

# CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Office of the Mayor


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Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

## INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

November 13, 2023

**TO:** Pat Davis, President, City Council

**FROM:** Timothy M. Keller, Mayor 

**SUBJECT:** Mayor's appointment of Ms. Chas L. Tso to the Commission on American Indian and Alaska Native Affairs

I am submitting for your advice and consent the following name for appointment to the Commission on American Indian and Alaska Native Affairs in accordance with the City Albuquerque Ordinance 2-6-6-1.

**APPOINTEE NAME**

Ms. Chas L. Tso  
Albuquerque, NM 87112

**TERM**

October 1, 2026

Yá'át'ééh! I'm Chas Laila Tso, an Indigenous Trans Woman from the Diné (Navajo) Tribe. My pronouns are She/Her/Hers, and I belong to the Towering House People and Bitter Water People clans. With roots in the Salt People and Sage Brush Hill People clans, I'm deeply connected to my heritage.

As a dedicated advocate in the Trans Native community, I focus on housing initiatives for unsheltered Native individuals and strive for policy changes to enhance fairness within the Native community. Professionally, I've undergone extensive training to effectively support Native families in need, particularly in Albuquerque, where there's a pressing need for policy reform.

As board chair for the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and the Human Rights Committee (DDW), I actively advocate for inclusivity and support the transgender community and individuals with intellectual disabilities.


A resident of District 8, Ms. Chas L. Tso will be appointed on the Commission and serve as the at large representative replacing Ms. Kim Benally whose term has expired; her first term will expire on October 1, 2026.

**The remaining members are:**

	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term</b>
1.	All Pueblo Council of Governors	Vacant	
2.	At Large	Ms. Kim Benally	10/01/2023
3.	At Large	Mr. Kyle Tapaha	10/01/2025
4.	At Large	Ms. Kim Gleason	10/01/2022
5.	Culture Representative	Mr. Lorenzo R. Jim	10/01/2023
6.	Education Representative	Vacant	
7.	Environmental Representative	Ms. Marissa Naranjo	10/01/2024
8.	Government Representative	Vacant	
9.	Health Representative	Vacant	
10.	Isleta Pueblo	Mr. Ron Looking Elk	At Pleasure
11.	Laguna Pueblo	Ms. Thelma Antonio	At Pleasure
12.	Sandia Pueblo	Vacant	
13.	Santa Ana Pueblo	Vacant	
14.	To'hajiilee Chapter	Ms. Jaqueline Platero	At Pleasure
15.	Workforce/Employment Representative	Ms. Raven J. Begay	10/01/2025

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Samantha Sengel, Chief Administrative Officer

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Date