

MARK MACARRO

Tribal Chairman

Pechanga Band of Indians

Mark Macarro is the duly elected Tribal Chairman of the Pechanga Band of Indians in Temecula, California. Chairman Macarro is currently serving in his 32nd consecutive year as Tribal Chairman. Throughout his tenure, Macarro's vision for Pechanga has been to see the Band strengthen its political self-determination and economic self-reliance while maintaining its distinct and unique cultural identity. Mark is married to Holly Cook Macarro (Red Lake Band of Ojibwe) and is the proud father of four children.

BOARDS & APPOINTMENTS

National Congress of American Indians

In October 2023 Macarro was elected to the office of President of the National Congress of American Indians. NCAI's mission is to protect and enhance treaty rights, the federal trusty obligation to Tribes, and the sovereign rights of Tribal nations as we secure our traditional laws, cultures, and ways of life.

California Truth and Healing Council

Chairman Macarro was appointed in 2020 by Governor Gavin Newsom to the inaugural California Truth & Healing Council. The CTHC follows the Governor's apology made in 2019 to California Indians and tribes.

University of California President's Native American Advisory Council

Macarro was appointed by University of California President Janet Napolitano in January 2019, to guide the UC President on matters of the Native American Graves & Repatriation Act.

The Indian Gaming Association (IGA)

Chairman Macarro currently represents the Pacific Region on the Board of Directors for the IGA.

Native American Rights Fund (NARF)

Macarro became a Board Member of the Native American Rights Fund in late 2010 and served through 2015.

The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development

Chairman Macarro also served as a member of the Board of Governors for The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, 2007 through 2015.

Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival (AICLS)

Mark was a founding charter member of the AICLS Board, founded in 1992, and assisted in drafting the mission of AICLS and launching the organizations activities.

EDUCATION

Tribal Leader Program 2025, Harvard University

Bachelor of Arts Political Science 1987, University of California Santa Barbara