

**Systemwide NAGPRA Implementation & Oversight Committee  
Nominations Cover Sheet**

**Committee Type:**     Both     Systemwide Committee       Campus Committee

**Nominee Name:**

Preferred Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Alt. Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Position Sought:**    Tribal Nominee    CSU Nominee

Alt. Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation**

Name of Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

- Federally Recognized Tribe       CA Indian Tribe  
 CSU Administrator       CSU Faculty    Staff     NAGPRA Coordinator

**Tribal Members (Check all that apply):**

- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer work  
 Repatriation of human remains and cultural items pursuant to CalNAGPRA/ NAGPRA  
 Cultural resources protection under Tribal, state, and federal law  
 Consultation with state and federal entities and agencies  
 An Elder, Spiritual Leader  
 A minimum of five years' experience

**CSU Staff/Faculty Members (Check all that apply):**

- Archaeology       Anthropology       Environmental Studies  
 Ethnic Studies       History (with a focus in California)       Law  
 Native American Studies       Social Science       Sociology  
 A minimum of five years' experience working in field of study

**Circle One: Complete Application (Includes Attachments)**

- Short Bio, A Resume or CV  
 Tribal Resolution (as applicable)  
 Three References

**Incomplete Applications**

- Missing Attachments  
 Needs Follow Up Call  
 Other Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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CSU or NAHC Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
CSU or NAHC Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### COMMITTEE(S) SOUGHT

Please indicate the Committee(s) to which the nominee is seeking appointment. If nominating for a campus committee(s), list the campus(es) where the nominee is interested in serving, in order of preference. Check all that apply. If a nominee selects both the CSU Systemwide Committee and Campus Committee, their application will be considered for both Committees and they may be appointed to either, however at this time Committee members will only serve on one Committee at a time, unless the pool of candidates does not allow.

CSU Systemwide Committee (*if only Systemwide please skip to Nominator Information below*)

Campus Committee (*please fill out Section A below*)

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A. If the Nominee would like to serve on a Campus Committee, please fill out the following additional information.

Campus Committee (*Preferred Campus*): San Diego State University

Alternative campus(es) Nominee will consider (*candidates are encouraged to complete this section, if possible*):

- 1) UC Berkeley
- 2) UC Davis
- 3) UC San Diego

**SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

**Nominator Information (if applicable)**

Name: Jamie LaBrake Title: Sycuan Tribal Councilman

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Sycuan Band of The Kumeyaay Nation

Email: jlabrake@sycuan-nsn.gov Phone: 619-971-1164

**Nominee Information**

Name: Bernice Paipa Title: Sycuan Cultural Resource Specialist

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel

Email: bpaipa2@sycuan-nsn.gov Phone: 619-312-7222

Position Sought:       Tribal Nominee       CSU Nominee

Please attach:

- (i) A short biography and, if desired, a resume or CV;
- (ii) A tribal resolution or letter of support from Tribe (if applicable), and
- (iii) A list of at least three references, with name, telephone number, and email addresses for each.

Submit completed nomination materials to [nagpra@calstate.edu](mailto:nagpra@calstate.edu) by November 27, 2023. *Extended to 12/5/23*

Incomplete materials will not be considered.



November 29, 2023

**Cody J. Martinez**  
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*Council Member*

**Willie Tucker, Jr.**  
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Dr. Mildred Garcia, Chancellor  
California State University  
Office of the Chancellor  
401 Golden Shore  
Long Beach, California 90802-4210

**RE: Nomination for California State University Systemwide/Campus Native American Graves and Repatriation Act Committees**

Dear Chancellor Garcia;

On behalf of the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, I am nominating Sycuan Cultural Resource Specialist, **Bernice Paipa**, to the California State University Systemwide and Campus NAGPRA Committees as a Tribal Member of the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel.

Her 25 plus years of experience working with the Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee and former Chairwoman of the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel qualifies her to sit in this capacity to work as a CSU Systemwide and/or Campus Tribal Committee Member.

If you require more information or wish to speak to me regarding this matter, I can be contacted at [jlabrake@sycuan-nsn.gov](mailto:jlabrake@sycuan-nsn.gov) or 619-971-1164.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jamie LaBrake".

Jamie LaBrake  
Tribal Councilman

I am Bernice Paipa, a Tribal Citizen of Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel. As former Tribal Chairwoman I worked with a 6-member Tribal Council to secure 400 plus acres of traditional homelands of the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel. We worked on developing the first Human Resource, Finance, and Tribal Police Departments on the reservations all during the Pandemic of 2020 – 2022. As secretary of the Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee for the last 25 years, I have worked with the board to repatriate over 30 Kumeyaay Collections that included ancestors and their property under the Native American Graves and Repatriation Act. Today I continue to consult as Sycuan Cultural Resource Specialist under NAGPRA/Cal NAGPRA to repatriate Kumeyaay Ancestors and their property.



References for Bernice Paipa:

- 1.) Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel  
Chairman Kevin Osuna  
[Kosuna@iipaynation-nsn.gov](mailto:Kosuna@iipaynation-nsn.gov)  
760-803-8340
- 2.) Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee  
Spokesman Steve Banegas  
[Sbanegas50@gmail.com](mailto:Sbanegas50@gmail.com)  
619-742-5587
- 3.) Southern California Inter-Tribal Court  
Devon Lomayesva, Chief Judge  
[dlomayesva@intertribalcourt.org](mailto:dlomayesva@intertribalcourt.org)  
619-920-3154