

Robert Gomez

Non-Federally Recognized Representative, Tübatulabals of Kern Valley

CSU Campus Preference: Fresno

Qualified:

Mr. Gomez is the Chairman of the Tübatulabals of Kern Valley, he has served in this role since 2012. Since 2003 Mr. Gomez has served as a Native Language instructor. He has experience in receiving baskets in repatriations and facilitating reburials. He has experience in successfully consulting with UCSF on a repatriation that took twenty years.

References Contacted:

Miguel Carvajal and Nicole Johnson Rahfaely recommend the candidate.

Tina Guerrero was unable to be contacted.

Signed Tribal Letterhead Attached

CSU Fresno Committee

1. Tribal Representative (Non-Federally Recognized): **Vacant**
2. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): **William Barios** – Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe (Appointed August 1, 2024)
3. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): **Felix Christman** – Tule River Tribe (Appointed January 27, 2025)
4. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): **Ted Atkins** – Picayune Rancheria of Chuckchansi Indians (Appointed January 27, 2025)
5. CSU Representative: **Dvera Saxton** (Appointed August 1, 2024)
6. CSU Representative: **Leece Lee-Oliver** (Appointed August 21, 2025)
7. CSU Native American Studies Representative: **Cristina Gonzales** – Coastal Band Chumash (Appointed August 1, 2024)

**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/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: _____

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) _____

Tübatulabals of Kern Valley

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Robert Gomez - Tribal Chairman

Tina Guerrero – Vice Chairman

Ernie Longoria – Sec/Treasurer

Betsy Johnson – Council Member

Kenneth Allen - Council Member

Diana Diaz – Council Member

Dale Henniman – Council Member

Elaine Longoria – Council Member

Katherine Gomez – Council Member

July 24, 2025

Letter of Interest for position to the California State University, Fresno, (CSUF) Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, (NAGPRA), committee

Please accept this letter as my desire to be part of CSUF's committee, pursuant to item 2 of your Nomination Form. I feel with my years of experience of tribal affairs and current status in the Tübatulabal Tribe sufficiently meets your qualification criteria.

Reference: Miguel Carvajal 760.223.3984
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Tina Guerrero 760.223.6545
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Nicole Johnson Rahfaely Esq. 760.844.2402
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Respectfully,


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Chairman, Tübatulabal Tribe/Tübatulabals of Kern Valley

Contact

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Education

California State University,
Bakersfield, Bakersfield, CA
Master's degree in Master of
Public Administration with
Cultural Resource
Management Certificate

Key Skills

Marketing
Project Management
Budget Planning
Communication
Problem-solving

Objective

California State University Fresno, Native American Graves
Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)

Experience

2012 TO PRESENT

Chairman – Tubatulabals of Kern Valley-Kern County, CA

**2010 – 2018 Native Language Instructor (Pahka'anil Language
(parttime) Owen Valley Career Develop Center, Bishop, CA**

**2006-2012 Native Language Teacher, Pahka'anil Association of
Arts & Languages, Grassroots effort with family and friends**

**2003 – 2007 Teacher, Bi-lingual Education, Arvin High School,
Arvin, CA**

**2007-2015- Teacher/Manager, Maric College/Criminal Justice
Program**

**1968-1997 – SANTA BARBARA SHERIFF'S DEPT & KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.
Respectively, Deputy Sheriff's Sergeant.**

Communication

Created avenues and platforms that enhance my personal
career goals and aspirations and my Native American
Heritage. I implemented time-tested procedures and ventured
to include new platforms, such as software/hardware
technologies, internet, etc.

Leadership

In my past 40 years, I have advanced by skills,
knowledge, and abilities to share my experience in
teachable comprehensible lessons. I was exploratory,
had interest and foresight to embrace various
audiences with an open mind. With this mindset of
resiliency, I was humble in approach that kept me
committed to my life work.

References

Available upon request.