

Mark Villasenor**Non-Federally Recognized Tribal Representative, Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians**

Campus Preference: Northridge

Qualified:

Mr. Villasenor has experience in various fields listed in AB 389 for over ten years. He currently serves as the Tribal Vice President, in this role he has collaborated with both Federal, State, and Local municipalities. Furthermore, as Vice Chair he has been instrumental in the Tribe's repatriation efforts including participating in consultation with CSU Northridge. He currently serves as a Commissioner for the Los Angeles County Native American Indian Commission, as a Mayoral Appointee.

Chairman Letter of Recommendation Attached**References Contacted:**

Chairman Rudy Ortega and Luis Cervante recommends the candidate.

Pamela Villasenor was unable to be contacted.

CSU Northridge Committee

1. Tribal Representative (Non-Federally Recognized): Vacant
2. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): Vacant
3. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): Vacant
4. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): Vacant
5. CSU Representative: Vacant
6. CSU Representative: Vacant
7. CSU Native American Studies Representative: Vacant

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

Committee Type: ☐ Both ☐ Systemwide Committee ☐ Campus Committee

Nominee Name:

Preferred Campus: _____

Alt. Campus: _____

Alt. Campus: _____

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: _____

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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 November 27, 2023

QUALIFICATIONS

Tribal Nominees

Tribal Nominees must be a member of a federally or non-federally recognized California Indian Tribe as defined by Section 8012 of the Health and Safety Code. Preferred experience in any of the following:

- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer work;
- Repatriation of human remains and cultural items pursuant to CalNAGPRA and 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.

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*): Northridge

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: Mark Villaseñor Title: Tribal Vice President

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians

Email: mvillasenor@tataviam-nsn.us Phone: 818-837-0794

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 November 27, 2023.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.

Mark Villaseñor Bio

An active and determined member of his community both culturally and politically, Mark Villaseñor has been an engaged leader and citizen of the Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, a sovereign tribe of Los Angeles County, for his adult life. He is the descendant of lineages/villages of Ta'apu, Tapo Canyon, Siutcanga, the village at Encino, and Chaguayanga, a village in Santa Clarita Valley. And as the current Tribal Vice President for his tribe, Mark collaborates with Federal, State and Local municipalities, as well as other sovereign nations, in efforts to better his tribe. Engaging in civic activities and volunteerism, Villaseñor has been active in City sponsored initiatives.

In addition to advocating for his tribal community, Villaseñor supports other City residents. He is often called upon by his alma mater, CSU Northridge to support student-initiated programs and provide guest lectures or songs. Additionally, Villaseñor supports programs by other community-based organizations providing services to the broader local community.

To better accomplish financial, political, or cultural objectives for his tribal community, he graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration with a focus in Global Supply Chain Management from California State University, Northridge.

References

Luis Cervantes
Executive Director,
Tataviam Land Conservancy
818-837-0794

Pamela Villaseñor,
Executive Director,
Pukuu Cultural Community Services
818-336-6105

Rudy Ortega
Tribal President
Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
818-837-0794

Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
Native Sovereign Nation



Rudy J. Ortega Jr., L.H.D
Tribal President

October 22, 2024

Re: Tribal Vice President Mark Villaseñor CSU Campus Nomination

Dear Native American Heritage Commission Members,

I fully endorse the nomination of Vice President Mark Villaseñor to represent the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians on The California State University Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and Oversight Northridge Campus Committee. As both a citizen and elected leader of the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, Mark Villaseñor has been instrumental in repatriation efforts for several years, including voluntarily attending California State University Northridge meetings to advocate for Native American participation and consultation. His expertise and firsthand experience in repatriation efforts, as well as his understanding of the present circumstances at The California State University Northridge Campus regarding ancestors and repatriation, make him an unparalleled candidate for these efforts.

Sincerely,

Rudy Ortega, Jr., L.H.D
Tribal President