

## **PART 6: COMMISSION ON AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE AFFAIRS**

### **§ 2-6-6-1 INTENT.**

The City of Albuquerque acknowledges and affirms tribal sovereignty and self-determination for tribal governments. It is the purpose of §§ 2-6-6-1 et seq., to recognize and formalize the government-to-government relationship between the City of Albuquerque and its adjacent tribal communities and to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry through the creation of a Commission on American Indian and Alaska Native Affairs. The Commission serves as the forum for government-to-government relations and as an advocate for American Indian/Alaska Native affairs within the City of Albuquerque and the surrounding area, including, but not limited to, matters of employment, education, economy, health, environment, homelessness, government, and access to services in the City.

(Ord. 20-1995; Am. [Ord. 2019-004](#))

### **§ 2-6-6-2 CREATION.**

There is hereby created the "Commission on American Indian and Alaska Native Affairs" of the City, consisting of members as set forth below. Except as provided in §§ 2-6-6-1 et seq., the qualifications, appointment and conduct of the members of the Commission and the organizational structure of the Commission shall be governed by §§ 2-6-1-1, et seq. ROA 1994.

(Ord. 20-1995; Am. [Ord. 2019-004](#))

### **§ 2-6-6-3 TERMS AND APPOINTMENT.**

The Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint nine members of the Commission. The Mayor shall endeavor to appoint one member representing each of the following sectors of the City: education, health, workforce/employment, environment, government and culture. The remaining three positions shall be at-large positions, if a representative from a sector cannot be identified, then a member shall be appointed from the broadest base of the community at large.

The Commission may create advisory sub-committees from the community to provide input to the Commission to ensure that their issues are being addressed.

Recognizing the sovereignty and self-determination of the adjacent tribal nations, the Commission shall also include one member from each of the following: Sandia Pueblo, Isleta Pueblo, Santa Ana Pueblo, Laguna Pueblo, the To'hajilee chapter of the Navajo Nation, and the All Pueblo Council of Governors, each of whom shall be chosen by the Pueblo, Chapter, or Council and not subject to appointment by the Mayor or the advice and consent of Council. The Mayor may choose to have any one or more of the tribally-selected members serve in a dual role as one of the Mayor's nine appointments.

The term of office of each member of the Commission shall be three years from the date of appointment.

The Commission will interact, collaborate, and engage with the City Native American Liaison on a continuous basis to ensure American Indian/Alaska Native concerns, challenges, and resolutions are being advocated and implemented.

(Ord. 20-1995; Am. [Ord. 2019-004](#))

### **§ 2-6-6-4 POWERS AND DUTIES.**

The Board shall:

- (A) Consult with tribal governments prior to taking actions that affect federally recognized tribal governments and shall assess the impact of City programs on tribal communities.
  - (B) Take appropriate steps to remove impediments to working directly and effectively with tribal governments.
  - (C) Bring American Indian/Alaska Native concerns to the City's attention by educating the City on the challenges, concerns, and resolutions of American Indian/Alaska Native citizens of Albuquerque; and by evaluating the social, economic, environmental, health, educational, and governmental challenges affecting American Indian/Alaska Native peoples.
  - (D) Encourage employment opportunities of Indians in the City's public and private sectors.
  - (E) Work with the American Indian/Alaska Native community to increase awareness of and access to services and programs in the City of Albuquerque; and advise the Mayor regarding the number of American Indian/Alaska Native citizens accessing City services.
  - (F) Support economic development for Indian entrepreneurs.
  - (G) Make recommendations to the Mayor for placement of American Indian/Alaska Natives on City boards, committees, and commissions.
  - (H) Provide an opportunity for the presentation and exchange of ideas in respect to American Indian/Alaska Native affairs of the City by all interested persons.
  - (I) Submit annually a written report of its activities and an evaluation of the effectiveness of §§ 2-6-6-1 et seq. to the Mayor and the City Council with recommendations for changes.
- (Ord. 20-1995; Am. [Ord. 2019-004](#))