

Nakia Zavalla

Federally Recognized Representative

Campus Preference: Channel Islands

Qualified:

Ms. Zavalla has served as the Director of the Cultural Resources Management Department for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians for the last nine years. Additionally, for the last two years Ms. Zavalla has served as Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for her Tribe. Ms. Zavalla expressed a desire to ensure equitable repatriation while also serving as Chumash voice on the Channel Islands Campus Committee.

Tribal Resolution Provided

References Contacted:

Wendy Teeter, Antonia Flores (Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians), and Sam Cohen recommend the candidate.

CSU Channel Islands Committee

1. Tribal Representative (Non-Federally Recognized): Edgar Perez – Gabrieliño/Tongva Nation (Appointed August 1, 2024)
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: Jennie Luna – Xicana/Caxcan/Raramuri (Appointed August 1, 2024)

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*)

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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 University, Channel Islands

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

- 1) N/A
- 2) N/A
- 3) N/A

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Nominator Information (if applicable)

Name: Rachel McBride-Praetorius Title: Director of Tribal Relations

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: California State University, Chico

Email: rmcbride@csuchico.edu Phone: 530-898-6241

Nominee Information

Name: Nakia Zavalla Title: Cultural Director

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Email: nzavalla@chumash.gov Phone: 805-688-7997

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

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- NOMINATION FORM -

REFERENCES

Tribe: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Applicant: Nakia Zavalla

Reference No. 1

Kenneth Kahn, Tribal Chairman: Cell: 805-491-3769

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Reference No. 2

Antonia Flores, Chair Elders Council: Phone: 805-258-9891

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Reference No. 3

Wendy Teeter, Ph.D, Tribal Consulting Archaeologist: Cell: 310-717-1695

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OBJECTIVE

To obtain a position within a tribe to contribute my experience and professional skills. To grow with an organization to help

EMPLOYMENT

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Culture Director Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Santa Ynez, Ca

- Handles Section 106 consultations
- Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act coordinator
- Manages Shamala second language acquisition planning and execution of programs
- Language and culture curriculum development and planning
- Plans and executes all cultural programs/events
- Assist in the planning and execution of internal communications program and working with outside consultants.
- Editor/writer for Culture area of the Chumash tribe's newsletter "Samala" Publication
- Director of Youth Summer Program "Camp Kalawashaq" serving 50+ children
- Coordinates cultural presentations to local and distant schools and museums
- Created and oversee all function of the Samala Language Teacher Program
- Implementation of New California American Indian Language and Culture Teacher Policy
- Part of the Chumash Resource Management team
- Attends consultation meetings for CRM projects
- NAGPRA Coordinator and grant management
- Liaison for Elders Council for government and state agencies
- Serves on multiple outside boards for Santa Ynez Chumash Culture, language and heritage representation and collaboration
- Oversight of Elders Council agenda and meetings
- Liaison for Elders Council and government agencies
- Credentialed language and culture teacher
- Language and culture teacher and public school teacher

Project Specialist Chumash Casino

April 06 - May 07

Santa Ynez, Ca

- Review and process monetary and non-monetary donations for Chumash Foundation
- Organize and implemented Chumash Employee Council
- Create and monitor employee surveys
- Contributing writer for Chumash! Magazine
- Special projects assigned by General Manager

**Management Trainee
Chumash Casino**

May 04 – April 06

Santa Ynez, Ca

- Project Management: assisted with analysis, feasibility studies, proposal writing, and presentations of research.
- Trainee and rotated through nine (9) casino departments
- Assisted in the Development and implemented of policies and procedure for the MTP.
- Contributing writer for Chumash Casino Resort Chumash! Magazine
- Attended all management program trainings for two years

**Recruitment Manager
Chumash Casino**

April 01 – May 04

Santa Ynez, Ca

- Managed recruitment process and department annual budget
- Supervised recruitment for new casino that resulted in doubling the workforce numbers.
- Met with the Chumash Gaming Commissioners weekly on hiring compliance and process practices.
- Supervised a staff of 6 recruiters
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EDUCATION

Attended:

Master's Degree, Goucher College Baltimore Maryland
D-Q University, Davis, Ca
General Education
Sacramento City College, General Education/Political Science

INTERESTS

Samala Language
Pow-wows/Traditional Gatherings
Traditional singer and dancer
Member of National Congress of American Indians
Member of National Indian Education Association

CREDENTIALS

American Indian Languages/Culture Teaching Credentials, California
Commission on Teaching Credential

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RESOLUTION NO. 1132

Re: Support the Application for Campus NAGPRA Committee for CSU Channel Islands (CSUCI) to Represent the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

WHEREAS: The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (“Tribe”) is a Federally recognized Tribe under the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs and as such is eligible for the programs and services provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS: The day-to-day business of the Tribe is governed by a duly elected Business Council sometimes also called the Business Committee; and

WHEREAS: The Business Committee of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians is the duly authorized body of the tribe to exercise full government responsibilities and is empowered to make tribal policy and carry out tribal business; and

WHEREAS: The Tribe desires to support the following application for appointment to the Campus Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Campus Committee (“Campus Committee”) at CSUCI to include the following applicants (collectively the “Applicants”):

Nakia Zavalla, Culture Director and THPO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Business Committee of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians does hereby approve the applications for appointment to the Campus Committee at CSUCI to include the above-mentioned Applicants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Business Committee authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or the Vice Chairman, if the Chairman is unavailable, to execute any and all documents necessary and as may be required to give effect to the appointments herein contemplated, and to take such other actions as may hereafter be necessary and appropriate to carry out the obligation there under.


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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this resolution was adopted at a duly called tribal Business Committee Meeting of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Santa Ynez Reservation, in Santa Barbara County, California on the 27th day of November 2024 by a vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, with 0 ABSTAINING.

Kenneth Kahn, Chairman



Mike Lopez, Vice Chairman



Maxine Littlejohn, Secretary-Treasurer



Raul Armenta, Committee Member

Gary Pace, Committee Member