



May 20, 2024

Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Vivian Garcia to the Los Angeles City-County Native American Indian Commission for the term ending October 07, 2025.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Garcia is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work which shall devolve upon her, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Ms. Garcia will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Joseph Quintana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

KAREN BASS
Mayor

KB:tga

Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Vivian Garcia
Commission: Los Angeles City-County Native American Indian Commission
End of Term: 10/7/2025

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Native American
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** -
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** N/A
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** M.A., Early Childhood Education, Pacific Oaks College
7. **Occupation/profession:** Tribal & Community Liaison, United American Indian Involvement
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Appointment
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Race	Gender	Term End
VACANT			Native American		10/7/2024
Castro, Chrissie	East LA	1	Native American	F	10/7/2025
Garcia, Andrea	Central	10	Native American	F	10/7/2025
VACANT					10/7/2025
Villasenor, Mark	North Valley	7	Native American	M	10/7/2027



VIVIAN C. GARCIA

Tribal & Community Liaison

ABOUT ME

A proud Cherokee citizen who is passionate about advocating for the Native/Indigenous community of Los Angeles. With roots in LA & Oklahoma (Cherokee Nation) my career has been committed to uplifting the underserved Urban Indian population throughout Los Angeles County. My community advocacy work began by providing direct services to women, children, and families - and quickly grew into the current leadership role I'm honored to hold. I've also been an active councilmember for Tsa-La-Gi LA (Cherokees of Los Angeles) which is an official affiliate of Cherokee Nation, and also the largest Tribe in the U.S. with over 450,000 citizens. Today I am the Tribal & Community Liaison for UAI where I focus on developing partnerships with all stakeholders including: Tribal Governments, Community Organizations, and the Native American community of greater Los Angeles.

EDUCATION

American Indian Studies, B.A.
UCLA
2009- 2011

Early Childhood Education, M.A.
Pacific Oaks College
2015- 2017

EXPERTISE

Relationship Building

Community Outreach

Strategic Partnerships

Tribal Relations

Team Leadership

WORK EXPERIENCE

○ October 2020- Present
United American Indian Involvement | 1453 W. Temple St. LA 90026

Tribal & Community Liaison

Role's primary responsibility is serving as a bridge between UAI and tribal entities, ensuring respectful engagement, understanding, and collaboration. Plays a critical role in fostering positive relationships and effective communication with tribal governments, communities, and organizations; working closely with tribal leaders, representatives, and internal stakeholders to facilitate productive dialogue, enhance cultural competency, and develop mutually beneficial partnerships.

○ 2019 - 2020
United American Indian Involvement | 1453 W. Temple St. LA 90026

Care Coordinator - Seven Generations

Served as Care Coordinator for Seven Generations Child & Family Services, working as the initial and primary contact with clients to coordinate services, in addition to working together with treatment teams on care coordination issues. Provided in home, field-based care services and office-based services for clients with a range of emotional and behavioral challenges. Outreached with the community to promote awareness of the programs at UAI.

○ 2018 - 2019
Southern CA Indian Center | 10175 Slater Ave. Fountain Valley, CA.

In-Home Outreach Counselor

Provided client advocacy services to vulnerable children and families within Los Angeles County. Provided strength-based, family-centered and community-oriented resources that were designed to prevent and treat the negative impact of child maltreatment - while facilitating the preservation of families at high risk for child abuse and neglect.



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Dear Ms. Garcia:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Los Angeles City-County Native American Indian Commission for the term ending October 07, 2025, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

To begin the appointment process, please review, sign, and return the enclosed Remuneration Form and undated Letters of Separation **within one week** of receiving this letter. These documents are necessary to ensure the most efficient, open, and accountable city government possible.

Mayor's Office policy requires all potential commissioners to be fingerprinted as part of the background check. The Commissions team will assist in connecting you with Personnel's Background Unit so that you may schedule an appointment to have this done. You must schedule the appointment **within one week** of receiving this letter.

As part of the appointment process, , your Councilmember, and Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, the Chair of the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee, may wish to meet with you to answer any questions they have. Our office will assist with arranging these meetings.

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Additionally, you will be required to attend public meetings at City Hall where your appointment will be considered. You will be hearing from our office and a City Council Clerk who will let you know when your appointment will be considered by the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee. Sometime thereafter, you will be notified of the date when your appointment will be presented to the full City Council. Before you may begin serving, you will be required to take the Oath of Office in the City Clerk's Office located in Room 395 of City Hall. If you require parking for these meetings, please contact my Commissions team by email at myr-commissions@lacity.org.

Per the City Charter, most commissioners must be registered voters of the City of Los Angeles, and must therefore reside within Los Angeles. If you move at any point during your term, or your contact information changes, please contact my Commissions team immediately at the email address listed below. While we hope that you complete a successful term, if for some reason you intend to resign, please do so in writing to my Commissions team at myr-commissions@lacity.org.

Congratulations, and thank you for agreeing to serve the people of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and last name "Bass" clearly distinguishable.

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment I
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Nominee Check List

I. Within 7 days:

- ☐ Email the below completed documents, found on the last three pages of this letter, to: myr-commissions@lacity.org OR mail them to:

Office of the Mayor
Attn: Thomas Arechiga
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

- Remuneration Form
- Undated Separation Letters (2)

- ☐ Schedule an appointment to get fingerprinted to complete a background check. The Commissions team will assist in connecting you with the Personnel Background Unit.

II. The Mayor's Office will notify the below Councilmembers of your nomination, so that they may reach out to schedule a meeting with you should they wish.

- ☐ Your City Councilmember
- ☐ Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination

III. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- ☐ Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee Hearing
- ☐ Full Council Hearing