



AGENDA & NOTICE

LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026, 6:30 PM

Meeting Location: County of Los Angeles Hall of Administration
Sybil Brand Room 372
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

To Provide Public Comment: You may submit written public comment via email to contact@lanaic.lacounty.gov. Please note "LANAIC Public Comment" in the subject line. Please submit your public comment or documentation as soon as possible, but no later than 5 p.m. the night before the scheduled meeting. Public comment received after this time will be added to the next regular Commission meeting.

MARK VILLASEÑOR, Chairperson
Fernandeño Tataviam

BRYCE LEWIS-SMITH, Vice Chairperson
Citizen Potawatomi Nation

CAROLINE BHALLA, Secretary
Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin

RENE' WILLIAMS, Treasurer
Colville Tribes

DENISE ESCOTO, Commissioner
Northern Cheyenne

CHRISSIE CASTRO, Commissioner
Navajo

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

VIVIAN GARCIA, Commissioner
Cherokee

SHAWN IMITATES DOG, Commissioner
Lakota

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

ALEXANDRA VALDES
Executive Director
Tlingit/Athabaskan

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 2. **INVOCATION & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**
 3. **ROLL CALL**
 4. **COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS**
 5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 6. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - 6.1. Adopt Absentee Excuses
 - 6.2. Adopt the November 18, 2025, Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Unapproved Meeting Minutes
 7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - 7.1 Discuss AIAN Homelessness in LA County
 - 7.2 Discuss Impacts of Federal Administration on LA County's AIAN Community

7.3 Discuss Draft FY26-27 Budget Request Letters

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.1 *Introduction to LA County Retained Tribal Indian Law Experts* - David Montoya and Jana Simmons

9. CHAIR'S REPORT

9.1 General Updates

9.2 LANAIC 50th Anniversary Celebration

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

10.1 General Updates

11. COMMITTEE & AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Executive Committee

11.2 Self Governance Board

12. COMMISSIONER GENERAL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

14. COMMISSION ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2026, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Location: Hall of Administration, Room 372, 500 W. Temple Street, LA, CA 90012

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Contact: www.lanaic.lacounty.gov, contact@lanaic.lacounty.gov, or (213) 738-3241

Approved:

Chairperson Mark Villasenor