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**Establishing Our Commitment to the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission**

Forty-six years ago, on June 25, 1976, the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) was created through a joint effort of members of the Los Angeles Native American community and the City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles. The establishment of the LANAIC was historic as it was the first of its kind in the United States. Its primary purpose was to increase the acquisition and application of funding resources to address the socioeconomic problems of the City’s and County’s American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) communities.

As our Board and County’s vision for equity and antiracism has expanded, their work has continued and evolved. The LANAIC has recently worked to combat the systemic and structural erasure of AIAN histories and culture in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture), which has leaned into its mission and a vision of cultural equity. This work includes celebrating Los Angeles County’s inaugural Indigenous Peoples Day in 2018 with the removal of the Christopher Columbus statue, a former Arts and Culture accessioned civic artwork, at Grand Park.

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The removal of the Christopher Columbus statue was led by Arts and Culture, in partnership with the LANAIC, as well as the County Human Relations Commission, and served as an act of restorative justice that honors and embraces the resilient spirit of Los Angeles County's original inhabitants. Additionally, both Arts and Culture and the LANAIC have worked tirelessly on hiring a tribal engagement facilitator to gather input on the ways Los Angeles County has harmed local tribal nations, in an effort to advance truth, healing, and transformation – and develop a proposal for Land Acknowledgement and Land Access policies and protocols.

For over 25 years, the LANAIC served its function under the administrative and operational management of the Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS). On March 8, 2021, the County's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) submitted a report that outlined a phased implementation plan to establish two new County departments, one for aging, adult, and disability services and another for economic and workforce development services. On April 20, 2021, the County Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted two related motions that directed the CEO, in consultation with WDACS, the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), and any other relevant departments, to implement the phased plan to establish an economic and workforce development department, which would be named the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), and an aging, adult and disability services department, which would be named the Aging and Disabilities Department (AD). Given these changes, the LANAIC was transferred from WDACS to the Executive Office of the Board (Executive Office), effective on January 16, 2022. However, over the past few months, it has become clear that the Department of

Arts and Culture is better positioned to provide the LANAIC with the unique support that it needs to grow and thrive.

The LANAIC and Arts and Culture have fostered a strong partnership and developed ways for Native peoples to share their history and culture, and provide insight into some of the challenges they have and continue to face. The LANAIC remains an independent body whose work is important to the County. To that end, it is imperative that Los Angeles County continue to uplift this work for the purposes of strengthening partnerships in the County toward the improved health and well-being of the AIAN community. This can be done more effectively by transferring the LANAIC to Arts and Culture as a new placement for administrative and operational support, with the opportunity for strategic partnership.

‡ **WE THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to work with the Executive Director of the LANAIC, the Director of the Department of Arts and Culture, and the LA County Executive Officer to report back ~~in 30 days~~ during the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Supplemental Budget phase on the transfer of the LANAIC and the LANAIC Self Governance Board from the Executive Office to the Department of Arts and Culture in the FY 2022-23 Supplemental Budget, and the necessary funding and staffing for LANAIC including:
  - a. Any deferred Fiscal Year 2022-23 requests.
  - b. Staffing, resources, and funding that was not transferred from the Workforce Development Aging and Community Services

Department (WDACS).

- c. Funding all LANAIC critical unmet needs requests that were deferred.
- d. Funding for Shared Services and administrative costs.

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