



**ERIC GARCETTI**  
**MAYOR**

September 24, 2021

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Ms. Chrissie Castro to the Native American Indian Commission for the term ending June 30, 2025. Ms. Castro's current term expires on October 7, 2021.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Castro is qualified for the work that will devolve upon her, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Chrissie Castro  
**Commission:** Native American Indian Commission  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2025

### Appointee Information

- 1. Race/ethnicity:** American Indian
- 2. Gender:** Female
- 3. Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 1 - East Los Angeles
- 4. Are you a registered voter?** Yes
- 5. Prior commission experience:**
- 6. Highest level of education completed:** M.A., University of California, Los Angeles
- 7. Occupation/profession:** Consultant, President and CEO, Chrissie M. Castro & Associates, Inc.
- 8. Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
- 9. Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
- 10. Current composition of the commission:**

Name	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term ends
Castro, Chrissie M.	East LA	4	Native American Indian	F	07-Oct-21
Murphy, Randall	South Valley	4	Native American Indian	M	07-Oct-20
Garcia, Andrea	East LA	14	Native American Indian	F	07-Oct-21
Quintana, Joseph	Central	1	Native American Indian	M	07-Oct-21
Villasenor, Mark	North Valley	7	Native American Indian	M	07-Oct-23



Chrissie Castro (Navajo and Chicana) is a citizen of the Navajo Nation, and a social justice consultant working on equity for all peoples, including supporting the leadership, self-determination and political power of American Indian/Alaska Native communities.

She is the Chairperson of the Los Angeles City-County Native American Indian Commission, which promotes the development of programs and funding resources to serve urban American Indians and American Indian organizations. In that role, she co-led the change to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day in the city and county of Los Angeles, co-led the removal of the Columbus Statue in Grand Park, and is co-leading efforts to Indigenize public spaces in Los Angeles.

She is the Network Weaver of the Native Voice Network, a national network of more than 40 Native-led organizations that mobilize through Indigenous cultural values. She has co-launched two organizations to address the underlying roots of underrepresentation of Native Americans in the political landscape and build Native community and political power – in her home state, the California Native Vote Project and nationally, Advance Native Political Leadership. She also co-founded Indigenous Women Rise, which organized the Indigenous women’s contingent of 1,000 Indigenous Women at the Women’s March in DC in January 2017.

Chrissie has more than 15 years of senior management experience in the nonprofit sector, and has been consulting for the past 13 years. She has substantive expertise in community organizing, community building, and strategic planning in the fields of violence prevention, economic development, child welfare, mental health, youth development, and with Native American/Alaskan Native populations. Throughout her career, Chrissie has been a strong advocate in promoting justice and equity both within and outside of the nonprofit sector.

She has served as a senior consultant for the Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP), a national organization that helps states, cities and neighborhoods improve results for all children, youth and families. On behalf of CSSP, she managed early childhood education initiatives, place-based initiatives and child welfare reform efforts with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, First 5 Los Angeles, and the Western and Pacific Child Welfare Implementation Center. She also led a national Tribal Early Childhood Peer Learning Community, on behalf of CSSP and the National Center on Parent, Family and Community Engagement, and served as a member of the Strengthening Families national team.

Chrissie received her International Coach Federation certification in 2016, and has led “Coaching for Equity and Transformation in New Mexico,” for the past five years, a program to increase the capacity of Black, Indigenous and People of Color leaders through the development of coaching skills designed to advance race equity and healing in New Mexico. She is passionate about using coaching as a means of personal, community and systemic transformation.

Chrissie is also a member of the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Results Counts Faculty, which supports professionals in nonprofits, philanthropy and public systems make positive, measurable change for children and families through a number of frameworks, including Results-Based Accountability and Facilitation; Group Dynamic Theory; Theory of Aligned Contributions; Adaptive Leadership, and more. She is on faculty of Rockwood Leadership Institute (RLI), an organization that has trained more than 7,000 social justice leaders throughout the country, and is currently designing an Indigenous-based version of RLI curriculum for NDN Collective's Changemaker Fellowship.

Chrissie serves as an advisor to the Emergent Fund, a rapid response grant fund hosted by Solidaire Network, Women Donors Network, Threshold Foundation and Democracy Alliance. She is an advisor to the Groundswell Fund, which supports a stronger, more effective U.S. movement for reproductive justice by mobilizing new funding and capacity building resources to grassroots organizing and policy change efforts led by low income women, women of color and transgender people. She is also a board member of Groundswell Action Fund, a c4 fund that supports women and transgender-led BIPOC leaders to build political power to transform culture, hold elected officials accountable, and win concrete policy changes.

She was born and raised in traditional unceded territory of the Tongva people, is a lifelong resident of Northeast Los Angeles, and is the oldest of eight siblings.



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Dear Ms. Castro:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Native American Indian Commission for the term ending June 30, 2025. In order to complete the process as quickly as possible, there are several steps that must be taken, many of which require visiting City Hall. If you require parking during these procedures, please call Thomas Arechiga in my Office at (213) 978-1528 to make arrangements for you.

To begin the reappointment process, please review, sign and return the enclosed Remuneration Form, Undated Separation Forms, and Background Check Release **within one week** of receiving this letter. These documents are necessary to ensuring the most efficient, open and accountable City government possible.

As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Gilbert Cedillo, your Councilmember, and Councilmember John Lee, the Chair of the Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods Committee. Sometime thereafter, you will be notified by the committee clerk when your reappointment will be presented to the full City Council for confirmation. Once you are confirmed, you will be required to take the oath of office in the City Clerk's Office in Room 395 of City Hall. Thomas Arechiga will assist you during the confirmation process if you have questions.

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If you move at any point during your term, have any changes in your telephone numbers, or in the future plan to resign (resignation must be put in writing), please contact my office immediately.

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

Sincerely,

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Attachment I  
Ms. Chrissie Castro  
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### **Nominee Check List**

#### **I. Within seven days:**

Mail or email the following forms to: Commissions Team, Office of the Mayor, City Hall – Room 303, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or email: [myr-commissions@lacity.org](mailto:myr-commissions@lacity.org).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Remuneration Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Undated Separation Forms**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Background Check Release**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Commissioner Information Sheet/Voluntary Statistics**

#### **II. As soon as possible, the Mayor's Office will schedule a meeting with you and:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Your City Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Councilmember John Lee, Chair of the Council Committee  
considering your nomination**

Staff in the Mayor's Office will assist you with these arrangements.