

# Fullerton College Ethnic Studies Department Land & Labor Acknowledgement: A Call to Action

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*Fullerton College is located on the unceded ancestral lands shared by the Gabrielino-Tongva Nation and the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians/Acjachemen Nation, who have been the traditional caretakers since time immemorial. Tongva and Acjachemen peoples maintain a strong presence in North Orange county and throughout Southern California, protecting their homelands, knowledge systems, and cultures for the next seven generations. We acknowledge the ingenuity, survival, resilience, and strength of their descendants and relatives—past, present, and emerging. We also acknowledge the labor of those who work on and care for these lands, both in the past and today, and all those who act in solidarity with Indigenous struggles.*

## Description

“In countries such as New Zealand, Australia, Canada, and among tribal nations in the U.S., it is commonplace, even policy, to open events and gatherings by acknowledging the traditional Indigenous inhabitants of that land. While some individuals and cultural and educational institutions in the United States have adopted this custom, the vast majority have not” ([Honor Native Land](#)). It is our collective responsibility to not only acknowledge Indigenous lands, but to actively work to redress the legacy of settler colonialism and genocide, to support and uplift Native American students, faculty, and staff at NOCCCD, and to build meaningful, respectful, and reciprocal relationships with local Native communities in their ongoing struggles for sovereignty. It is in this spirit that we also provide a list of action items, groups and organizations to support, as well as educational resources. This is by no means an exhaustive list and we encourage you to do additional research.

## Action Items & Organizations

- [Protect Puvungna](#) // [@protectpuvungna](#)
- [@KumeyaayDefenseAgainsttheWall](#)
- [Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation](#)
- [NOCCCD Native American Faculty and Staff Alliance \(NAFSA\)](#) // [@NOCCCD\\_NAFSA](#)
- [The Red Nation](#)
- [NDN Collective](#)
- [Honor the Earth](#)
- [Indigenous Peoples Movement](#)
- [Indigenous Environmental Network](#)
- [International Indigenous Youth Council](#)
- [Illuminatives](#)

## Rematriation & #LANDBACK

- [Sogorea Te' Land Trust](#)
- [Landback: A Yellowhead Institute Red Paper](#)
- ["Decolonization is Not a Metaphor"](#)

## Tovaangar & California Indian Educational Resources

- ["Mapping the Tongva villages of L.A.'s past"](#)
- [Mapping Indigenous L.A.](#)
- [Tovangaar Today](#)
- [Indigenous Voices of San Juan Capistrano](#)
- ["Toypurina: Indigenous Woman"](#)
- ["Toypurina: A Legend Etched in the Landscape of Los Angeles"](#)
- ["Untold History: The Survival of California's Indians"](#)
- [We Are the Land: A History of Native California](#)
- [California through Native Eyes: Reclaiming History](#)
- ["Tending the Wild"](#)

## Land Acknowledgment Resources

- [Indigenous Action Episode 1: "Acknowledge This!"](#)
- [CSUSM Land Acknowledgement Toolkit](#)
- [US Department of Arts & Culture Land Acknowledgement](#)
- [List of Federal and State Recognized Tribes](#)
- [Native Land](#)
- [Native Governance Center Resources](#)

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