

Katherine Napoli**Federally Recognized Tribal Representative, Susanville Indian Rancheria**

CSU Campus Preference: San Jose

Qualified:

Ms. Napoli, is an elder of her tribe, and has served as Chair of the Susanville Indian Rancheria Constitution Committee. As an educator she has written curriculum to educate youth about Native culture, visiting twenty-eight classrooms a year. Ms. Napoli has experience consulting with various governmental agencies and community organizations. She is involved in the Bay Area tribal community feels she can be a voice to protect ancestors at a campus where there is currently no tribal representatives.

Tribal Chair Letter of Recommendation**References Contacted:**

Jack Horner, Suman Ganapathy, and Kathy W. Devine recommend the candidate. Josie

Mendez Negrete have been unable to be contacted.

CSU San Jose Committee

1. Tribal Representative (Non-Federally Recognized): Vacant
2. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized):
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: _____

CSU or NAHC Reviewer: _____

Date: _____

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.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.

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) _____

KATHY CHAVEZ NAPOLI BIOGRAPHY

I was born and raised in San Jose, California. My father was Joe Jack Chavez, born in Susanville, California of Mountain Maidu descent on his mother, Inez Jack Chavez' side. My grandmother died when my father was 18 months old. My father's grandmother and great grandmother were born in Susanville, Ca. My father's grandmother passed away before he was born and his great grandmother passed away when my father was two.

I did not know about my native heritage until my family were contacted regarding a California disbursement in the 1960's when I was in middle school. I attended San Jose State University and was able to do research on my family and learn more about my family when I visited the National Archives in San Bruno, California.

As I learned of my heritage, my interest and pride in being Native grew. I always knew I was Mexican American and have been very involved in promoting that part of my culture. I have written numerous grants to fund: Youth Mariachi Concerts (2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024), Dia De Los Muertos events (2020, 2021, 2022) and wrote two grants to establish a Native Garden at the Morgan Hill Historical Society site (2017 & 2019).

In addition, as a member of the American Association of University Women, Morgan Hill, I chaired the committee to have ReDress Exhibits (2023, 2024 & 2025) at the Morgan Hill library.

As a member of the Board of Trustees of the Gavilan Community College District, I advocated having a Land Acknowledgment read at the beginning of board meetings. In 2024, for the first time in 104 years, a Land Acknowledgment was read at our graduation ceremony and is now read at each board meeting.

EDUCATION

San Jose High School 1970

San Jose State University BA (Spanish, Anthropology Minor 1975

Lincoln Law School of San Jose J.D. 2009

REFERENCES

Kathy W. Devine, 408 891-2789, kathy.w.devine@gmail.com, Morgan Hill Historical Society Museum Director

John Horner, 408 206-7915, jthorner@verizon.net, Morgan Hill Unified School District Board of Trustees President

Suman Ganapathy, 408 891-2458, sumanmitraganapathy@gmail.com, American Association of University Women, Morgan Hill Immediate Past President

Josie Mendez Negrete, PhD. 210 859-1563, Josie.-MendezNegrete@utsa.edu, Professor, University of Texas

**KATHY CHAVEZ NAPOLI
RESUME**

San Jose State University- Project SHARE Mentor 1970
Kat's Kiddie Corner Preschool Owner/Director 1980-1995
Affordable Housing Network Member 1985-2012
City of San Jose Art Advisory Member 1991-1992
Union High School Budget Advisory Member 1995
Hispanic Development Corp. Member 1988-1998
San Jose City College Adelante Mentor 1990-2001
Silicon Valley Leadership Program Chair 1990-1994
Santa Clara Co. Auto Recyclers Assoc. President 1990-1997
Kids Are Special Board Member 1990-1993
Bay Area Lupus Foundation Board Member 1993-1995
Santa Clara Un. Economics, Race, Future-Silicon Valley 1993
Adelante Mujer Conference Mentor 1995-2000
S. C. Co. General Plan Review Member 1993-1994
Santa Clara Co. Democratic Club Member 1995-2005
White House Conference on Small Business Delegate 1995
U.S. Small Bus. Regulatory Fairness Bd Chair 1999-2001
SJSU "Women Entrepreneurs Program" Mentor 1997-1998
Alum Rock Education Foundation Charter Pres. 1998-2004
Teatro De Los Pobres Non-Profit President 2000-2007
Berryessa Condo Assoc. Board President 2007-2011
AAUW "Wildflower Run" Volunteer 2012-Present
Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce Member 2023-Present
NAACP Lifetime Member
Kiwanis Morgan Hill Member 2023-Present
Gavilan Community College Board Trustee 2022-Present

Jackson Taylor Neighborhood Assoc. Charter Member 1980
San Jose Metro Chamber Member 1985-2000
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Member 1990-2000
Rotary Club of Alviso Charter Member 1990-2006 Eastside
History San Jose Member/Docent 1990-2007
Hispanic Development Corp. President 1998-2005
Coordinated Child Care Council Board Member 1990-1997
Santa Clara Co. Auto Recyclers Assoc. Member 1974-2007
Diabetes Society Member 1990-2000
City of San Jose "No on Measure G" Spokesperson 1992
Santa Clara Co. "An Income of Her Own" Mentor 1993-1995
United Way Allocations Committee 1992-1994
Hispanic Charity Ball Allocations Member 1993-1997
Non-Profit Development Center Board Member 1994-1996
Santa Clara County "Literacy Plus" Tutor 1995-1997
SJ Mercury News "100 People Who Made Silicon Valley 1999
Democratic Activist Women Now Member (DAWN) 1997-2025
YMCA East Valley "Y" Achievers Program Mentor 1998
Democratic Century Club Member 1998-2003
Santa Clara Co. Redistricting Committee Member 2001-2003
Am. Assoc. of University Women Member 2012-2025
Morgan Hill Historical Society Board Member 2016-2024
SJ State University Alumni Association Lifetime Member
M. H. School District Citizens Oversight Chair 2022- Present
Morgan Hill School District Budget Advisory Committee 2024
SJSU Alumni Association Lifetime Member



SUSANVILLE INDIAN RANCHERIA

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION CSACALNAGPRA

Dear Committee Members:

I am submitting this letter of recommendation in support of Katherine (Kathy) Chavez Napoli's appointment to the CSUSJSU CALNAGPRA Committee. Kathy is an enrolled member in good standing of the federally recognized Susanville Indian Rancheria and a respected elder of the tribe. She is a member of the Mountain Maidu tribe, indigenous to the Susanville area. The Susanville Rancheria is made up of four tribes—Mountain Maidu, Pit River, Washoe and Paiute tribes.

Kathy served as a board member of the Susanville Indian Rancheria Company (SIRCO) for three years. Kathy also served as Chair of the Susanville Indian Rancheria Constitution committee.

As a former educator, she can make significant contributions to the CALNAGPRA Committee. Seven years ago, she wrote curriculum, lesson plans and created hands-on activities for third grades to learn about the Native American tribe in the Morgan Hill area (Mutsun). For the last six years, as a volunteer, she has visited public, private and charter school classrooms with a traveling trunk exhibit. Last year, she visited 28 classrooms. Her commitment to educating young students in schools fosters greater knowledge and understanding of our indigenous heritage, traditions and culture.

Kathy understands the importance of proper stewardship of ancestral remains and cultural artifacts. Her long-time experience in community service demonstrates her ability to work with many different governmental and community organizations and will be an asset to the committee.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (530) 260-0588.

Sincerely,

Arian Hart
Tribal Chairman
Susanville Indian Rancheria