

## LOS ANGELES CITY-COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION

### AUTHORITY

Chapter 3.42 of the Los Angeles County Code, Board Order No. 13 of February 23, 1993 and Board Order No. 3 of April 12, 1994.

### NUMBER OF MEMBERS

Sixteen, consisting of the following:

- a. Five appointed by the Board of Supervisors
- b. Five appointed by the City of Los Angeles
- c. Five selected by the Los Angeles Indian Community pursuant to elections conducted by the Commission
- d. One Emeritus Commissioner

In appointing members to the Commission, the appointing agencies shall, insofar as possible, appoint individuals based on the following criteria:

- a. Members should be reflective of the diversity of American Indians in Los Angeles City and County, and consideration should be given to various tribal backgrounds, age groups and life styles.
- b. Members should have demonstrated capabilities of effective leadership within a specific area of community activity.
- c. Members should have demonstrated knowledge or ability in an area which has a significant bearing upon the problems of urban American Indians.

## **APPOINTMENT**

As indicated above.

## **TERM OF OFFICE**

Four years at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

No member of the Commission may serve more than two consecutive four year terms. The Board may, by order, extend this length of service or waive this limit for individuals or the Commission as a whole.

A member's position on the Commission shall become vacant upon his or her death, resignation, or removal by the Board. In the case of such a vacancy, the Board shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term.

## **COMPENSATION**

\$10 per meeting attended, not to exceed three meetings in any calendar month.

## **MEETINGS**

Third Tuesday of each month, at various locations determined by the contact person.

## **DUTIES**

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.
- d. Serve as a catalyst and coordinating agency between Federal, State, County, City, and private agencies and with American Indian culture among all Americans.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. Nothing in this article 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. 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 behalf of or in the name of the Commission unless specifically authorized by the Commission.

## **OATH**

Not required.

**NOTE:** 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.

The Board is composed of the following members:

- A. Each of the five (5) Indian Community Elected Commissioners.
- B. One Board of Supervisors appointed Commissioner and one City of Los Angeles appointed Commissioner. Both of these members shall be selected by the Commission Chairperson.
- C. The Commission Chairperson shall serve as an ex-officio member of this Board.

The term of Board membership for the community elected Commissioners will coincide with their term on the Commission. The term of Board membership for the Chairperson appointed members will be at the discretion of the Chairperson.

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