

**John Cody Blunt**

**Non-Federally Recognized Tribal Member, Gabrieliño/Tongva Nation**

**Preference:** Northridge

**Qualified:**

Mr. Blunt has served as a Tribal Monitor since 1999 and has experience in consulting on repatriation matters with CSU Long Beach.

**Tribal Council Resolution Provided**

**References Contacted:**

Sam Dunlap (Gabrielino-Tongva Nation), Shannon Smith, Cassidy Smith, and Pamela Gutierrez recommend the candidate.

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

**Position Sought:**    Tribal Nominee    CSU Nominee

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

CSU or NAHC Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

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

CSU or NAHC Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**NOMINATION FORM**

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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](mailto: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*)

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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*): California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

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

- 1) California State University, Northridge
- 2) California State University, Dominguez Hills
- 3) California State University, San Bernardino

## 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: John Cody Blunt Title: Tribal Council Member

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Gabrielino/Tongva Nation

Email: jclblunt@gabrielino-tongva.com Phone: 951-809-6821

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 **December 5, 2023**.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.



## **Supporting Documents**

Attachment 1  
Attachment 2  
Attachment 3

Resume and References  
Tribal Council Resolution  
Letter Certifying Enrollment



## **Attachment 1**

**John Blunt**

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Riverside CA 92507  
jcblunt@gabrielino-tongva.com  
951-809-6821

Tribal Affiliation: Gabrielino  
Tribal Enrollment: Gabrielino/Tongva Nation  
Tribal Council Chairwoman Sandonne Goad  
[sgoad@gabrielino-tongva.com](mailto:sgoad@gabrielino-tongva.com)

**Biographical Information**

I am an enrolled member of the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation. I was elected to Tribal Council and started my first term in January 2022. I am currently involved in the protection of our ancestral lands, sacred sites, and cultural resources. I work in our communities as a Cultural Resource Monitor for our Tribe.

As caretakers of our ancestral lands, we have the responsibility to preserve and protect as much of our history as we can. As Cultural Resource Monitors, we have to protect, preserve, and collect any artifacts or ancestral remains. As ambassadors for our tribe, cultural resource monitors are sometimes the only contact the surrounding communities have with Natives. As a representative of the Tribe, we have to be professional, and respectful of the community we are working with.

**Experience****Tribal Council**

2022- Present. Tribal Council Member for Gabrielino/Tongva Nation.  
2012-Present. Enrolled member of the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation.  
1995-2011. Enrolled member of the Gabrielino Band of Mission Indians.

**CalNAGPRA/NAGPRA Consulting and Cultural Resource Monitoring**

2022 - Present. CSU Long Beach. AB 275 CalNAGPRA/NAGPRA government to government consulting.  
2020 - Present. PNACRM (Professional Native American Cultural Resource Monitors). Completed 15 projects fulfilling Native American monitoring requirements pursuant to CEQA, AB 52, SB 18.  
1998-1999. Cultural Resource Monitoring and training on Morongo Indian Reservation.

**References**

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Pamela Gutierrez Supervisor I  
(626) 826-5757  
[pgutierrez@cogstone.com](mailto:pgutierrez@cogstone.com)

## **Attachment 2**



# Gabrielino/Tongva Nation

## A California Tribal Sovereign

106 1/2 Judge John Aiso St. #231, Los Angeles, CA 90012

[www.gabrielino-tongva.com](http://www.gabrielino-tongva.com)

**Resolution Number:** 120323-002

**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;** John Cody Blunt has applied for and met the criteria for enrollment; **and**

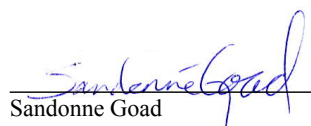
**Whereas;** The Department of Citizenship after reviewing the documents supporting the claims of John Cody Blunt, approved and made him a citizen of the Tribe; **and**

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

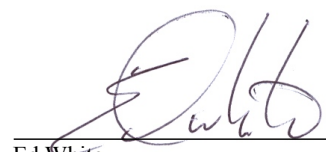
**"The Gabrielino/Tongva Nation for all Gabrielinos"**

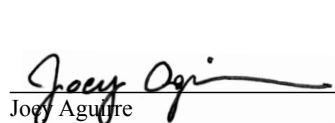
**Whereas;** John Cody Blunt has agreed to a commitment of three years if he is appointed through the Cal State University and NAHC appointment process; **now, therefore, be it**

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

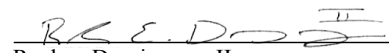
  
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Tribal Council Vice-Chairman

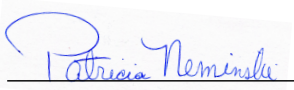
  
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Patricia Neminski  
Tribal Council Member

  
Vacant Seat  
Tribal Council Member

## **Attachment 3**



# Gabrielino/Tongva Nation

## CITIZENSHIP DEPARTMENT

106 1/2 Judge John Aiso St #155, Los Angeles CA 90012

[www.gabrielino-tongva.com](http://www.gabrielino-tongva.com)

December 3, 2023

**Citizenship Department:**

Dianne Blunt  
Citizenship Board Secretary  
Enrollment Officer

Daniel Aguirre, Sr.  
Citizenship Board Member

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  
401 Golden Shore  
Long Beach, CA 90802-4210

RE: Certification of Citizenship - John Cody Blunt

Dear Chancellor Garcia,

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

He is a citizen of the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation. His tribal enrollment number is 4-009-318-022.

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

**"The Gabrielino/Tongva Nation for all Gabrielinos"**

Public Comment, Joe Castillo, representing the Gabrielinos and true California history, public comment on CalNAGPRA committee nominations

Dear sirs,

I am providing public comment opposing the nomination of several candidates to the CalNAGPRA commission.

I am an independent historical researcher and have written five books on California history as well as author of a weekly column on various historical topics in California. I have also performed an extensive and detailed study and research on determining the origins of the Tongva tribe and name. Based on my 1,100-page research manuscript titled "The Evolution of the Tongva Tribal Name", the "Tongva" name was established in 1992 after being "chosen" by the Gabrielino Band of Mission Indians. My research indicates that the "Tongva" name was a self-chosen, self-identified and self-proclaimed tribal name with no ancestral, cultural, or historical association with the Gabrielinos. Over 161 source documents were examined supporting the lack of evidence that the "Tongva" are the native tribal name of the Gabrielinos. Furthermore, the study contacted members of the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation and the Gabrielino/Tongva Band of Mission Indians and all refused to comment on the origins of the "Tongva" tribal name.

As my review indicates the "Tongva" tribe to be an inaccurate, incorrect tribal of the Gabrielinos tribe with no ancestral, cultural, or historical support, then each tribe using the "Tongva" name should also be considered a questionable and dubious tribe with members who may also be questionable and dubious in their genealogical ancestral records. In 1994, the State of California also found no support for the "Tongva" name during the state recognition review process of the Gabrielino tribe and removed the "Tongva" name from the recognition application. Three other subsequent resolutions submitted to the State of California with the "Tongva" name never made it out of committee review.

As the following candidates are associated with "Tongva" named tribes or have been recommended by "Tongva" tribal members, I strongly oppose the nomination of these individuals as they will be compromising the integrity and ethics of the CalNAGPRA Commission and committees:

- CSU Dominquez Hills, Christina Connelly, Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California
- CSU Fresno, Cristina Gonzalez, CSU Native American Studies Member recommended by Desiree Martinez (Tongva)
- CSU Los Angeles, Adam Loya, Gabrielino/Tongva Nation
- CSU Long Beach, Kelley Leah Steward, Gabrielino/Tongva Nation
- CSU Northridge, John Cody Blunt, Gabrielino/Tongva Nation, recommended by Sam Dunlap (Gabrielino-Tongva Nation)
- CSU Channel Islands, Edgar Perez, Gabrielino/Tongva Nation, recommended by Nicholas Rosenthal and Samuel Dunlap (Gabrieliño/Tongva Nation)

My contact information is Joe Castillo, [joeacastillo@aol.com](mailto:joeacastillo@aol.com), PO Box 2326, San Gabriel, CA 91778.

Public Comment, Joe Castillo, representing the Gabrielinos and true California history, public comment on CalNAGPRA committee nominations

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



