



GABRIELINO-TONGVA TRIBE

A California Indian Tribe historically known as San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians

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Reference: Newport Beach City Hall & Park Development Plan
Native American Monitoring/Most Likely Descendant

Dear Jaime:

The Environmental Impact Report for the above referenced project states the project has potentially significant impacts to archaeological resources, paleontological resources and burial sites. Due to the fact that the proposed project is in a cultural sensitive area it is our concern that the City of Newport Beach appoints Native American Monitors from the largest faction of the Tribe to represent this project.

We are the largest faction of the Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe, with over 85% of descendants of the historic Gabrielino Tribe. We have approximately 1,600 members and the next largest faction has less than 150 members. A membership Table is enclosed to help guide you through the various factions of the Tribe.

We strongly recommend the City of Newport Beach hire Native American monitors approved by our faction. The contact information for the six approved six monitors is enclosed. Their work is arranged through our administrative headquarters which is staffed fulltime.

The Tribe has had continuing problems in the past with Native American monitors that are not approved by the Tribe, including Anthony Morales, Sam Dunlap & Robert Dorame.

Native American Monitoring projects under the supervision of monitors not approved by our Tribe have been delayed, have caused controversy, and have lead to difficult inter- and intra-tribal relationships.

In particular, the above stated individuals and other Most Likely Descendents misrepresent our Tribe by failing to consult with our Tribe on sensitive archaeological findings and reburial issues. These controversies have been extremely painful for our elders who were not invited to participate in reburials for our ancestors.

Tribal Council

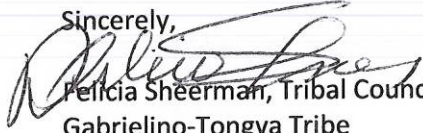
Hon. Bernie Acuna
Hon. Charles Alvarez
Hon. Linda Candelaria

Hon. Martha Gonzalez Lemos
Hon. Felicia Sheerman

Tribal Administrator: Barbara Garcia
Tribal Controller: Steven K. Johnson

Please also see the attached most updated NA Contact List from the Native American Heritage Commission. We're requesting the City of Newport Beach in making the ethical choice in selecting a Native American Monitor/MLD for your project.

Sincerely,



Felicia Sheerman, Tribal Councilwoman
Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe

Enclosures



From left to right: Councilman Charles Alvarez, Councilwoman Linda Candelaria, Councilwoman Martha Gonzalez, Councilwoman Felicia Sheerman, Councilman Bernie Acuna

Name of Tribal Faction (Updated on January 29, 2009)	Class B Members (BIA documentation)	Class C Members (no documentation)
Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe, a California Indian Tribe historically known as San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians (www.gabrielinotribe.org) (1630 members, 85.7% of all members)	646 (87 %)	984 (85%)
Gabrielino/Tongva Nation (Sam Dunlap, Virginia Carmelo, www.tongvatribenet.net) (238 members, 12.5% of all members)	65 (9%)	173 (15%)
Gabrielino-Tongva Indians of San Gabriel Band, (Anthony Morales, www.tongva.com) (28 members, 1.5% of all members)	28 (4%)	None (0%)
Beaumont Group (no formal name, no website) (6 members, 0.32% of all members)	None (0%)	6 (1/2%)
Coastal Gabrielinos & Dieguenos (no formal name, no website)	Unknown	Unknown
Totals (1902 All Members)	739 (100%)	1163 (100%)

List of Approved Native American Monitors/Most Likely Descendant

- 1) Robert Dominguez
- 2) Bernie Acuna
- 3) Charles Alvarez
- 4) Linda Candelaria
- 5) Martha Gonzalez Lemos
- 6) Felicia Sheerman

Please use the following contact information for all Monitors:

Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe
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Most Likely Descendant Approved by the Native American Heritage Commission:

Bernie Acuna, Gabrielino-Tongva, Most Likely Descendant

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This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed Telecommunications Facility Project No. IE25736-A; located in the City of Walnut; Los Angeles County, California for which a Sacred Lands File search and Native American Contacts list were requested.