

CAL NAGPRA

All public agencies, museums and educational institutions are required to provide an inventory of human remains, cultural artifacts and funerary objects by January 1, 2022 for repatriation. 15 exhibits follow to show the lineage of the Kizh Nation back to the first written word

San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Collaborative

In 2014, President Obama designated about 340K acres of Hidakupa (San Gabriel Mountains) as a National Monument. The Kizh Nation are the only Native American tribe on the Collaborative to protect this priceless land which holds many of our sacred sites. We work alongside the Forest Service and other agencies in land management.

Toypurina and Nicolas Jose

In 1785, a rebellion was led against European oppression at Mission San Gabriel. The Kizh Nation has tribal members with direct lineage to Toypurina, a female shaman and the chief's daughter, and Nicolas Jose, a majordomo, who risked their lives to save their Gabrieleno/Kizh families from the oppression of the mission system. We wrote our first book about this unique and inspiring Joan of Arc story of our own Kizh Nation.

Big Rock

An amazing solstice site in our precious San Gabriel Mountains. A recent article in *Sapiens Journal* likened its importance to Stonehenge! It is also the oldest published pictograph site in California.

Los Angeles First Cemetery

To make way for a Mexican-American museum in downtown Los Angeles, the LA Board of Supervisors and La Plaza de Cultura y Artes desecrated some 118 human burials next to La Placita Church downtown Los Angeles. The fight continues as we continue to demand a respectful repatriation of our direct ancestors, those of Los Pobladores and the founding families of Los Angeles.

Kizh dwelling, baskets and other artifacts

Mission San Gabriel suffered an arson attack that damaged this unique structure. Thankfully, there are beautiful Gabrieleno/Kizh baskets that survived and are being preserved by the docents at the museum. Explore our digital inventory.

Kizh Stewardship Camp

Thanks to the California Coastal Conservancy and their Explore the Coast Grant Program, our tribal youth and membership have been revitalizing the coastal aspects of our culture. Our beautiful coast has numerous sacred sites from villages to foraging/fishing locations to waterways for travel via plank canoes to the Channel Islands. Our youth are learning about endangered species and plants, how to protect the environment and how to utilize our natural resources while enjoying more modern forms of exploring the coast from kayaking to surfing to fishing to whale watching.

Burro Flats

Another amazing solstice (both winter and summer) site we called Jucjangna, also known as Burro Flats in the Santa Susana mountains. The Kizh are part of a Sacred Sites Council working alongside NASA, Boeing, US Department of Energy, Santa Susana Field Laboratory protecting the architectural and archaeological resources of this precious, fragile sacred site.

Kizh NOT Tongva

We are the Kizh – the aboriginal peoples of the Los Angeles basin. Our tribal territory extended from Malibu to the Channel Islands down to Aliso Creek out to San Bernardino County and up along the San Gabriel Mountains. Kizh is the name for the type of home we built – made of willow and tule which was unique to our people. “Tongva” is an invalid name we do NOT promote or acknowledge. It was infiltrated into our tribe by non Indians with questionable motives. Find out how the name Kizh/Kij is well documented back to the 1800s.

Sea of Kizh

Our sacred sea world that was protected by the dolphins, or Torovim. Our islands of Pimu'na (Santa Catalina), Kinkipaar (San Clemente), Xaraashna (San Nicholas) and “ichunash (Santa Barbara) provided unlimited resources and to their eastern border, our afterlife.