



CITY OF FULLERTON

Community and Economic Development Department

MARCH 04, 2026

Pala Band of Mission Indians
Shasta Gaughen, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
PMB 50, 35008 Pala Temecula Road
Pala, CA, 92059

Subject: Formal Notification for the City of Fullerton's Open Space and Conservation Element Update, Pursuant to Senate Bill 18

Dear Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Gaughen,

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The City welcomes any comments regarding potential impacts to tribal cultural resources (as defined in Public Resources Code § 21074) in relation to the proposed Project as well as requests for proposed Project related information. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65352.3(a)(2), you have 90 days from the receipt of this letter to request consultation with the Department. Please include the name of a designated lead contact person in all correspondence to ensure an expedient response. The City carefully adheres to provisions of Public Resources Code section 21082.3, subd. (c)(2)(A) to maintain the confidentiality of the information provided by Tribes.

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The City's contact person for this proposed Project is:

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Senior Planner
City of Fullerton – Community and Economic Development Department
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Fullerton, CA 92832
E-mail: yan.gao@cityoffullerton.com

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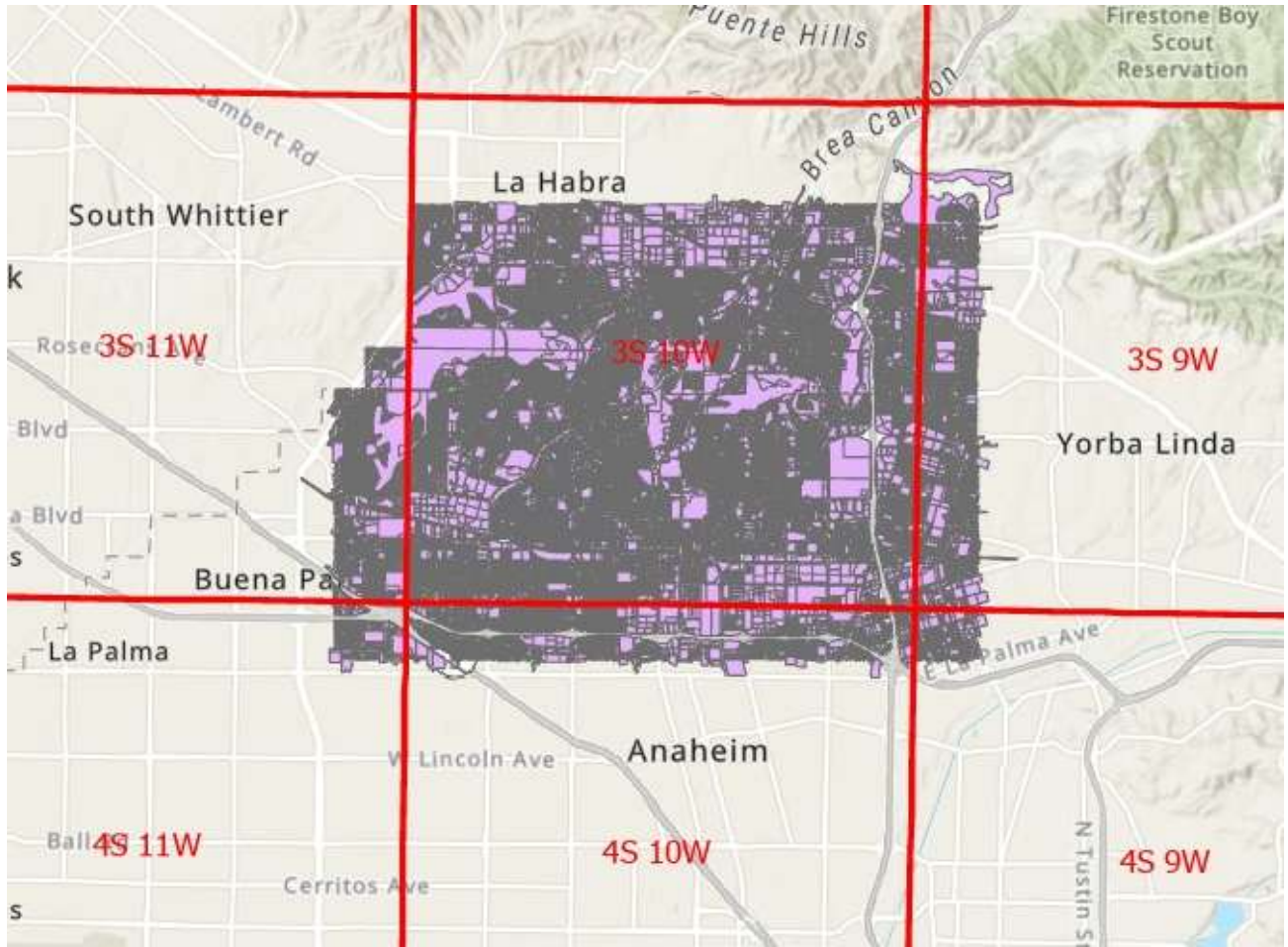
Respectfully,



Yan Gao, AICP
Senior Planner

Attachments:
Project Location Map

Project Location Map: City of Fullerton, CA



March 6, 2026

Yan Gao
Senior Planner
City of Fullerton
yan.gao@cityoffullerton.com

Re: Formal Notification for the City of Fullerton's Open Space and Conservation
Element Update, Pursuant to Senate Bill 18

Dear Yan Gao:

The Pala Band of Mission Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Office has received your notification of the project referenced above. This letter constitutes our response on behalf of Robert Smith, Tribal Chairman.

We have consulted our maps and determined that the project as described is not within the boundaries of the recognized Pala Indian Reservation. It is, however, within the boundaries of the territory that the tribe considers its Traditional Use Area (TUA). Because this project does not involve any ground disturbance, we do not request consultation at this time. However, if the project is modified to include ground-disturbing activity, we wish to be notified so we can reassess the need for consultation.

We appreciate involvement with your initiative and look forward to working with you on future efforts. Pala is now offering tribal monitoring services. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail at THPO@palatribe.com.

Sincerely,



Shasta C. Gaughen, PhD
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Pala Band of Mission Indians

ATTENTION: THE PALA TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL REQUESTS FOR CONSULTATION. PLEASE ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO **SHASTA C. GAUGHEN** AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO ALSO SEND NOTICES TO PALA TRIBAL CHAIRMAN ROBERT SMITH.



CITY OF FULLERTON

Community and Economic Development Department

MARCH 04, 2026

Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation
Christina Swindall Martinez, Secretary
P.O. Box 393
Covina, CA, 91723

Subject: Formal Notification for the City of Fullerton's Open Space and Conservation Element Update, Pursuant to Senate Bill 18

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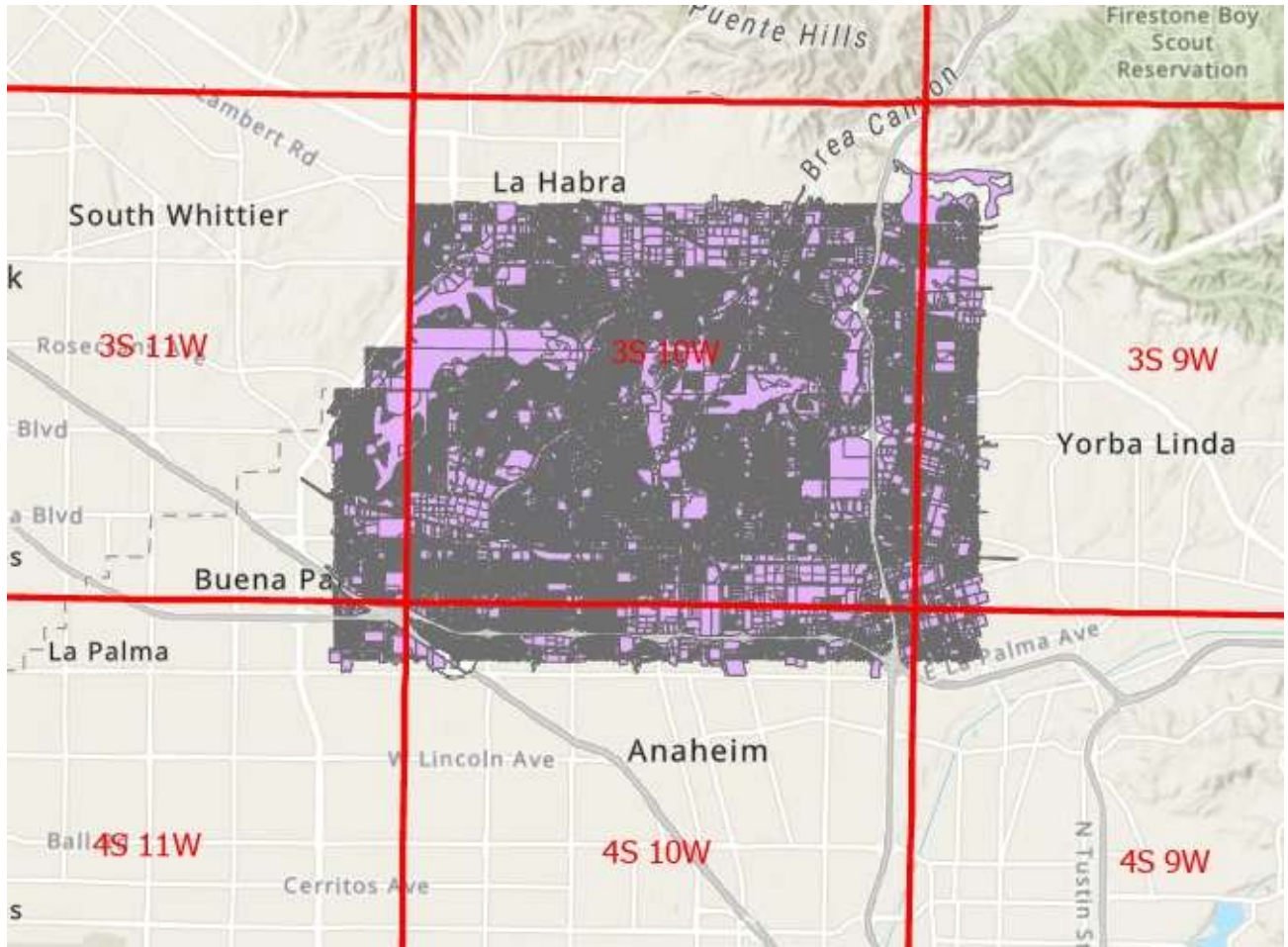
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[EXTERNAL MAIL] Formal Notification for the City of Fullerton's Open Space and Conservation Element Update, Pursuant to Senate Bill

From JBMI Cultural Resources <[REDACTED]>
Date Fri 3/6/2026 9:30 AM
To Yan Gao <Yan.Gao@cityoffullerton.com>
Cc NATHAN BANDA <[REDACTED]>

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Mr. Gao
Good morning,
I hope my email finds you well.

We received your letter to consult on the above mentioned subject matter.

After reading through it, and particularly the "Proposed Project Disturbances". It states: Specific projects requiring ground disturbance are not anticipated at this time.

As we understand there is anticipated ground disturbance as of now under the General Plan, we would like to keep an open line communication to consult as the project moves forward.

We ask that this email be placed with the project file.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Chris Granado
Cultural Resources Director
Juaneño Band of Mission Indians~Acjachemen Nation 84A
[REDACTED]

[EXTERNAL MAIL]Re: Formal Notification for the City of Fullerton's Open Space and Conservation Element Update, Pursuant to Senate Bill 18

From Andy Salas [REDACTED]
Date Thu 3/5/2026 10:16 AM
To Yan Gao <Yan.Gao@cityoffullerton.com>

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Hello Yan Gao

Thank you for your email. If this is solely an element update, we have no objections at this time. However, we kindly request that you please notify us in advance of any ground-disturbing activities.

Brandy Salas

On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 5:00 PM Yan Gao <Yan.Gao@cityoffullerton.com> wrote:

Dear Chairperson Salas,

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[EXTERNAL MAIL]Re: Formal Notification for the City of Fullerton's Open Space and Conservation Element Update, Pursuant to Senate Bill 18

From Joyce Perry [REDACTED]
Date Tue 4/21/2026 1:39 PM
To Yan Gao <Yan.Gao@cityoffullerton.com>
Cc Joyce Perry [REDACTED]

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Good Afternoon,

I am responding on behalf of the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation- Belardes to your letter pursuant to SB 18. We wish to request formal government-to-government consultation.

Thank you for sharing the overview of the Open Space and Conservation Element update for Fullerton. We request formal consultation to address areas that may be sensitive to the Tribe, including tribal cultural resources, ancestral landscapes, and places of ongoing cultural importance. Given the known presence of sensitive sites within the planning area, early coordination is essential to ensure these resources are appropriately identified and protected. We welcome the opportunity to provide input and look forward to coordinating the next steps.

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From: Yan Gao <Yan.Gao@cityoffullerton.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 5:00 PM
Subject: Formal Notification for the City of Fullerton's Open Space and Conservation Element Update, Pursuant to Senate Bill 18
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Yan Gao <Yan.Gao@cityoffullerton.com>

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Joyce Stanfield Perry
Húu'uni 'óomaqati yáamaqati- Teach peace

Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation- Belardes
Cultural Resource Director



CITY OF FULLERTON

Community and Economic Development Department

MAY 19, 2026

Juaneno Band of Mission Indians Acjachemen Nation - Belardes
Joyce Perry, Cultural Resource Director
4955 Paseo Segovia
Irvine, CA, 92603

Re: SB 18 Tribal Consultation – Fullerton Open Space and Conservation Element Update

Dear Cultural Resource Director Perry,

On behalf of the City of Fullerton, I want to express our sincere gratitude for your participation in the SB 18 Tribal Consultation meeting held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. We deeply appreciate the time, knowledge, and care that you and the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation (Belardes) have invested in this important dialogue as the City updates its Open Space and Conservation Element.

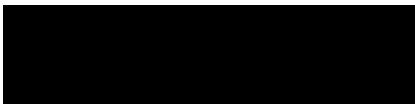
The perspectives you shared on repatriation and reinterment are invaluable to our planning process. We recognize the deep cultural and spiritual significance of ensuring that ancestral remains – many of which were unearthed before the protections afforded by CEQA took effect – are returned and reinterred in a manner that honors your ancestors and your Nation's traditions. The City aims to approach these matters with the sensitivity and respect they deserve.

We have carefully noted your priorities regarding the incorporation of dedicated reinterment areas within the City's Open Space planning framework. Your guidance on preferred site characteristics – including minimum acreage, remote and secluded settings, west-facing orientation, the absence of recreational use and signage, and the potential for a discreet access path – will meaningfully inform our evaluation of suitable candidate sites, subject to internal review processes.

We also appreciate your willingness to share an example Memorandum of Understanding related to burial locations. As we move forward, the City looks forward to exploring opportunities to work collaboratively with your Nation, relevant City departments, and other stakeholders, which may include consideration of formal agreements to support the long-term protection and stewardship of any identified sites.

We look forward to continued dialogue. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or additional information.

Sincerely,



Subject: Senate Bill 18 Tribal Consultation – Fullerton Open Space and Conservation Element Update

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Valerie Clarke, Michael Baker International
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