



# TRIBAL ALLIANCE OF SOVEREIGN INDIAN NATIONS

*An intergovernmental association of tribal governments throughout Southern California*

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**TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS:**

AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF  
CAHUILLA INDIANS

AUGUSTINE BAND OF  
MISSION INDIANS

CAHUILLA BAND  
OF INDIANS

CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN  
TRIBE

PECHANGA BAND OF  
LUISEÑO INDIANS

SAN MANUEL BAND OF  
MISSION INDIANS

SANTA ROSA BAND OF  
CAHUILLA INDIANS

SANTA YNEZ BAND OF  
CHUMASH INDIANS

SOBOBA BAND OF  
LUISEÑO INDIANS

TORRES MARTINEZ  
DESERT CAHUILLA  
INDIANS

Assemblyman Das Williams  
Assembly District 37  
State Capitol  
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**RE: AB 163(Williams) SUPPORT**  
Native American Language-Culture credential

Dear Assemblyman Williams:

The Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations (TASIN), an intergovernmental association of 10 federally recognized tribal governments throughout Southern California, sends this letter in SUPPORT of your AB 163, Native American Language-Culture credential.

The credentialing of Native American language instructors began with AB 544 which passed both houses of the California Legislature unopposed in the 2008-2009 session.

AB 163 builds on the provisions of AB 544 (2009) and extends such credentialing of Native American language teachers to the teaching of Native American culture.

California is home to more federally recognized Indian tribes than any other state in the union. AB 163 would add California to the six other states that already credential both Native American language and culture instructors.

Sincerely,

Lynn Valbuena  
Chairwoman

Brian McDonald  
Secretary

Andrew Masiel, Sr.  
Vice Chairman

Rosemary Morillo  
Treasurer