

2024 Art on Market Street Poster Series

Kirti Bassendine
We Are Still Here

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Gregg Castro
Cultural Director

The Association of Ramaytush Ohlone

We are each placed in our Original Homelands by the wisdom of the Creator. The knowledge to steward our Origin Lands was given to us by the First People, who shaped the world the Creator gifted them with. These Original Instructions have been passed down to us by the Ancestors. The most important of these teachings is that we are to be grateful and humble for this gift of land and life. We are joined together with land and sky by an unbreakable bond.



www.ramaytush.org



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Corrina Gould

Traditional Tribal Leader / Tribal Chair
Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation

It wasn't until about 25 years ago that we really began making an imprint in the Bay Area by telling our own stories as Lisjan people. Archaeologists and historians have been telling our history through their own lands, voices and academic ways that erase us by talking about us as the past. We started to educate the people in the Bay Area about whose land they're on, what their responsibility is to the First Nation peoples of those lands, to stop desecration and to remember us as human beings again.



www.villagesoflisjan.org



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Monica V. Arellano

Tribal Vice Chairwoman
Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area

We Are Of This Land; We Are The Land! As stewards of our ancestral homeland, we care for the earth and all the living creatures and plant life on it. One cannot exist without the other. The San Francisco Bay Area was an oasis where our people thrived for thousands of years. Today, we continue in our traditional ways, speak our native languages, share our knowledge, and protect the ecology. The land keeps us alive. We protect and care for it, and pass on that responsibility to the next generation. **We Are Still Here! Mákkin Mak Nommo!**



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Quirina Luna Geary

Chairwoman
Tamien Nation

We are Tamien Nation, direct descendants of the San Francisco South Bay. Since time immemorial, we have honored our agreement with the world, rooted in respect and reciprocity. Our dedication to environmental protection and restoration remains unwavering. Tamien Nation's wildland firefighters tirelessly protect our local communities and contribute to the restoration of our ecology. We remain steadfast in doing our part, working alongside agencies to combat climate change to secure a sustainable future for all.



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Kanyon Sayers-Roods

Chairwoman
Indian Canyon Chualar Tribe of the Costanoan People

amah piretakawas - a title, a responsibility, the essence of being Ohlone. **To Honor the Past to Shape the Future** is not just a Call to Remember, but a Directive to Act. This Land, vibrant with the Spirits of Our Ancestors, demands from all **Good Ancestors In Training** more than passive acknowledgment. By the **Rights of Nature**, you, also, as visitors on this Land, bear the obligation to provide Active Engagement, a Commitment to Preserve, Protect, and Partner with the Original Stewards and Original People of this sacred Earth.



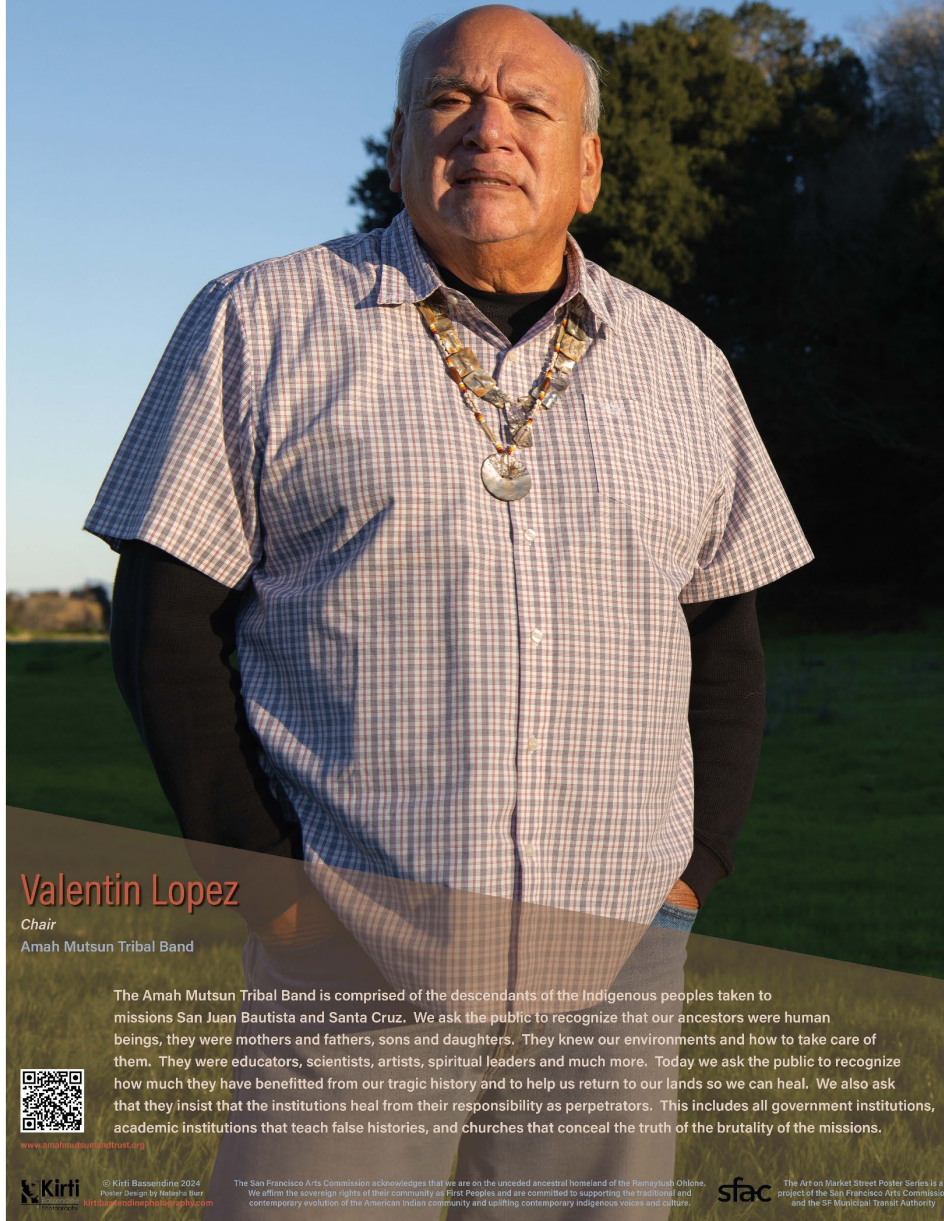
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Valentin Lopez

Chair
Amah Mutsun Tribal Band

The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band is comprised of the descendants of the Indigenous peoples taken to missions San Juan Bautista and Santa Cruz. We ask the public to recognize that our ancestors were human beings, they were mothers and fathers, sons and daughters. They knew our environments and how to take care of them. They were educators, scientists, artists, spiritual leaders and much more. Today we ask the public to recognize how much they have benefitted from our tragic history and to help us return to our lands so we can heal. We also ask that they insist that the institutions heal from their responsibility as perpetrators. This includes all government institutions, academic institutions that teach false histories, and churches that conceal the truth of the brutality of the missions.



www.amahmutsuntribalband.org

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Linda Yamane

Master Ohlone Basket Weaver
Rumsen Ohlone Tribal Community

The Rumsen Ohlone Tribal Community is active and centered in our Carmel Valley/ Monterey area indigenous homeland. We have more than 300 members representing several documented Rumsen Ohlone lineages, though many live outside the Monterey Bay region.



www.RumsenOhlone.com

Our ongoing goal is to reach out to others who trace their ancestry to Rumsen speaking people indigenous to the Monterey area. Our community was traumatized and fractured, traditions lost. But now we have brought ourselves together again to share our history and culture, such as Rumsen language, traditional basketry, songs, plant uses, old-time stories, dance and regalia.



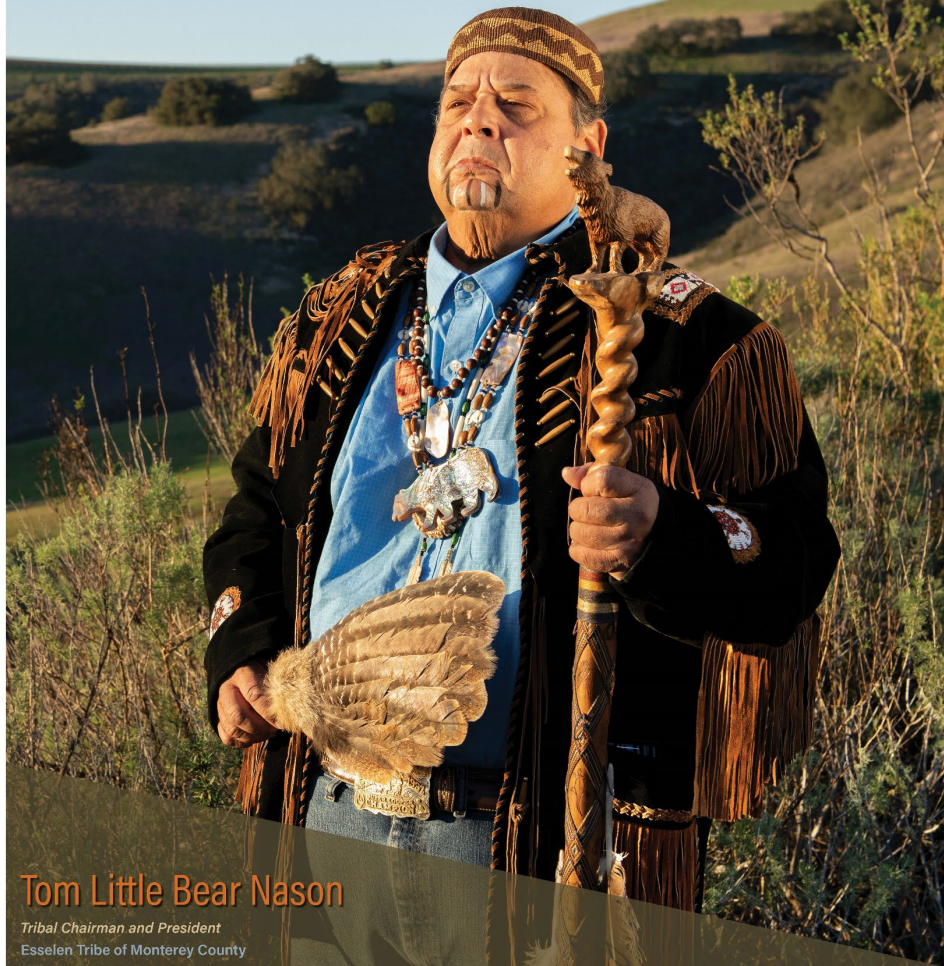
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Tom Little Bear Nason

Tribal Chairman and President
Esselen Tribe of Monterey County

For over 6,000 years, the Esselen Tribe has steadfastly maintained a deep connection to the Santa Lucia Mountains, Carmel Valley, and Big Sur. Through landmark Landback deals, we've reclaimed ancestral lands lost for 250 years, marking a revival of our rich culture and spirituality in solitude. This reclamation also fosters unity and healing, as we share this victory with other indigenous communities. With a vow of never leaving our sacred grounds again, we, the Esselen, are ensuring our legacy and traditions continue to thrive.



www.esselentribe.org



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Mary Rodgers

Traditional Lead

Salinan Tribe of San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties

Since time immemorial, the Salinan people have known the San Antonio Valley and its surroundings as home, stretching from Carmel Valley to Morro Bay, and from Big Sur to the Gabilan Mountains. Despite enduring hardships like the American Genocide, we persist, striving to revive our culture and language. Our roots run deep in this land, and we remain steadfast, demonstrating our profound connection to it. We're not just surviving; we're here to thrive, embodying the resilience of our people and our enduring bond with our homeland.



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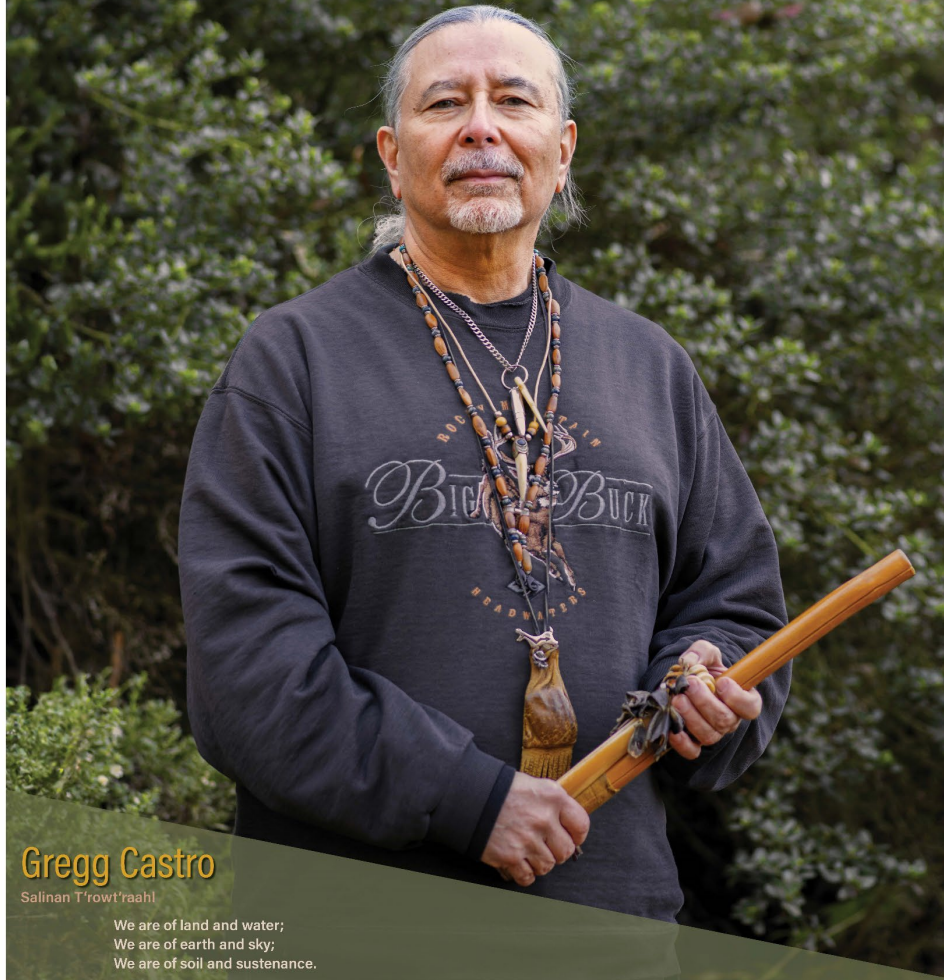
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Gregg Castro

Salinan T'rowt'raahl

We are of land and water;
We are of earth and sky;
We are of soil and sustenance.

We are not from the land, we are **of** the land, and the land is of us.

There are those of us still blessed with this understanding;
For some, that memory has been suppressed by violence and genocide;
For others it is like a distant, faint dream that illuminates the horizon afar.

But Elders, Ancestors and Narratives remind us it is still there, and it waits for us.



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