

## TRACEY TREPPA

## VICE CHAIRPERSON, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HABEMATOLEL POMO OF UPPER LAKE

Tracey Treppa is Vice-Chairperson for the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake, a federally recognized Indian Nation located in Upper Lake, California. Vice-Chairperson Treppa was elected into her current position in 2018. She was first elected to the Tribe's sevenmember Executive Council in June 2016 as a Member-at-Large. As Vice-Chairperson, Treppa is charged with leading the efforts towards preserving the Tribe's Pomo culture and inalienable right to sovereignty, while continually striving for economic self-reliance, through e-commerce, gaming, government-to-government outreach and other economic opportunities unique to tribal lands.

Prior to her elected role, Vice-Chairperson Treppa served as Commissioner of the Tribal Consumer Financial Services Regulatory Commission, a regulatory arm of the Tribal government with oversight over the Tribe's consumer finance businesses. In this position, she was actively engaged in the regulatory environment and demonstrated a shrewd understanding of the Tribe's evolving lending enterprises and operations. Today, she remains an advocate of the business and continues to actively engage in ongoing education, such as the Online Lenders Alliance Compliance University that enable her to remain knowledgeable of the changing regulatory environment and potential impact to the Tribe's lending enterprises.

In addition to her Council responsibilities, Vice-Chairperson Treppa continues to serve on three tribal committees in different capacities: Chair, Garden Committee; Chair and co-founder of Eastern Pomo Language Advocates Committee; active member of the Tribal Cultural Committee; and active member of the Housing Commission which oversees emergency housing for its membership and provides student rental assistance to those in need. She is also credited with successfully creating a local food system on Tribal lands. This initiative resulted in the formation of the Garden Committee , where the Tribe is now producing vegetables from non-GMO seeds with the intent to become certified organic within a few short years.

She is also immersed in the local community, where she is a community volunteer for the North Shore Business Association and the United Pomo Nations Consortium which continues to work towards preserving Pomo culture and their right to sovereignty.

Vice-Chairperson Treppa was born in California and currently resides in Lake County, California.



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