities (Supplies, food, commissioner training)</i>	\$35,000.00
Total	\$191,000

Anticipated Ongoing Costs

Sustaining and adequately supporting a Commission will require, at minimum, ongoing structural support for staff. Additional funding will be needed for commissioner stipends and activities, such as consultant needs, that the Commission may need to conduct its work. Below is a cost breakdown of anticipated direct ongoing funding needs. As previously mentioned,

indirect costs of management and administrative support is estimated at \$53,000 in addition to Table 3 anticipated costs below.

Table 3: Anticipated Ongoing Costs

Item	Amount
Stipends (\$50 x 7 Commissioners x 12 months)	\$4,200.00
Program Specialist <i>Full-time</i>	\$126,000.00
Community & Commissioner Engagement Activities (Supplies, food, commissioner training)	\$35,000.00
Total	\$165,200

In summary, it is projected that it will take \$191,000 in one-time and \$165,200 in structural costs to develop and establish a Commission. This is a projected value based on current stipends and City employee salaries and does not consider any adjustments as part of updated Labor Memorandums of Understanding (MOU).

Commission Development Timeline

The plan below outlines the steps necessary to create a newly formed Commission.

Implementation Timeline	
<p>Objective 1: Community Outreach and Engagement</p> <p>Timeframe: 6 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation one-time funds to support an Advisory Team • Establish an Advisory Team • Partner with community organizations to conduct outreach and engagement • Utilize staff support to plan and prepare for community outreach activities and survey(s) • Inform community members about the opportunity to become a Commissioner • Engage with community members to learn what needs and issues are most important to them • Learn what the community wants from a Commission

<p>Objective 2: Synthesis of Engagement</p> <p>Timeframe: 3-4 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze feedback from survey(s) and community outreach events to understand the community’s comments regarding issues most important to the Commission’s purpose in the City and how the Commission could address these • Use community engagement and survey feedback to establish recommendations for the Commission’s priorities, member structure, purpose, and functions • Analyze feedback to recommend a Commission structure that best serves the needs of the impacted community in the City
<p>Objective 3: Council Adoption and Commission Formation</p> <p>Timeframe: 3 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with City staff to draft an Ordinance, if needed, based on community engagement and survey recommendations • Receive City Council approval of the Commission’s Ordinance, if needed • Review Commissioner applications and send recommendations to the Mayor and Council • Mayor recommends Commissioners for City Council adoption • The Commission conducts its first meeting

In total, it is estimated to take a minimum of one year to establish a Commission after approval by the City Council. This could be extended if staffing needs to be identified. One-time costs as outlined in the prior table is reflective of an estimated one-year process.

Recognizing and Acknowledging Native American Contributions in Long Beach

Reflecting on the work of the cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Oakland, recognizing and acknowledging Native American culture and achieving representation in government takes shape in many ways. City Council approved a Department of Library, Arts and Culture, to acknowledge the City’s evolving need to reflect arts and culture activities and programming in daily operations. To this end, the City Manager will work with the Library, Arts and Culture department to build in opportunities to recognize Native American Heritage Month through commemorations, programming, and literature and art displays. Staff will continue to conduct research on how to honor Long Beach’s Native American community within the existing structure of the organization and will update the Mayor and City Council as progress is made.

Alternative Options

There are additional options the City Council can consider to receive input and honor the Native American community that do not involve the creation of a specific new commission as outlined below:

- **Refer items to the Equity and Human Relations Commission:** The scope of this commission includes Considering and recommending programs that foster a more equitable and socially-just Long Beach at the individual, community, and systems level, and to evaluate and provide recommendations in order to advance matters of equity. The City Council can refer items to the Equity and Human Relations Commission, who can then hold meetings, hear testimony from Native American organizations and individuals, and then forward on specific recommendations for the City Council to consider. The City Council has already provided staffing for the EHRC Commission, and this option can be done with little or no additional resources needed or impact on existing priorities.
- **Request Written Comments from the Native American Community on Specific Issues:** The City Council may solicit written comments on specific issues from representatives of the Native American community. As part of the California Environmental Quality Act, the City maintains a list of local Native American representatives and regularly solicits input from groups on any land development projects through the CEQA process. The City Council could use that same list and request written comments on specific issues through an agenda item, which staff could then work on with the group. This would result in some additional staff work, but if done on a case by case basis could be accommodated with a low to medium impact on existing priorities and staffing.
- **Land Acknowledgement:** An additional option to honor the Native American community is to formalize a Land Acknowledgment for City Council meetings. The City has performed Land Acknowledgements at a variety of meetings. Instituting a formal Land Acknowledgement process for City Council meetings could be an important step to recognizing the actions of the past and honoring our Native American community.
- **Listening Sessions:** City staff may at the request of the City Council host listening sessions on various topics intended to celebrate, acknowledge, or support the Native American community, with the goal of informing programs, projects, or City/City Council priorities.

Next Steps

Staff will review this item as part of the upcoming FY 25 budget process, which is the City Council-established process for reviewing items that have ongoing fiscal impact. The budget process allows a review of all the City's priorities in light of the City's financial situation, which currently still projects a deficit of \$29 million over the next two years. Alternatively, if the City Council has specific direction on the Commission, staff can receive that direction and would need to identify both one-time and ongoing structural solutions outside of the budget

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process. Additionally, staff can receive direction on the alternatives that do not have fiscal impact and can act on those this fiscal year if desired.

If you have any questions, please contact April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, at (562) 570-6561.

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DEPARTMENT HEADS

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To extend the Federal recognition to the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To extend the Federal recognition to the Gabrielino/Tongva
Nation, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Gabrielino/Tongva Na-
5 tion Recognition Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) MEMBER.—The term “member” means an
9 individual who is a citizen of the Tribe pursuant to

1 the Tribe's Constitution, enacted February 17,
2 2007, and who is enrolled in the Tribe pursuant to
3 section 7 of this Act.

4 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of the Interior.

6 (3) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the
7 Gabrielino/Tongva Nation, also known as Gabrielino-
8 Tongva Indian Tribe and the Gabrielino-Tongva
9 Tribe.

10 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

11 Congress finds the following:

12 (1) The traditional homelands of the
13 Gabrielino/Tongva Nation are the Los Angeles Basin
14 and the islands of Santa Catalina, San Nicholas,
15 San Clemente, and Santa Barbara, from Topanga
16 Canyon to Laguna Beach, from the San Gabriel
17 Mountains to the sea. Over 2,000 archaeological
18 sites in the in the Los Angeles County Basin attest
19 to the longevity of Gabrielino/Tongva presence in
20 their homelands.

21 (2) In 1891, in response to the impoverished
22 conditions experienced by Indian Tribes sent to the
23 California missions, Congress passed the Act of Jan-
24 uary 12, 1891 (26 Stat. 711) commonly known as
25 the Mission Indian Relief Act, which created a spe-

1 cial Indian agency with trust responsibilities over
2 “Mission Indians” in California, including the
3 Gabrielino/Tongva.

4 (3) In 1928, members of the Gabrielino/Tongva
5 community, many of whom were then living in their
6 traditional homelands in the Los Angeles Basin, en-
7 rolled during the California Indian census taken pur-
8 suant to the Act of May 18, 1928 (45 Stat. 602),
9 which identified them as “Mission San Gabriel” or
10 “Gabrielino” Indians and under the Federal jurisdic-
11 tion of the Mission Indian Agency in Riverside, Cali-
12 fornia.

13 (4) In 1952, a congressional report named the
14 Gabrielino/Tongva, known at that time as
15 “Gabrieleño or San Gabriel Indians,” as one of the
16 Indian Tribes or bands identified in dealings with
17 the Bureau of Indian Affairs (82d Cong., 2d sess.,
18 House, Report No. 2503).

19 (5) In 1972, Gabrielino/Tongva people received
20 settlement funds from the judgment of the Indian
21 Claims Commission in Docket 80 and 80-D under
22 the Act of September 21, 1968 (Public Law 90–507;
23 82 Stat. 860).

24 (6) In 1994, the State of California recognized
25 the Tongva in Assembly Joint Resolution 96,

1 chaptered by the California Secretary of State as
2 Resolution chapter 146, Statutes of 1994. The Joint
3 Resolution states that the State of California “rec-
4 ognizes the Gabrielinos as the aboriginal tribe of the
5 Los Angeles Basin and takes great pride in recog-
6 nizing the Indian inhabitation of the Los Angeles
7 Basin and the continued existence of the Indian
8 community”.

9 (7) In 1999, the Coastal Gabrielino-Diegueno
10 Band of Mission Indians, the legal predecessor to
11 the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation, filed evidence of its
12 members’ Gabrielino ancestry with the Bureau of In-
13 dian Affairs, using certificates of degree of Indian
14 blood prepared by the Act of September 21, 1968.

15 (8) In 2001, the Coastal Gabrielino-Diegueno
16 Band of Mission Indians reorganized, ultimately
17 changing its name to the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation,
18 and opening enrollment to individuals with
19 Gabrielino ancestry certified by the Bureau of In-
20 dian Affairs.

21 (9) In 2013, the Los Angeles City Council, in
22 Resolution 13-1285, declared its support of the
23 Gabrielino/Tongva Nation in its efforts to restore a
24 government-to-government relationship with the
25 United States.

1 (10) In 2019, the Superior Court for the Coun-
2 ty of Los Angeles found that the Gabrielino/Tongva
3 Nation was the legal successor in interest to the
4 Coastal Gabrielino-Diegueno Band of Mission Indi-
5 ans.

6 (11) The Gabrielino/Tongva Nation presently
7 has a membership of more than 700 Tribal citizens,
8 all of whom descend from a bona fide Gabrielino/
9 Tongva ancestor enumerated on a California Indian
10 Roll prepared by Bureau of Indian Affairs pursuant
11 to the Act of May 18, 1928, Act of May 24, 1950
12 (64 Stat. 189), and Act of September 21, 1968, and
13 whose ancestors have received Indian services, in-
14 cluding education or health care, based upon their
15 status as Indians.

16 **SEC. 4. FEDERAL RECOGNITION.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Federal recognition is extended to
18 the Tribe.

19 (b) EFFECT OF FEDERAL LAWS.—Except as other-
20 wise provided in this Act, all Federal laws (including regu-
21 lations) of general application to Indians and Indian
22 Tribes, including the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C.
23 5101 et seq.) (commonly known as the “Indian Reorga-
24 nization Act”), shall apply to the Tribe and each member.

1 **SEC. 5. FEDERAL SERVICES AND BENEFITS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date of enact-
3 ment of this Act, the Tribe and each member shall be eligi-
4 ble for all services and benefits provided by the United
5 States to Indians and Federally recognized Indian Tribes,
6 without regard to—

7 (1) the existence of a reservation for the Tribe;

8 or

9 (2) the location of the residence of any member
10 on or near an Indian reservation.

11 (b) SERVICE AREA.—For purposes of the delivery of
12 services and benefits to members, and in regard to land
13 and the transfer of land as set forth in section 8 of this
14 Act, the service area of the Tribe shall be considered to
15 be the area comprised of Los Angeles County, in the State
16 of California. Such services and benefits shall be provided
17 notwithstanding the establishment of a reservation or ac-
18 quisition of additional land after the date of enactment
19 of this Act.

20 **SEC. 6. REAFFIRMATION OF RIGHTS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act diminishes
22 any right or privilege of the Tribe or any member that
23 existed before the date of enactment of this Act.

24 (b) CLAIMS OF TRIBE.—Except as otherwise pro-
25 vided in this Act, nothing in this Act alters or affects any
26 legal or equitable claim of the Tribe to enforce any right

1 or privilege reserved by, or granted to, the Tribe that was
2 wrongfully denied to, or taken from, the Tribe before the
3 date of enactment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 7. MEMBERSHIP ROLL.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Tribe shall submit to the Sec-
6 retary within thirty days after the date of enactment of
7 this Act, a membership roll consisting of the name of each
8 individual enrolled as a member of the Tribe.

9 (b) DETERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.—The quali-
10 fications for inclusion on the membership roll of the Tribe
11 shall be determined in accordance with the Tribe's Con-
12 stitution, enacted February 17, 2007, any amendments or
13 changes to the Constitution, or Tribal laws pertaining to
14 membership. Upon receipt of the roll, the Secretary shall
15 immediately publish notice of such in the Federal Reg-
16 ister.

17 (c) MAINTENANCE OF ROLL.—The Tribe shall have
18 the sole authority and responsibility to maintain the mem-
19 bership roll of the Tribe.

20 **SEC. 8. TRANSFER OF LAND.**

21 (a) INITIAL RESEVATION.—Within ninety days from
22 the date of enactment of this Act, and notwithstanding
23 any other provision of law, the Secretary shall acquire and
24 take into trust for the benefit of the Tribe title to land

1 identified by the Tribe that is located within the service
2 area of the Tribe, not to exceed 300 acres.

3 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—Lands taken into trust will be
4 deemed part of the restoration of lands for an Indian
5 Tribe that is restored to Federal recognition pursuant to
6 section 20(b)(1)(B)(iii) of the Indian Gaming Regulatory
7 Act (25 U.S.C. 2719(b)(1)(B)(iii)).

8 (c) ADDITIONAL LANDS.—The Secretary may acquire
9 additional land for the benefit of the Tribe pursuant to
10 section 5 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 5108)
11 (commonly known as the “Indian Reorganization Act”).

12 (d) TRIBAL FEE LANDS.—Notwithstanding any
13 other provision of law, without further approval, ratifica-
14 tion, or authorization by the United States, the Tribe may
15 lease, sell, convey, warrant, or otherwise transfer all or
16 any part its interest in any real property that is (1) not
17 located within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation,
18 and (2) not held in trust by the United States for the
19 benefit of the Tribe.