



# GABRIELINO-TONGVA TRIBE

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

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September 23, 2009

***Re: Member Meeting With Candidate Speeches On October 10 – Please Come!***

## ***Los Angeles Clippers Native American Night***

Dear Tribal Member,

Please find enclosed your absentee ballot. You may cast your ballot at the Saturday, October 10 meeting at Elysian Park (11 am to 3 pm), or send it to the Tribe in the enclosed letter. Please don't forget to stamp the enclosed envelope.

### ***Fall Member Meeting and Election Debates, October 10, 2009***

Elections in 2009 will cover the following seats:

Tribal Council Office No. 5	<b>Charles Alvarez, incumbent</b>	Term ends December 31, 2013
Tribal Council Office No. 2	<b>Victor Dominguez, candidate</b>	Term ends December 31, 2011
Tribal Council Office No. 4	<b>No candidate</b>	Term ends December 31, 2010

We were surprised that more candidates did not step forward. This was most likely our fault. We did not send out enough mailers, early enough, and we apologize. In addition, large confusion caused by the small Salas Family (see below) and the shrinking Carmelo-Dunlap group. We will fill Office No. 4 at our next election or by appointment.

**Please join us for food and friendship on Saturday, October 10 on your calendar.** The member meeting will be held at Elysian Park at our usual spot, from 11 am to 3 pm. We will provide delicious food, Native music and uniformed security. Come say "hi" to Barbara Garcia, Jonathan Stein and a new member of our team, Greg Huber, Asst. Tribal Administrator.

### ***Los Angeles Clippers Native American Night, November 7, 2009***

We are going to have a very fun, very affordable Saturday night with the Clippers!! **The game is \$10 only**, discounted from \$40, and includes a Clippers T-shirt!! Thanks to Bernie Acuna and Jonathan for meeting with Clippers' staff. We will sit together and have a blast!!

We have also arranged a **"high 5" for kids** and others, to welcome the players to the floor before the game. The players run out of a small tunnel, just a few feet wide, and you are in the tunnel giving them a "high 5"!!

**We have a very tasty dinner set up at ESPN Zone, starting at 5:30 or 6 pm.** ESPN Zone is across the street from the Staples Center, at the fantastic *LA Live!* complex. Details will be on the website and dinner will be discounted for you from their reasonable "burger and beer" prices.

#### **Tribal Council**

Hon. Bernie Acuna

Hon. Charles Alvarez

Hon. Linda Candelaria

Hon. Martha Gonzalez Lemos

Hon. Felicia Sheerman

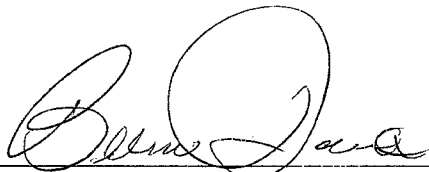
Tribal Administrator: Barbara Garcia

The cheapest parking is \$7 at Francisco Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street (north of Staples Center, west of Figueroa St), or \$7 on 12<sup>th</sup> Street east of Staples Center. Feel free to call the Tribal Offices for details.

### ***Salas Family Forms Small Group***

We previously announced that the Salas Family has broken off to form their own, family-specific group. It now has only 30+ members, according to records we have returned to them. They have conducted themselves poorly, and we confirmed with San Gabriel Police Dept. that Andy Salas was recently arrested for assault and battery.

The shrinking Dunlap Group falsely intimated the Salas Family is joining them. The Salas Family and Dunlap-Carmelo are two among six splinter Groups. Together, all six splinters represent about 12% of total membership, and barely 10% of documented Gabrielino Indians. We of course wish all Gabrielino groups well, but are "turned off" by misinformation and miscreants.

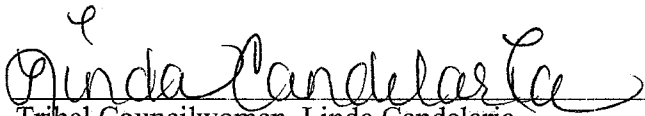


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### **DIRECTIONS TO ELYSIAN PARK (NEAR DODGER STADIUM AND DOWNTOWN)**

**From North:** Take 110 FWY South, exit at Academy Road. Continue straight along Academy Rd., turn right onto Park Drive and enter Elysian Park. Continue straight to picnic area #9 on right-hand side. Park carefully along curbside.

**From South:** Take 110 FWY North, exit at Academy Rd/Solano Avenue. Turn right onto Amador Street, immediately turn right again onto Amador Place, and turn left onto Solano Avenue. Solano Avenue becomes Academy Rd., turn right onto Park Drive and enter Elysian Park. Continue straight to picnic area #9 on right-hand side. Park carefully along curbside.