

California State Assembly



Agenda

**Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 6 on
Public Safety
and
Select Committee on
Native American Affairs**

Assemblymember James Ramos, Chair

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024
10:00 A.M. – State Capitol, Room 437
(please note time change)**

Informational Hearing

Prioritizing Resources in Tribal Communities: Why is California 5th in Unsolved Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Cases in the Nation?

I. Welcoming Remarks

II. Panel 1: History and Drivers of MMIP

- Christine Williams, Yurok Tribal Member, Chief Judge of Wilton Rancheria Tribal Court
- Merri Lopez-Keifer, Director, Office of Native American Affairs, CA Department of Justice
- June Nachor, Vice Chairwoman, Tejon Indian Tribe
- April McGill (Yuki and Wappo), Enrolled member of Round Valley Indian Tribe, Executive Director of the American Indian Cultural Center of San Francisco, and MMIP Advocate with Indigenous Justice

III. Panel 2: Community Impact and Barriers to Navigating an MMIP Crisis

- Marlena Alva, member of the Blackfeet/Yaqui Tribes
- Erica Pinto, Chairwoman, Jamul Indian Village of California
- Regina Cuellar, Chairwoman, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Nisenan/Miwok Tribal Affiliation

IV. Panel 3: Solutions to Reduce and Address the Incidence of MMIP

- Sonya Tetnowski, MBA-F Makah Tribe, Chief Executive Officer, Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley
- Erik Apperson, former Sheriff, Del Norte County
- Taralyn Ipina, Yurok Tribal Member, Chief Operating Officer, Yurok Tribe
- Morning Star Gali (Pit River Tribe), Founder and Executive Director, Indigenous Justice

V. Public Comment