



Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission

2014 Commission Election
Candidate Package

DUE OCTOBER 14, 2014, BY 5:00 PM

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

LA City/County Native American Indian Commission
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Introduction

Commission/Self-Governance Board and Candidacy Information

Community Election to Fill Five Seats

An election will be held December 5th and 6th, 2014, to fill five-community commission seats. The term of office will expire January 1, 2019. Poll-sites will be announced on October 21, 2014 and will be located at various American Indian community organizations as well as selected public locations throughout the county.

A schedule of events for the election is attached. All candidates are encouraged to campaign by preparing flyers and speaking at community events. General information about the goals and purposes of the commission are included in the attached brochure.

The Los Angeles City-County Native American Indian Commission was created in 1976. The primary purpose of the commission is to increase the acquisition and application of federal funding resources for addressing the socioeconomic problems of American Indians in Los Angeles city and county. In performing this function, the commission represents the interests and concerns of American Indians of all tribal and cultural backgrounds, religious convictions, and social circumstances (Ord. 11409 § 1 (part), 1976: Ord. 4099 Art. 113 § 21011, 1942.).

On February 23, 1993 the Board of Supervisors approved the creation of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Self-Governance Board to meet all the requirements of American Indian community self-governance and self-determination. This Board is established to administer public/private funds, particularly those funds that have Indian self-governance requirements. This Board will not compete for funding with any non-profit American Indian community based organization providing services in the County of Los Angeles.

Duties of Community Elected Commissioners and members of the Self-Governance Board

Community elected commissioners' serve on both the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission and the Los Angeles County Self-Governance Board. The Self-Governance Board meets once a month at separate times and locations. The Commission meets every third Tuesday of the month at various locations.

The Self-Governance Board is charged with oversight of community block grants, development of additional grant funds, and other opportunities for the general welfare of the Los Angeles Indian community. Community-elected Commissioners act as advocates for the community and provide leadership and direction to the Commission and County government in matters concerning the American Indian Community. It is hoped that community elected Commissioners will vigorously represent the Indian community and, in cooperation with other Commissioners and county agencies, work toward more and better services and economic opportunities for Indians. Candidates should show current active participation in the Indian community, and show strong interest in working on issues and problems facing Los Angeles County Indian community.

In order to meet its primary purpose of increasing the acquisition and local application of Federal funds, the Commission shall have the following duties:

- a. Promote the development of programs and funding resources to serve urban American Indians and American Indian organizations; to advocate legislation and policy favorable to the urban American Indian community on issues and problems of furthering participation of urban American Indians in the mainstream of social and economic activities.
- b. Work with existing Federal, State, and local agencies in researching, preparing and disseminating information in the field of American Indian affairs, so as to avoid duplication of effort, particularly

with Los Angeles County's Commission on Human Relations, in terms of the mandate of its ordinance.

- c. Provide a coordinating function with respect to the activities of the many community groups and organizations working for the special concerns of American Indian people. Serve as a catalyst and coordinating agency between Federal, State, County, City, and private agencies and with American Indian culture among all Americans.
- d. Study and/or investigate by means of meetings, conferences, public hearings, or forums, conditions which adversely affect the welfare and socio-economic status of American Indians, and to develop recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and the City Council, on steps to be taken to correct these conditions.
- e. Advise the residents of Los Angeles City and County, the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the City Council, and departments and agencies of these respective governments, or other organizations and institutions on matters involving the needs of American Indians, and to render to the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the City Council, And the American Indian community at least once each calendar year a report of its activities.
- f. Nothing in the assignment of Commission duties shall be construed as vesting in the Commission any power on duty assigned by charter, law, or ordinance to any power on duty assigned by charter, law or ordinance to any other County officer, Commission or department, or as authorizing the Commission to engage in any activity or to provide any service which the County is not authorized to conduct or perform.
- g. The Commission shall not duplicate any service or activity provided by any other County officer or department. The Commission shall coordinate its activities with those of related County officers and departments to achieve maximum effectiveness and service to the public. No action shall be taken by any Commission member on the behalf of or in the name of the Commission unless specifically authorized by the Commission.

Nomination Eligibility Criteria

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 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.

"PLEASE NOTE"

YOU MUST PROVIDE COPIES OF AMERICAN INDIAN DOCUMENTATION AND RESIDENCY.

Procedures

Nominations and Election

To have your name placed on the ballot as an official candidate for the Commission you must complete the following procedures:

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 tribe 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 **5:00 P.M. Tuesday, October 14, 2014**. Any petitions submitted after this deadline will be ruled invalid.
5. Nominees must provide proof that they meet the eligibility requirements. Please enclose a Xerox copy of your 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. If you don't have these documents, then submit other documents to the Elections Committee, which will rule on eligibility.
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. Election 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 broke 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. If only five (5) Candidates file for commissioner, the Elections Committee shall certify that Candidates as elected.

Election Schedule

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Public Announcement of Election

Friday, September 19, 2014

Notice to the Community shall be email, posted on Commission's website, social media websites
Press Release

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Nominations Deadline

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Announcement of Candidate Slate
Commission Meeting
Announcement of Polling Sites
Candidates invited to address community and Commission

Monday, November 3, 2014

Press Release
Candidate Biographies

Monday, November 3, 2014 to December 1, 2014

Elections Committee develops polling sites, schedule poll workers
Set up balloting, procedures, securing of ballots, and pick-up.
Develop Appeals Process

Saturday, November 8, 2014 – PUBLIC FORUM

Meet the candidates at the NAVA Pow wow

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Candidates are invited to attend the Los Angeles Native American Indian Commission meeting

Friday, December 5, 2014 & Saturday, December 6, 2015 – ELECTION DAYS

Community invited to vote for candidates

Monday, December 8, 2014 – BALLOT COUNT

Elections Committee Oversight and observers designated by the candidates are encouraged to attend

Monday, December 15, 2014 – NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Press Release

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

Seating of New Commissioners at the Los Angeles American Indian Commission meeting

The time and effort you are giving to this election is appreciated. In the spirit of this county-wide, nonpartisan election, the Commission extends an invitation to all candidates to address the Commission and community at the November 18, 2014, meeting at 7:00 PM in Room 370, 500 West Temple St., Hahn Administration Building, Los Angeles, CA. Call (213) 351-5308 for parking and information. The Commission advises nominees that the Commission meets during evening hours at various city and county locations. The Self-Governance Boards meets at least monthly, and most Commissioners will serve on committees, which will meet at various times. Elected community members must be prepared to commit time and energy to the work of the Commission.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ron Andrade, Executive Assistant, at (213) 351-5308.

Candidate's Check List

- ☐ Declaration of Candidacy: candidate's address, phone number, personal background statements with signature.
- ☐ Proof of American Indian or Alaska Native identity.
- ☐ Proof of Los Angeles County Residency.
- ☐ Nominating Form, ten petition signatures that must have American Indian Identity and be a resident of the Los Angeles County.
- ☐ Voter Affidavit, proof of nominator's American Indian Identity and Los Angeles County residency.
- ☐ Send to Nominations:

LA Native American Indian Commission Nominations
attn.: Ron Andrade
3175 West Sixth St., Room 308
Los Angeles CA 90020

For information call Ron Andrade at (213) 351-5308.



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Declaration of Candidacy

Please complete this form, Nomination form, and Voter Affidavit. IMPORTANT - Eligibility Criteria, please submit documentation to verify the following: 1) Resident of the County of Los Angeles, 2.) Eighteen years of age or older, 3.) Member of any federal or state recognized Indian tribe, OR North American Indian from the United States or Alaskan Native community with a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) and supporting genealogical documentation, OR member of a United States or Alaskan community with supporting genealogical documentation to file Declaration of Candidacy form.

NATIVE AMERICAN CANDIDATE

LAST NAME:		FIRST NAME:		MIDDLE NAME:
OTHER NAMES USED:			DATE OF BIRTH (DOB):	
TRIBAL AFFILIATION:			TRIBAL ROLL NUMBER:	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:			TELEPHONE:	
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	OTHER TELEPHONE:	
MAILING ADDRESS:			EMAIL:	
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:		

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY

Please describe your involvement with the Indian community (Please attach additional sheets if necessary.):

Please explain why you want to become a Commissioner (100 words or less. Please attach additional sheets if necessary.):

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION: By signing below, the undersigned hereby declares that all information provided on the above form and evidence of proof of residency and American Indian or Alaska Native identity is accurate.

Signature

Print Name

Date



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Nomination Form

We, the undersigned, nominate _____, as a candidate for the Los Angeles City/County American Indian Commission. By signing this petition we certify that we are members of the Indian community and eligible to vote in Commission elections and meet the following criteria: 1.) A resident of the county of Los Angeles, 2.) 18 years or age or older, and 3.) American Indian who meets one or more of the following definitions; Member of any federal or state recognized Indian tribe, OR North American Indian from the United States or Alaskan Native community with a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) and supporting genealogical documentation, OR member of a United States or Alaskan community with supporting genealogical documentation.

	Name	Address	Tribe
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2.			
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Each candidate must return the completed petition before 5PM October 14, 2014. All nominators must complete the Voter Affidavit form and must provide documentation of eligibility to vote in Commission elections, and such documentation must be attached to the candidates' nomination petition.



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Voter Affidavit

Verifying American Indian Enrollment or Identity

Election document
Election of Community Representatives
December 5th and 6th, 2014

I, _____, a resident of the County of Los Angeles
(Name)

_____, _____,
(Address) (City)

CA _____, _____,
(ZIP Code) (Telephone) (Email)

hereby swear that (check one):

☐ I am an enrolled member of the federally or state recognized American Indian tribe, and, if necessary, could write to my tribal government for proof. Please give the name of the tribe _____.

☐ I am a member of a North American Indian from within the United States or Alaskan Native community with a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) and supporting genealogical documentation, OR a member of a United States or Alaskan Native Community with supporting genealogical documentation.

I hereby testify that the above information is correct.

Signature

Date