

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to establishing Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. DESIGNATE October 12th of each year, as Italian American Heritage Day in the City of Los Angeles, to recognize the contributions of Italian Americans to the history and culture of Los Angeles.
2. APPROVE the creation of an Indigenous Peoples Day as an official City holiday, to be observed on the second Monday of each October, and to be recognized no later than the 2019 calendar year.
3. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to remove all references to Columbus Day as an official City holiday and recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day in the Administrative Code.
4. INSTRUCT all General Managers and Department Heads, upon amendment of the LAAC, to include recognition and observance of Indigenous Peoples Day on all relevant City documents including, but not limited to, calendars, schedules, and administrative materials.
5. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to prepare and send a letter to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education (LAUSD Board), subsequent to official Council action, indicating that the City will now recognize Indigenous Peoples day on the second Monday of each October, and urge the LAUSD Board to consider taking a similar action.
6. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a report on the process of implementing an additional City holiday, which recognizes the contributions of all of the diverse cultures in the City of Los Angeles, including potential names which accurately describe the intent of the Council, potential fiscal impacts, and the identification of any issues which may be subject to meet and confer with City unions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a special meeting held on June 14, 2017, the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee considered a report dated October 25, 2016 from the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) and Human Relations Commission (HRC) relative to the establishment of Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday. The HCIDLA/HRC report was prepared in response to Motion (O'Farrell - Wesson) which instructed the CAO to report on establishing an Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday and requested the HRC, with the assistance of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission, to report on the historical importance and cultural impact of

establishing Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday.

Councilmember O'Farrell, the Mover of the originating motion, addressed the Committee and provided a statement detailing the justification for establishment of an Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday, and the rationale for replacement of the current Christopher Columbus holiday on the second Monday of October with the proposed Indigenous Peoples Day holiday. Additionally, the Committee received a letter from Councilmembers Buscaino, Cedillo, Ryu, and Englander, which was read into the record (and attached to the Council file). The letter stated the four councilmembers' support for a separate Indigenous Peoples Day holiday, but also proposed the creation of an additional Immigrant Heritage holiday to succeed the current Christopher Columbus Day holiday.

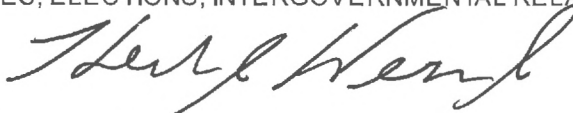
A representative of the HCIDLA/HRC also addressed the Committee and provided an overview of the HCIDLA/HRC report, and responded to related questions. The representative reported that the HRC conducted outreach on the issue to both the Indigenous peoples and Italian American populations in the form of community meetings, one-on-one conversations, and surveys. Members of both populations expressed support for an Indigenous Peoples Day holiday, however Italian Americans felt it should not replace the Columbus Day holiday. Based on the outreach, the HCIDLA/HRC, as one its recommendations, proposed the establishment of an Indigenous Peoples Day holiday on the second Monday of the month as a replacement for the Columbus Day holiday.

During further discussion on the matter, representatives of the Knights of Columbus and of the Federated Italo Americans were invited by the Committee Chair to address the Committee. The representatives sought to dispel the misconceptions surrounding Christopher Columbus and also spoke about the contributions he has made. They stated their support for an Indigenous Peoples Day holiday but expressed concern about it replacing the Columbus Day Holiday.

The Committee Chair then proposed recommendations to: establish and codify an Indigenous Peoples Day holiday in the City on the second Monday in October, request the LAUSD Board to also recognize such a holiday, designate October 12th as Italian American Heritage Day in the City, and request the CAO to report on the creation of an additional holiday to recognize and celebrate the diverse cultures within the City. After extensive public comment and after consideration, the Committee approved the recommendations proposed by the Committee Chair (which were subsequently reviewed and clarified by the CLA and City Attorney as detailed in the Recommendations for Council action above). This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

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