

**H. Paul Cuero Jr.**

**Federally Recognized Tribal Representative, Campo Band of Kumeyaay Indians**

**Campus Preference:** San Marcos

**Qualified:**

Mr. Cuero Jr. Has over 30 years of experience in tribal cultural resource protection, repatriation and consultation with both state and federal agencies. As a former Tribal Chairman Mr. Cuero worked in collaboration with the Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee to protect and return ancestors home. Mr. Cuero Jr. has played an active role in every aspect of tribal cultural resources protection from monitoring, reburial, repatriation, consultation, mediation, and land-back conservation.

**References contacted:**

Chairman Marcus Cuero (Campo Band of Kumeyaay), Steve Banegas (Barona), and Jamie La Brake (Sycuan) 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/Letter (as applicable)

☐ Three References

**Incomplete Applications**

☐ Missing Attachments

☐ Needs Follow Up Call

☐ Other Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

## 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.

On behalf of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), the CSU is soliciting and accepting applications for the Systemwide and Campus 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. All applications, incomplete or complete, will be forwarded to the NAHC for consideration. Nominee candidates will be interviewed by the NAHC for potential Commission nomination and appointment by the CSU Chancellor or chancellor's designee. 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) a short biography or resume demonstrating that the nominee meets the criteria below; 2) a letter of support from Tribe, Tribal resolution or a letter of interest with this form; and 3) 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 and NAHC will keep completed application on file for committee positions that may become available in the future.

The CSU and NAHC will continue to receive and solicit Campus NAGPRA Oversight Committee nominations on an ongoing basis. Submit the following nomination materials to [nagpra@calstate.edu](mailto:nagpra@calstate.edu).

## 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*): \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### **Nominator Information (if applicable)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Nominee Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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).

Incomplete materials will not be considered.



## Campo Band of Mission Indians

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Chairman Marcus Cuero  
Vice-Chairwoman Kerm Shipp  
Secretary Johnathan Mesa  
Treasurer Annah Ceballos  
Committee Ronnie Lee Cuero  
Committee Laura Quaha-Parkhurst  
Committee Ronny Paipa

December 1, 2023

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 Campus Native American Graves and Repatriation Act Committee.

Dear Chancellor Garcia;

On behalf of the Campo Band of The Kumeyaay Indians, I am nominating Tribal Member and Spiritual Leader Dr. H. Paul Cuero Jr. to the California State University Campus NAGPRA Committee as a Tribal Member of Campo.

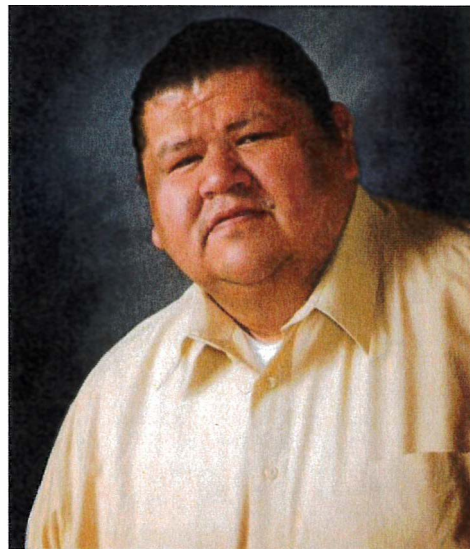
His 30 years of experience working with the Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee and former Chairman of the Campo Band of Kumeyaay Indians qualifies him to sit in this capacity to work as a CSU Campus Tribal Committee Member.

If you require more information or wish to speak to me regarding this matter, I can be contacted at [marcuscuero@campo-nsn.gov](mailto:marcuscuero@campo-nsn.gov) or by phone at (619) 478-9046.

Sincerely,

Marcus Cuero  
Tribal Chairman

My name is H. Paul Cuero Jr. I come from the Campo Indian Reservation. As a young man I was taught about my culture and learned to sing the cycles of our Kumeyaay bird songs. Today I lead the Kumeyaay Nation in our space to carry on this knowledge to future generations. As a former Tribal Chairman I worked to ensure our ancestors and their belongings disturbed by development in San Diego County were reinterred to a sacred space. My work with other Kumeyaay Ipai/Tipai Governments formed the Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee (KCRC). For the last 30 years KCRC stayed directly involved in bringing about changes with Cal NAGPRA law to bring the rest of the Kumeyaay Collections home.





Dr. H. Paul Cuero Jr.

#### References

- 1.) Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians  
Chairman John Christman  
[jchristman@viejas-nsn.gov](mailto:jchristman@viejas-nsn.gov)  
619-571-5569
- 2.) Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee  
Spokesman Steven Banegas  
[sbanegas@gmail.com](mailto:sbanegas@gmail.com)  
619-742-5587
- 3.) Sycuan Band of The Kumeyaay Nation  
Tribal Councilman Jamie La Brake  
[jlabrake@sycuan-nsn.gov](mailto:jlabrake@sycuan-nsn.gov)  
619-971-1164