

Land Acknowledgement

California State University, Long Beach

We recognize and acknowledge that the land California State University Long Beach is located on the traditional homelands occupied by the Gabrieleño/Tongva (pronounced: GABRIEL-EN-YO/TONG – VAH) people, the Toongvetam (Pronounced: TOONG – VEH-TAM), and the shared origins of cultural knowledge and sacred teachings to the Acjachamen/Juaneño (pronounced: AH-HACH-AH-MEN/WAN-EN-YO) and many other Southern California Indian people.

We also acknowledge the Gabrieleño/Tongva and Acjachamen/Juaneño as the traditional custodians of the Los Angeles region along with the Chumash (pronounced: CHOO-MOSH) and the Tataviam (pronounced: TAH-TAH-VEE-YUM) to the north, and the Cahuilla (pronounced: KAH-WEE-YAH) Nations to the east and south.

We actively maintain and protect the remaining undeveloped land-base known as Puvungna (pronounced: POOH-VOONG-NAH), “the gathering place,” and recognize it as an active Tongva/Acjachemen ceremonial site, a sacred space, a reburial site, the birthplace of a spiritual philosophy, and the place of emergence in their origin narratives.

We respect and value the many ways the Tongva/Acjachemen cultural heritage and beliefs continue to have significance to the living people and remind us about the sacred and spiritual relationship that has always existed here at what we now call California State University Long Beach.