

**MORONGO
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MISSION
INDIANS**



A SOVEREIGN NATION

Tribal Chairman Charles Martin

Charles Martin serves as the elected Tribal Chairman for the Morongo Band of Mission Indians in Cabazon, Calif.

Elected in 2021, Chairman Martin works with the Morongo Tribal Council to oversee all aspects of Tribal operations on the 36,000-acre Morongo Indian Reservation, including management of the Morongo Tribal Government and of the Tribe's diverse business enterprises in gaming, energy, hospitality, dining, recreation, finance, manufacturing and retail.

Chairman Martin previously served as a Morongo Tribal Council Member for 12 years.

Born and raised on the Morongo Reservation, Chairman Martin is deeply committed to service and leadership within the Tribe. He has been an active and effective advocate for Morongo and for Native American issues on the local, regional, state and national level, and an ardent defender of Tribal sovereignty.

Chairman Martin helped guide Morongo's efforts to protect the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), culminating with the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in June 2023 affirming the constitutionality of ICWA and upholding the federal law that safeguards Indian child and families. In late 2023, Chairman Martin was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Indian Child Welfare Association.

Throughout his career in Tribal government, Chairman Martin has sought to cultivate new economic development opportunities in tribal gaming and other industries to ensure long-term growth and financial stability for future generations of Tribal members. He is also deeply dedicated to expanding educational opportunities for Tribal youth across Indian Country and to strengthening Morongo's leadership position as a self-sufficient and self-determining sovereign nation.

Chairman Martin's career in tribal leadership and business development spans over 20 years and has been characterized by his strong work ethic and profound commitment to advancing the Tribe and Native issues. Prior to his service on the Tribal Council and the development of the Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa, Chairman Martin worked as the general manager of a Southern California casino where he obtained extensive and diverse experience in all facets of casino and business operations. He also served as a Regent At-Large for the California Tribal College.