

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Sharing Your Experience with the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Crisis



WHAT IS THIS EVENT AND WHY SHARE YOUR STORY?

The California Department of Justice's (DOJ's) Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA) is hosting personal testimony and comments sessions to directly engage with community members about their experiences related to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) crisis in California.

We are deeply committed to understanding your firsthand experiences and the challenges faced by Indigenous communities in this crisis. Your words will play a crucial role in shaping policies, practices, and collaborations to effectively address this pressing issue.

HOW TO SHARE YOUR STORY AND HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Participation Details:

Format: Choose between providing a self-guided personal testimony or joining a private guided interview with one of our staff.

Date & Time: Saturday, September 30, 2023 9am – 6pm, 30-60 minute appointments

Venue: Soboba Casino Resort, 22777 Soboba Rd, San Jacinto, CA, 92583

Safety & Sensitivity:

Professional support staff on-site along with Traditional Healer(s).

Quiet and safe space environment ensuring respect and support.

Comments and testimonies will be audio recorded to ensure accuracy, provide a comprehensive representation of your experiences, and ensures that no details are overlooked or forgotten over time. Recordings will be kept until December 31, 2024 and all data will have personal identifying information redacted for your privacy.

How to Participate:

Register to participate by contacting our testimony liaison at <u>CSegura@Cahuilla-nsn.gov</u>

Tell Your Story: Prepare a written or spoken testimony, or simply come and speak from the heart. If you are unsure where to start, we will have self-guided questions available to help facilitate the conversation.

Additional Information:

Refreshments will be provided.

If you have questions about this research, please contact the DOJ's Research Center by calling (916) 210-6474 or emailing <u>Research.Center@doj.ca.gov</u>. You may also contact the DOJ's Office of Native American Affairs by calling (916) 210-6474.

Your voice is vital in shaping our understanding and response to the MMIP crisis. By sharing your experiences, you play a pivotal role in driving change. We deeply value your participation and thank you for entrusting is with your stories.