

Catalina VillaMontes
Pechanga Band of Indians



My personal objective as being a proud member of the Pechanga Band of Indians is the health and welfare of my tribe and being able to make impactful decisions that not only benefit my reservation but all Native Americans across California. I began that journey volunteering at the private elementary school on the reservation in various capacities, and now I serve my tribe by being an advocate for Indian Health Services. I welcome more opportunities to serve my tribal community to the best of my ability.

Education:

Graduated:

North High School, Torrance CA

6/2004

California School of Culinary Arts, Pasadena, CA
Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts Program
Associate of Occupational Studies

11/2005

Duration:

National University Luiseño Language Classes

2007-2008

Curriculum:

- Learning to speak, read, and write basic Luiseño language

Luiseño language classes

2007-Present

- Continuing my education in the Luiseño language and culture

Work and Volunteer Experience:

California Rural Indian Health Board

2019-Present

- Delegate for Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health
- Attend Quarterly meetings, approve financial statements, discuss policies, and advocacy work
- March on Washington advocating for better funding to California Indian Health Programs

Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health Inc. Board of Director's

- Pechanga Board Delegate

2017-Present

- Opened a new health clinic on the Pechanga Indian Reservation

- Organized several large Covid-19 vaccine clinics
- Personnel Committee
 - Conduct interviews and oversee the hiring of new employees for 7 clinics
- Executive Committee, Treasurer
 - Attend monthly meetings, Evaluate CEO
- Finance Committee, Chairwoman
 - Chair monthly finance meetings, set new policies, approve financial statements, and Annual Audits

Chammakilawish Pechanga School

- Teacher's Aide **Feb-June 2010, Sept-Dec. 2017**
 Assisted in the preschool class during calendar, centers, recess, snack and lunch
- Setup and cleanup for major school events **2011-2020**
- Parents of Pechanga Students(POPS) Member
- Certified in First Aid Basics

Animal Friends of the Valleys

2007-2019

- Working fundraising events
- Camp counselor for Furry Friends Kids Camp
- Foster animals in my home until they are eligible for adoption