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Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell
Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission
November, 2022

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, it is my pleasure to celebrate Native American Heritage Month with you and the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission.

As we welcome the celebration of Native American Heritage Month, I commend the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission for celebrating Native American culture and carrying on the rich traditions and customs of the Native American community. Let’s take this opportunity to reflect on the many contributions that Native Americans have made to our great City and our Country. The unwavering commitment of Native Americans have made to our great City and our Country. The fight for recognition, and freedom from oppression, serve as an inspiration for all Angelenos — as our friends, neighbors, coworkers, family members, and acquaintances, let’s uplift them now and always.

I send my best wishes for a memorable celebration.

Sincerely,

Eric Garcetti
Mayor
City of Los Angeles

November, 2022

Dear Friends,

It is an honor to join in the celebration of Native American Heritage Month. The history of American diversity begins with the indigenous First Nations of North America. This is an especially important part of the heritage of the City of Los Angeles, ancestral home of the Chumash, Tongva and Tataviam peoples. Native Americans remain an essential component of the unique blend of cultures that make up modern Los Angeles.

Today, Los Angeles is home to the largest Native population of any city in the western United States. We hope that our commemoration this month will help preserve, promote, and celebrate Native American culture, and educate the wider community to the unique role and invaluable contributions of Native Americans. Please accept my best wishes for what I know will be a successful celebration.

Very truly yours,

Paul Krekorian
Councilmember District 2
Los Angeles City Council President
November, 2022

Friends:

As a member of the Wyandotte Nation, it is an honor and a privilege to welcome you to the 2022 Native American Heritage Month celebration at City Hall.

I am humbled to serve as the representative for the 13th District as well as the first Native American to serve on the Los Angeles City Council, and I am proud to continue this important tradition in the City of Angels.

This year’s celebration is particularly poignant, as we welcome back our first in-person NAHM festivities since the start of the pandemic.

Los Angeles is home to the largest Native American population in the country, which is why it is so important to recognize the sacrifices made by our ancestors, reclaim our history, and reflect on the importance of Native American culture in modern society. We did this five years ago, when I led local efforts to remove and replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day, ushering in a nationwide movement.

As we take part in this month’s celebrations, I also want to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission - a resolute partner in our collective efforts to uplift indigenous voices.

We have so much to be proud of, and so much to celebrate. Enjoy the community celebration!

With kind regards,

Mitch O’Farrell
Councilmember, 13th District
Los Angeles City Council

Biography

Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell is a member of the Wyandotte Nation and the first Native American to serve on the Los Angeles City Council. Mitch grew up in a union household, is a lifelong athlete and animal welfare advocate, and is one of only two LGBTQ+ Councilmembers in Los Angeles.

Since 2013, Mitch has represented the communities of the 13th District, which includes Atwater Village, East Hollywood, Echo Park, Elysian Valley, Glassell Park, Historic Filipinotown, Hollywood, Larchmont Village, Little Armenia, Melrose Hill, Rampart Village, Ridgewood-Wilton, Silver Lake, Spaulding Square, St. Andrews Square, Sunset Square, Thai Town, Verdugo Village, Virgil Village, Western-Wilton, Westlake, Wilshire Center and Windsor Square. At the beginning of his first term as Councilmember, Mitch was sworn into office on the banks of the Los Angeles River by Chief Billy Friend of the Wyandotte Nation.

Since taking office, Mitch has led on many issues of importance in the City, including: achieving 100% carbon-free, renewable energy in Los Angeles by 2035; reducing homelessness by 23% in his district; producing and protecting affordable housing; providing access and resources to seniors; ensuring safety for children and families, especially near schools; enhancing and protecting public spaces; improving commercial corridors while enhancing the pedestrian and bicycle experience; issues related to LGBTQ+ equity and visibility; historic preservation; and environmental restoration of and accessibility to the Los Angeles River, where he has championed five bridge projects to better connect the neighborhoods that embrace the waterway.

Mitch has been the City’s leading voice on behalf of Native Americans and Indigenous people, including spearheading the City’s efforts to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous People’s Day. In August 2017, with hundreds of local Native American leaders and community members in attendance, the City Council approved O’Farrell’s initiative to create Indigenous Peoples Day in Los Angeles. This historic action helped inspire other jurisdictions, including Los Angeles County, to make similar moves. The work done here in Los Angeles was cited as a contributing factor when, in October 2021, President Biden issued a federal declaration celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day — the first such declaration in United States history.

In 2018, Mitch led on the removal of the Christopher Columbus statue in Grand Park, an action of deep importance to the local Indigenous community. Mitch has also worked to advance numerous policies important to Indigenous people, including a formal apology from the City of Los Angeles to Native American tribal nations; an official land acknowledgment policy for the City; cultural easements for land taken from Native Americans; the removal of the “Christopher Columbus Transcontinental Highway” designation from the I-10 freeway; and an effort to update the City’s seal and flag to include Indigenous representation.

Mitch’s Native American heritage plays an enormous role in his passion for protecting the environment. Mitch currently serves as the Chair of the Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and Los Angeles River Committee, where he works tirelessly to achieve 100% carbon-neutral power in the City and build a greener Los Angeles for generations to come.
November, 2022

Dear Friends,

The Department of Cultural Affairs is proud to celebrate the cultural traditions and heritage of the original indigenous inhabitants of the great land surrounding Los Angeles with you and their descendants. Together, we honor the extraordinary range of experiences and cultural traditions that have helped to shape our City. Among these people are the Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, the Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.

Varied in history and character, Native Americans make up a wonderfully diverse community that is united in spirit. Native American Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate and share this culture with people, young and old, and to highlight the many ways the cultural mosaic that is now Los Angeles is enriched.

We are honored to partner with the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, Council Member Mitch O’Farrell and the Los Angeles City Council, the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission, and our community collaborators to celebrate the 2022 Native American Heritage Month in LA.

Please join us in this celebration!

Sincerely,

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Each year the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission selects individuals, families or organizations to honor during Native American Heritage Month in November.

The City of Los Angeles is pleased to celebrate this year's Native American Heritage Month honorees!
Dr. Carrie Johnson, Wahpeton Dakota, is a licensed clinical psychologist and the Vice President of Behavioral Health at United American Indian Involvement, Inc. For the last 20 years, Dr. Johnson has provided Behavioral Health services to Native Americans in Los Angeles County, including mental health treatment, grant writing, integrating traditional healing into services and evaluation of the services. Dr. Johnson is involved with local county-wide and Statewide advisory boards to increase the access and cultural competence of services provided to Native Americans. She is also an experienced trainer and consultant in the impact of intergenerational trauma on Indian children, families, and communities; and provides consultation, training, and workshops on a Community and Family Healing Model she has developed. Dr. Johnson also provides TA on program development, grant writing, evaluation, and direct services for Native Americans.

Through her tireless work and commitment to the community she has truly impacted so many. Her creation of the Native American Dance, Drum, and Regalia program (NADDAR) teaches our local Native American people lessons they might not otherwise have access to, while promoting connection, community, and wellness. Wisely, she is also evaluating its impact and creating the evidence to integrate interventions like this as part of standard mental health care; surely an action that will affect future generations. This is just the tip of the iceberg in her multifaceted work. Dr. Johnson is humble, full of grace, and a powerful FORCE.

The Phoenix family, Tohono O’odham, is from Los Angeles and has been very active in the Native American community. Annette Phoenix, the matriarch of the family, raised her four sons in Los Angeles and instilled within them a deep connection to their community. Her sons grew up participating in different activities with Southern California Indian Center and United American Indian Involvement’s youth groups. Her son’s names are Julian, Adrian, Fabian, and Nico. Their paternal side comes from North Paiute Tribe in Ft Bidwell, CA.

If you are at any Pow Wow or Native event in Los Angeles, you will most likely see the Phoenix family dancing, and running a food booth. They are always the first to show up and help with any community event and are well respected and loved by the Los Angeles Indian Community. In 2004, her two oldest sons started a family catering business serving Native dishes as various gatherings such as conferences, basketball tournaments, etc. Unfortunately, during COVID they closed the business. One unique thing about the Phoenix family is July is their families birthday month. All four sons, Annette, and several other relatives share the same birthday month.

Annette’s family also works with many different organizations to continue teaching and passing along cultural traditions for the next generation. The Phoenix family works together and teaches cooking and beading classes within the community. In their free time, they enjoy spending quality family time beading for community members to share their master artistry with others. The Phoenix Family truly emulates our community’s traditional and longstanding values of compassion, humility, love and respect. Congratulations to the entire Phoenix Family for being upstanding role models and demonstrating true Native family and community values for our Los Angeles Indian Community. In loving Memory of Fabian & Nico Phoenix. Forever in our hearts and never forgotten.
Celebration Events

Native American Heritage Month 2022

stronger together

INDIGENOUS ARTS GATHERINGS

Avril Cordova (Taos Pueblo/Oglala Lakota) will be our MC for the evening. She is the owner/operator of AC & Associates, a consultation agency. She will bring her positive and honest lifestyle energy.

Della Mendivil (Tohono O’odham) will be leading our poetry workshop. She believes that writing is a tool that addresses and heals generational trauma as well as empowers the engrained generational wealth of Native people.

Robyn Gomez (Huichol-Xicana) is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and utilizes strengths-based approaches to engage families and the community through holistic approaches, ancestral healing, and social justice advocacy.

Register NOW!

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Dinner by Ohana Hibachi

Questions? Contact
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ELDERS AND RELATIVES

Celebrating Our Indigenous Elders Through Poetry held at the Autry Museum

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National Native American Veterans Memorial

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL

Honoring the Military Service of Native Americans

Visit the Memorial | Procession & Dedication | Support | Sponsors | Tributes

Native Veterans Procession and Dedication Ceremony
Veterans Day, November 11, 2022

Join the museum in honoring the exceptional military service of Native Americans in a formal dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. The dedication and procession will honor American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian veterans and their families.
Save the Date
Native American Veteran’s Association (N.A.V.A.)
20th Annual Veterans Appreciation and Heritage Pow Wow
November 12 & 13th, 2022
4855 Tweedy Blvd, South Gate, CA 90280
(Big Field Behind Senior Center)
Saturday 10am to 8pm • Sunday 10am to 6pm
All Dancers and Drums Welcome!
Public Welcome - Free Admission and Parking
- Head Staff -
MC - Michael Reifel
AD - Vic Chavez
Head Man - Richard Decrane US NAVY
Head Woman - Emerald Arnold US NAVY
Southern Drum - Hale & Co.
Northern Drum - Blue Star - U.S. Army & Navy
Gourd Dance - Open
Grand Entry: 1:00pm Veteran Resource Programs Veteran Roll Call
Raffles • Story telling • Indian Village with Childrens Crafts
Cake Walk • Food Vendors • Native Made Craft Vendors
For Vendor & Pow Wow Information Contact:
Jenni McCown, 888-412-5997 navvets@gmail.com
Sale of Sage, Sweet Grass, Tobacco Prohibited.
There will be Zero Tolerance for drugs and Alcohol.
37th Annual CSUN Powwow
Nov. 26, 2022

11 am - 9 pm    Sierra Quad
11 am   Gourd Dancing
12:30 Grand Entry
Head Woman    Shandiin Yellowhorse
Head Man    Sam Sierra
Head Girl    Aurelia Hale
Head Boy    Jason Vela
Southern Drum    Hale & Co.
Northern Drum    Blue Star
Arena Director    Victor Chavez
MC    Randy Pico

Parking in B-3 parking garage. Enter campus at Reseda Blvd. & Prairie St. Sponsored by American Indian Student Association, CSUN Parking Services, American Indian Studies Program, Associated Students, University Student Union. Contact Information: (818) 677-5030 csunaisa@gmail.com

California State University Northridge

Sat, Dec 3rd @ Yaagna Village
GRAND PARK, 200 N. Grand Ave. LA CA 90012

Los Angeles
POW WOW
2022

HEAD STAFF...
MC - Glen Begay
AD – Victor Chavez
Head Woman - Susan Jackson
Head Man – Ricky Two Bears Myers
Head Teen Boy - Gabriel Bazo
Head Teen Girl - Apple Rivera
Host Southern Drum - Hale & Co.
Invited Southern Drum - Shaky Town
Host Northern Drum - Indian Hill
Invited Northern Drum - Bear Springs

Free Admission

Red Dress Jingle Dance for MMIW*
Free Parking
Food, Art & Craft Vendors
Contests
And Much More!

DRUG/ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT
MORE DETAILS AND INFO...
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