

Katherine Perez

Non-Federally Recognized Tribal Representative: Northern Valley Yokut Ohlone Tribe

Campus Preference: Stanislaus

Qualified:

Katherine Perez serves as the president of Nototomne Cultural Preservation and the Chairwoman of the Northern Valley Yokut Ohlone Tribe. She has devoted over 30 years to protecting sacred sites and preserving the cultural heritage of her ancestral California territories, including participating in consultation and repatriation.

References:

Cueponcaxochitl Sandoval, Jake Malsbury, and Jessica Murga (Northern Valley Yokut/Ohlone) recommend the candidate.

Neisha Rhodes has yet to respond.

Tribal Secretary Letter of Support

Current CSU Stanislaus

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: **Jennifer Ringberg** (Appointed November 7, 2024)
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: _____

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.

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.

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.

Please note: All information provided in this application process will be made publicly available pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

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*): CSU Stanislaus

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: Jake Malsbury Title: NAGPRA Coordinator

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: CSU Stanislaus

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Nominee Information

Name: Katherine Perez Title: Chairperson

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Northern Valley Yokuts/Ohlone Tribe

Email: canutes@verizon.net Phone: 209.649.8972

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.

Katherine Erolinda Perez is the President of Nototomne Cultural Preservation and the Chairwoman of Northern Valley Yokut/Ohlone Tribe.

Katherine Erolinda Perez, President of Nototomne Cultural Preservation and Chairwoman of the Northern Valley Yokut/Ohlone Tribe, has devoted over 30 years to protecting sacred sites and preserving the cultural heritage of her ancestral California territories such as California's Bay Area, Central Valley, Silicon Valley and various surrounding cities. As a registered MLD on the Native American Heritage Commission list, she works to prevent disturbance of ancestral remains and artifacts, fosters relations with public organizations, and leads efforts toward federal recognition and sustainability education for her tribe while continuing vital repatriation and cultural stewardship despite ongoing challenges. She ensures that the stories, traditions, and heritage of her people are carried forward for generations. Katherine utilizes the two non-profits and her lifelong commitment as a testament to the resilience of the Yokut People. Katherine works tirelessly and diligently throughout her career and personal life towards the goal of Federal Recognition for the benefit and on behalf of her Tribe while preserving her ancestors sacred sites. She developed in 1995 Repatriation, Inc due to the demand of cultural monitoring and the expansion of urban development. In the year 2000 Repatriation Inc. was retired, and Nototomne Cultural Preservation was created in its place to continue the legacy of properly repatriating the Tribe's ancestors. This necessary work continues to be challenged by private sectors and the federal government. Katherine continues to strive to overcome barriers and ensures the protection of sacred sites and burial grounds. She has volunteered and has been asked to educate within the local school systems, speak to a variation of audiences and has occupied and provided input for ongoing projects within these ancestral lands.

References for Chairwoman Katherine Perez

- 1.) Jessica Murga, Tribal Member of the Northern Valley Yokut/Costanoan Tribe
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- 3.) Jake Malsbury, NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA Repatriation Coordinator, CSU Stanislaus
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- 4.) Neisha Rhodes, Director of Presidential Initiatives, CSU Stanislaus
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Letter of Support for Chairwoman Perez to serve on the Campus NAGPRA Committee at CSU Stanislaus

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter serves to support the committee application of Katherine Perez, Chairwoman of the Northern Valley Yokut / Costanoan Tribe and President of the Nototomne Cultural Preservation, to serve on the Campus NAGPRA Committee at CSU Stanislaus (Stanislaus State).

Chairwoman Perez possesses valuable experience in NAGPRA consultation and cultural resource protection, and we firmly believe that she will offer valuable guidance and mentorship to support the repatriation initiative at Stanislaus State.

Please accept this letter in support of her application and feel free to reach out if we can answer any questions regarding the application of Chairwoman Perez.

Sincerely,

Jessica Murga