



AGENDA & NOTICE

LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 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

DR. CAROLINE BHALLA, Secretary
Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin

RENE' WILLIAMS, Treasurer
Colville Tribes

DENISE ESCOTO, Commissioner
Northern Cheyenne

CHRISSIE CASTRO, Commissioner
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Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara

VIVIAN GARCIA, Commissioner
Cherokee

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Lakota

DAWN JACKSON, Commissioner
Saginaw Chippewa

MONA MORALES RECALDE, Commissioner
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JOHN ONLY A CHIEF, Commissioner
Pawnee Nation

RUDY ORTEGA JR., Commissioner
Fernandeño Tataviam

TED TENORIO, Commissioner
Tiguan Nation

VACANT, Commissioner

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. Adopt the March 17, 2025, Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Unapproved Meeting Minute
- 6.2. Establish the 2026 Native American Heritage Month Planning Ad Hoc Committee
- 6.3. Approve Partnering with the Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens to Host a Panel Discussion and Reception on the Evening of Monday, October 12, 2026, to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the LA City/County Native American Indian Commission

7. PRESENTATION

7.1 *Christopher Columbus Statue Loan to the Craft Contemporary* – Lalena Vellanoweth, LA County Department of Arts and Culture - Conservation & Collections Manager, Civic Art Division & Frida Cano, Craft Contemporary - Senior Curator

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 8.1 Discuss AIAN Homelessness in LA County
- 8.2 Discuss Impacts of Federal Administration on LA County's AIAN Community

9. CHAIR'S REPORT

9.1 General Updates

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

10.1 General Updates

11. COMMITTEE & AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 11.1 Executive Committee
- 11.2 Self Governance Board
- 11.3 50th Anniversary Planning Ad Hoc Committee

12. COMMISSIONER GENERAL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

14. COMMISSION ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 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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Approved:



Chairperson Mark Villasenor