

**Eleanor Fishburn**

**Non-Federally Recognized Tribal Representative, Barbareno Ventureno Band of Mission Indians - Barbareno Band of Chumash Indians**

**Campus Preference:** San Luis Obispo

**Qualified:**

Ms. Fishburn has extensive experience in tribal cultural resources protection and consultation with CSU Channel Islands. Ms. Fishburn has been working on tribal cultural resources protection for the last 10 years as one of the founding members of her Tribe. She has participated in consultations with both state and federal agencies. In addition, she served on the CSU Channel Islands Chumash Presidents Advisory Council.

**Letter of Support from Chairman Matthew Vestuto**

**References Contacted:**

**Chairwoman Mona Tucker supports the candidate.**

Dr. Raudel Banuelos, David Stone, and Scott Sunell recommend the candidate.

**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 (as applicable)  
 Three References

**Incomplete Applications**

- Missing Attachments  
 Needs Follow Up Call  
 Other Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### Nominator Information (if applicable)

Name: Eleanor Fishburn Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Barbareño Ventureño Band of Mission Indians - Barbareño Band of Chumash Indians - Cal State University Channel Islands

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### Nominee Information

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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.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.



December 3, 2023

Attn: The California State University, Office of the Chancellor

Re: Nominations to the California State University System Wide NAGPRA Oversight Committee

Dear Chancellor Garcia:

The Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians supports the nomination of Eleanor Arellanes-Fishburn to represent our shared interests with the Repatriation committee for the Cal State University system. Eleanor displays knowledge and understanding of the importance of implementation and compliance for the best practices in this space. She offers cultural knowledge which is an asset to our tribal affairs.

She has been involved in cultural resources for the last ten years and has displayed expertise and as well as professionalism, and often offers guidance to specific situations.

We have assurance that her goals are in alignment with the UC academic system as well as those of our tribe.

Sincerely,

Matthew Vestuto, Chairman  
Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians  
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**December 01, 2023**

**To: The California State University, Office of the Chancellor**

**Subject: Nominations to the California State University System Wide NAGPRA Oversight Committee**

**Dear Chancellor Garcia:**

**We write this letter in support of Eleanor Fishburn - University of Cal State Channel Islands [CSUCI]) and her nomination to serve on the California State University System Wide NAGPRA Oversight Committee**

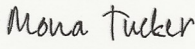
**Since 2005 she has been in tribal relations both as a co-founding member of the Barbareño Band of Mission Indians, as well as serving as the Secretary and as the Treasurer. She has been involved in cultural resources for the last ten years providing cultural guidance for both the tribe and outside agencies through Assembly Bill 52. Her work is done with the upmost respect and dignity for her culture. Additionally, she serves as Tribal Chair for the Barbareño Band of Mission Indians; she is well known and respected by other tribes.**

**Since 2000 she has served on the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Chumash Advisory Council contributing to cultural advocacy as well as stakeholder relations. She has engaged in collaboration with other California Tribes including our own. We appreciate her concern not only for the success of her own tribe but also for other tribes.**

**Today, she serves on the Presidents Chumash Advisory Council at CSUCI, consulting on cultural protocols from an indigenous perspective, while completing her junior year at CSUCI, majoring in Anthropology/archaeology.**

**We are confident she would play an important role towards the NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA implementation and will be successful working within the California University System.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Mona Tucker, Chair**

Three references for Eleanor Fishburn, Tribal Nominee, California State University Channel Islands

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## Bio of Eleanor Fishburn

My name is Eleanor Fishburn (nee Arellanes) I am of chumash descendant from the Arellanes and Tumamait family lines. I am tied to the Channel Islands limuw (Santa Cruz) and wima (Santa Rosa) as well as within the mainland of historic villages within the Ventureño/Barbareño communities with ancestral ties to provincial capitals including humaliwo (Malibu), mishopshno (Carpinteria), and mikiw (Dos Pueblos). I am a founding member of the Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Chumash Indians, serving as past secretary, currently serving as treasurer. I have been working on the preservation of culture for the past ten years, familiarizing self with both state and federal regulations.

I am an Anthropology student attending Cal State Channel Islands and work with the President on the Chumash Presidents Advisory Council, Ventura Unified School District Indian Education Consortium as well as other collaborative projects within the Barbareño/Ventureño region.

I am a parent of 3 children, grandparent of two; I am an active and outgoing woman who looks forward to strengthening my role in the community by enhancing my education and sharing my knowledge and culture with others.

**From:** [Eleanor Fishburn \(nee Arellanes\)](#)  
**To:** [Nagpra](#)  
**Subject:** Tribal nominee NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 2:14:29 PM  
**Attachments:** [UC\\_NAGPRA\\_Cal.pdf](#)

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Good Afternoon,

Attached is my submission to the UC System regarding NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Fishburn, Chairwoman  
Barbareño Band of Chumash Indians