

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

Committee Type: Both Systemwide Committee Campus Committee

Nominee Name:

Preferred Campus: _____

Alt. Campus: _____

Alt. Campus: _____

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/Letter (as applicable)
 Three References

Incomplete Applications

- Missing Attachments
 Needs Follow Up Call
 Other Explanation: _____

CSU or NAHC Reviewer _____
CSU or NAHC Reviewer _____

Date: _____
Date: _____

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT
IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

NOMINATION FORM

The California State University (CSU) is committed to fully implementing the spirit as well as the legal requirements of both the Federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and the California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (CalNAGPRA), which were enacted to acknowledge the fundamental human right of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians to their ancestral Human Remains and Cultural Items.

The CSU seeks nominees for the Systemwide and Campus NAGPRA Committees. The purpose of the committees is to provide oversight and guidance for the development and implementation of Systemwide and Campus CalNAGPRA and federal NAGPRA compliance, which includes NAGPRA policy development. The CSU is referencing the requirements as outlined in Assembly Bill 389 Section 8028.7 and Section 8028.71 to guide the committee selection and policy development processes.

If you are interested in serving or nominating a candidate please review the criteria below, complete the following application materials, and submit completed materials with 1) Attach a short biography or resume demonstrating that the nominee meets the criteria below; 2) Attach a letter of support from Tribe, Tribal resolution or a letter of interest with this form; and 3) Attach a list of at least three references, with name, telephone number, and email address for each.

Committee Term: 3-year renewable staggering term

Tribal Nominees: Support letters or Tribal resolutions for Tribal nominees should be from Tribal governments, Tribal community organizations or Institutional leadership organizations, include the strengths of the candidate, as well as any information that might be relevant.

CSU Nominees: Support letters or resume for CSU nominees should include professional experience demonstrating the ability to work in collaboration with Native American Tribes successfully on issues related to repatriation or museum collection management.

Please note, the CSU will keep completed application on file for committee positions that may become available in the future.

Deadline: Nomination materials must be submitted to nagpra@calstate.edu by **December 5, 2023**

QUALIFICATIONS

Tribal Nominees

A voting member of a California Indian tribe shall be an elder, spiritual leader, tribal leader, or tribal member, as designated by the governing body of the individual's tribe, with a minimum of five years' prior experience in any of the following:

- Repatriation of human remains and cultural items pursuant to federal NAGPRA;
- Cultural resources protection under Tribal, state, and federal law; or
- Consultation with state and federal entities and agencies.

Preference shall be given to members of a California Indian Tribe. If no members of a California Indian Tribe meeting the qualifications of 8028.71 subdivision (c) paragraph (1) are available, members of other Tribes may serve.

CSU Nominees

CSU Nominees must be affiliated with or employed by the California State University and have the following:

- A graduate degree in any of the following: Archaeology, Anthropology, Native American Studies, Ethnic Studies, Law, Sociology, Social Sciences, Environmental Studies, or History, with a focus in California
 - If there are no candidates satisfying this clause, candidates that have degrees and direct professional experience in fields relevant to repatriation or tribal cultural resources matters shall be deemed to meet the requirements of the clause; and
- A minimum of five years' experience working in his or her field of study.

Preference shall be given to members who have demonstrated, through their professional experience, the ability to work in collaboration with Native American tribes successfully on issues related to repatriation or museum collection management.

In the event that candidates from the California State University are not available or do not meet the above criteria, the California State University representative positions may be filled by retired emeriti of the California State University who meet the above criteria.

Note: At least two CSU nominees to the Systemwide one CSU nominee to the Campus Committee(s) must be affiliated with an American Indian or Native American Studies program

You are encouraged to submit a nomination/self-nomination if the nominee meets a majority of the requirements, even if you are unsure as to whether they meet a specific requirement.

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*)



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

Campus Committee (*Preferred Campus*): California State University, Long Beach

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

1) California State University, Dominguez Hills

2) California State University, Fullerton

3) California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Nominator Information (if applicable)

Name: Sandonne Goad Title: Tribal Council Chairwoman

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Gabrielino/Tongva Nation

Email: sgoad@gabrielino-tongva.com Phone: 951-807-0479

Nominee Information

Name: Valkyrie Houston Title: Tribal Citizen/Member

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Gabrielino/Tongva Nation

Email: Valkyrie@PNACRM.com Phone: 971-276-9779

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 by **December 5, 2023**.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.

Supporting Documents

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Attachment 4

Resume and References
Letters of Reference
Tribal Council Resolution
Letter Certifying Enrollment

Attachment 1

Valkyrie Houston
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Valkyrie@PNACRM.com
(971) 276-9779

Tribal Affiliation: Gabrielino
Tribal Enrollment: Gabrielino/Tongva Nation
Tribal Council Chairwoman: Sandonne Goad
sgoad@gabrielino-tongva.com

Biographical Information

I am an enrolled member of the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation and been actively involved in the protection and preservation of our sacred sites and cultural resources for over twenty-five years. I was born in Indio and spent my life between Riverside County and New Mexico. I am mother of two sons and one grandson, who are also members of our tribe. My sons are very involved in the community in the protection of our ancestors and their sacred resources.

My life education consists of learning from my elders, my family and our tribal communities. I was inspired by the words of my grandfather and his instructions on how to honor and care for the land, animals and our ancestors.

I carry this knowledge with me throughout my daily life and it is my motivation, inspiration, and spiritual guidance. Like so many California Indians, I have encountered some very difficult situations and this is when my grandfather's instruction and the support of my tribal community is essential.

I am grateful for all the support I have had and hope to continue to serve the community and the ancestors. It is my way of giving back.

Experience

Tribal Council

2012 to Present. Tribal Member Gabrielino/Tongva Nation.

1998-2011. Tribal Council Member, Gabrielino Band of Mission Indians.

1995 to 2011. Tribal Council Secretary /Grant Writer assisted in the preparation of documents for Federal Recognition Tribal History. Petitioned Congress and Senators for aid in the recognition process. Researched in the Library of Congress for Tribal Documentation and History. Advocated at federal level for the tribe in soliciting for medical services with IHS

Repatriation

2017 - 2018. Assisted in Reburial of ancestor from LAUSD/Kuruvungna Springs/University High School. Santa Monica, Ca.

2016. Assisted in the UCLA- Stunt Ranch, Repatriation & Reburial of over 2600 Ancestors and AFO.

2014-2016. Assisted in the CSULB Repatriation & Reburial of 120 Puvungna Ancestors and AFO.

NAGPRA Meetings and Seminars

May 2023. Pala Casino. THPO/ SHPO Summit. Pala Ca.

October 2022. Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums Conference. Pechanga Indian Reservation, Temecula, Ca.

June 2022. United Auburn Indian Community. CalNAGPRA Webinar.

CalNAGPRA/NAGPRA

2023. California State University Dominguez Hills. AB275/AB389 Repatriation Triage Inventory of Ancestral Remains/AFO.

2021 - 2023. California State University Long Beach. AB275/AB389 CalNAGPRA/NAGPRA Repatriation Inventory projects.

2021. Phase 1. Box Level Inventory for (HR) Ancestral Remains. Rehousing of badly damaged boxes.

2022. Phase 2. Review of faunal material for (HR) Ancestral Remains.

2023. Phase 3. Research and establish Provenience of all CalNAGPRA/NAGPRA Collections.

Cultural Resource Management (CRM)

2019 to Present. CalTrans Orange County 405 Freeway Expansion Project Caltrans. Westminster, Ca.

2017 - Present. California State University Long Beach. Provided archaeological & Native American Monitoring. Long Beach, Ca.

2017 – 2018. Villa Borba Chino Hills Phase I and II. Native American Monitor. Chino Hills, Ca.
2017. Google Playa Vista Hanger 15 Renovations. Native American Monitor. Playa Vista, Ca.
2016 - 2017. Shea Homes Bolsa Chica. Native American Monitor. Seal Beach, Ca.
2015. Veterans Hospital Long Beach. Native American Monitor. Long Beach, Ca.
2014 - Present. Sole Proprietor PNACRM (Professional Native American Cultural Resource Monitors).
Temecula, Ca.

References

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Attachment 2

December 2, 2023

The California State University Office of the Chancellor
Chancellor Mildred Garcia, Ed. D
401 Golden Shore
Long Beach, CA 90802-4210

Dear Chancellor Garcia,

Please accept this letter as a recommendation for inclusion of Valkyrie Houston on the CSU NAGPRA Committee. I have worked alongside Valkyrie for the last 7 years in Southern California in many projects including cultural resource management and most recently, an extensive and multifaceted repatriation project at CSU Long Beach. Our long-standing collaboration have afforded me extensive opportunities to fully appreciate her multi-faceted approach to complex cultural issues as she strives to represent and protect the cultural heritage of her tribe as well as the interests of other tribes. I cannot possibly enumerate all of Valkyrie's skills, but our most recent collaboration involved long-neglected cultural collections with little documentation, improper curation and no clear path to tribal consultation or repatriation. It was her systematic approach to the collections themselves, her attention to detail and extensive documentation that brought order to 85 years of chaos. The project is currently awaiting administration approval before the next phase can be started, but thanks to Valkyrie – the ancestors held at CSULB are much closer to being returned to their people.

It is my sincere belief that the NAGPRA Committee would benefit tremendously from Valkyrie's commitment to the rights of all Indigenous people groups. The experience she garnered from working with a varied collection like the one housed at CSULB has given her an intimate understanding of how collections have historically been treated, the current federal and state requirements that dictate how collections are to be treated now and is committed to a clear path to repatriation for ancestral remains, sacred objects and cultural objects for all tribes. As a colleague and a friend, I am honored to work alongside her as she strives tirelessly to return ancestral remains and cultural items to the tribe.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require further information.

Warmest regards,

Dawn Fulkerson

Dawn Fulkerson, M.A., Historical Archaeology

RPA 17311

3 December 2023

The California State University
Office of the Chancellor
Chancellor Mildred Garcia, Ed.D
401 Golden Shore
Long Beach, CA 90802-4210

Chancellor Garcia.

I am writing to you concerning the nomination of Valkyrie Houston for a position on the CSU NAGPRA committees to provide oversight and guidance during the development and implementation of NAGPRA compliance, as outlined in Assembly Bill 389 Section 8028.1.

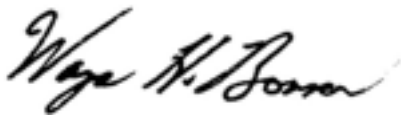
I have known Valkyrie on a professional level for the past several years in association with identification and archiving of the archaeological collections maintained by the Anthropology Department of CSU Long Beach. During that time, she always maintained a professional attitude towards the academic staff, the Native American community, and consulting professionals.

Valkyrie handled the collections with the utmost respect and professionalism, and went beyond what was required by law to help to identify and care for the remains in preparation for their return to their respective Native American groups.

She has set a great example to others who are working on their respective NAGPRA projects, and would be a great asset to the NAGPRA committees.

Should you have any questions regarding my experience working with Valkyrie, do not hesitate to contact me at the addresses listed below.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne H. Bonner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'W'.

Wayne H. Bonner, M.A. Register of Professional Archaeologists

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Karimah Richardson
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December 1, 2023

The California State University
Office of the Chancellor, Chancellor Garcia, Ed.D.
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Long Beach, CA 90802-4210

Dear Chancellor Mildred Garcia:

My name is Karimah Richardson, a curator of the Autry Museum of the American West. Additionally, I am consultant for tribes and institutions/organizations in osteology, archaeology, and the Native American Graves and Protection Act (NAGPRA). It is in these responsibilities that I have worked and collaborated with Valkyrie Houston. I have worked with Ms. Houston for several years and have seen her professionalism and dedication to the field of archaeology, cultural monitoring and NAGPRA.

I have always been impressed with the passion, energy and focus that Ms. Houston brings to her work. She is a thorough researcher who commits to following a lead to its end. She takes initiative both in the field and in a laboratory, making sure the recovery of ancestral remains or analysis of ancestral remains is performed respectfully and conscientiously. She is an assertive leader that works well independently and with a team.

I have had the privilege to watch Ms. Houston in action in the field, holding the archaeologist responsible for the proper recovery of ancestral remains and objects at University High School in Los Angeles. Additionally, I was fortunate enough to be part of the NAGPRA Inventory team at CSULB that Ms. Houston was one of the leaders. I got to observe her leadership skills as she worked hard to collaborate with the team, and a dedicated CSULB NAGPRA staff to keep a large multilayered project running efficiently.

I am happy to write a letter of recommendation for Valkyrie Houston to represent her community on a NAGPRA committee. She will be honest, committed and dedicated to that role as I have seen her do in others.

Karimah Kennedy Richardson
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*Karimah Kennedy Richardson, M.Phil, RPA
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Curator, Anthropologist, Archaeologist, Osteologist
Autry Museum of the American West/Southwest Museum Collection, krichardson@theautry.org*

Attachment 3



Gabrielino/Tongva Nation

A California Tribal Sovereign

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www.gabrielino-tongva.com

Resolution Number: 120323-006

Date: December 3, 2023

Tribal Council Members:

Sandonne Goad
Tribal Council Chairwoman

Adam Loya
Tribal Council Vice Chairman

Ed White
Tribal Council Secretary

Joey Aguirre
Tribal Council Member

John Cody Blunt
Tribal Council Member

Reuben Dominguez, II
Tribal Council Member

Regina Murillo
Tribal Council Member

Patricia Neminski
Tribal Council Member

Sen. Richard G. Polanco (Ret.)
CEO

Austin Tighe
General Counsel

Whereas; The Gabrielino/Tongva Nation ratified The Constitution of the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation on February 17, 2007 and amended the same on February 22, 2020; **and**

Whereas; The Constitution is the Supreme Law of the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation; **and**

Whereas; Article IV of the Constitution calls for the Peo'tskome (Tribal Council), the elected governing council of the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation, to pass and enact a law for the requirements to run for election and serve as a member of the Peo'tskome; **and**

Whereas; The Gabrielino/Tongva Nation Election Act of 2007 was enacted and revised ten separate instances under the guidance and the power vested in the Peo'tskome pursuant to the Constitution of the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation; **and**

Whereas; The Gabrielino/Tongva Nation Peo'tskome are duly elected through the laws governing the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation; **and**

Whereas; Article V, Section 2F of the Constitution gives the Peo'tskome the power to negotiate or enter into Treaties, Compacts, Contracts, or other Agreements with other governments or other parties on behalf of the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation; **and**

Whereas; Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution gives the Peo'tskome any right or power, heretofore, vested in the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation, but not expressly referred to in the Constitution, shall not be abridged; **and**

Whereas; Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution calls for the Peo'tskome to pass a law creating a Department of Citizenship; **and**

Whereas; The Peo'tskome enacted the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation Citizenship Act of 2009 and amended the same on February 15, 2015; **and**

Whereas; The Department of Citizenship has been processing and enrolling the people with Gabrielino Tongva heritage that choose to enroll with the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation; **and**

Whereas; Valkyrie Houston has applied for and met the criteria for enrollment; **and**

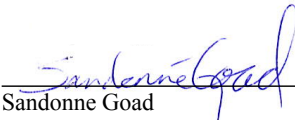
Whereas; The Department of Citizenship after reviewing the documents supporting the claims of Valkyrie Houston, approved and made her a citizen of the Tribe; **and**

Whereas; The Tribal Council Chairwoman has spoken to Valkyrie Houston and reviewed her qualifications to be nominated for the Cal State University Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Implementation and Oversight Committee; **and**

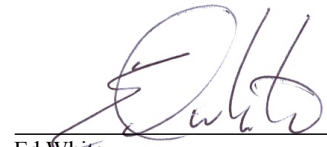
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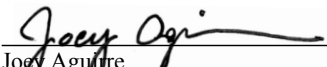
Whereas; Valkyrie Houston has agreed to a commitment of three years if she is appointed through the Cal State University and NAHC appointment process; **now, therefore, be it**

Resolved; The Peo'tskome hereby nominates Valkyrie Houston to the Cal State University Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Implementation and Oversight Committee.

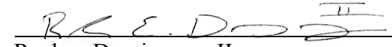

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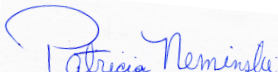

Ed White
Tribal Council Secretary


Joey Aguirre
Tribal Councilman


Cody Blunt
Tribal Councilman


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Regina Murillo
Tribal Councilwoman


Patricia Neminski
Tribal Council Member

Vacant Seat
Tribal Council Member

Attachment 4



Gabrielino/Tongva Nation

CITIZENSHIP DEPARTMENT

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December 3, 2023

Citizenship Department:

Dianne Blunt
Citizenship Board Secretary
Enrollment Officer

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Ernest Nunez, Jr.
Citizenship Board Member

Lucille Nunez
Citizenship Board Member

Sherry Wilson
Citizenship Board Member

The California State University Office of the Chancellor
Chancellor Mildred Garcia, Ed. D
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RE: Certification of Citizenship - Valkyrie Houston

Dear Chancellor Garcia,

This letter certifies that Valkyrie Houston has satisfied the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation requirements for citizenship under the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation Constitution and the Citizenship Act of 2009, revised in 2015.

She is a citizen of the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation. Her tribal enrollment number is 4-009-318-019.

The Gabrielino/Tongva Nation is the indigenous tribe of the Los Angeles Basin.

If you have any questions please text me at 951-390-1796 and I will get back to you.

Respectfully,

Dianne Blunt
Enrollment Officer
Citizenship Board Secretary
Gabrielino/Tongva Nation

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