

California: The State of Power Building in Native Communities (working title)

Background

The California Native Vote Project (CNVP), the American Indian Studies Center at UCLA and Advancement Project California (APCA) are collaborating to produce a report on the State of Power Building in Native Communities in California, to be developed and disseminated by January 2020. The report is intended to describe the current socio-economic status of Native Americans living in California, across seven indicators ranging from health and education to democracy and justice issues. The data sets are being culled from the county level disparity index produced by AP, within their “Race Counts” initiative. The report will also feature examples of successful power building strategies being led by Native peoples’ throughout the state, through journalistic-style vignettes and/or feature stories.

The goals of the report include:

- Describe “power building” strategies from a Native worldview and perspective.
- Utilize storytelling vignettes to uplift the resilience of Native people, and document the effective community organizing and policy advocacy being led by Native communities across the state.
- Provide visibility and greater understanding of Native issues in the state of California to non-Native partners and allies.
- Educate the philanthropic and nonprofit communities with a statewide snapshot of the health and well-being of Native communities in California and the historical factors that gave rise to the inequities Native people face in the state today.

The project will be guided by an advisory committee, the majority of whom are members of California Indian Nations.

The final product will be a report that features narrative, data charts, info-graphics and stories featuring local community and Tribal advocacy and organizing efforts.

The project team intends to release the report early 2020, in conjunction with the introduction of statewide legislation to create a statewide Indigenous Peoples Day, to leverage press and media attention, as well as to disseminate to the Native American community.

Project Timeline: Phase One

Months	6/18	02/19	05/19	06/19	07/19	08/19	09/19
Secure funding	x						
Meet with AP about data		x	x	x	x		
Create outline and 3 priority areas			x	x			
Convene Advisory Committee			x		x		
Content/Data Development			x	x	x		

Project Timeline: Phase Two

Week of	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/28	10/31	11/5	11/8	11/11	11/22	11/25	11/26	12/5
Email to request interviews	X											
Send script, questions, budget and timeline to CC		X										
Draft AB update for CC to send		X										
Email AB update			X									
Interview Dr. Speed				X								

and Laurie												
Host webinar for journalists					X							
Complete interviews with Tia and Virginia						X						
Complete first draft of recommendations							X					
Final draft of recommendations complete								X				
First draft of vignettes complete									X			
Lead author complete edits										X		
Send vignettes to Ray for design											X	
Share with APCA and advisory board												X

Topic Area	Issue	Location	Source
Environmental Justice/Tribal Sovereignty	Klamath water crisis	Yurok Tribe [Northern CA]	https://www.hcn.org/issues/50.10/tribal-affairs-how-the-yurok-tribe-is-reclaiming-the-klamath-river
Environmental Justice/Tribal Sovereignty/Sacred Site	Shell Mound protection of sacred sites issue, Ohlone	Ohlone [Northern CA]	https://shellmound.org/
Narrative Change	Indigenous Peoples' Day	Los Angeles [Southern CA] other cities throughout CA	https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-indigenous-peoples-day-20181008-story.html
Narrative Change	Statue Removal	Los Angeles, Bay Area & North	https://www.lamag.com/citythinkblog/los-angeles-columbus-statue/
Democracy	California Native Vote Project, and other democracy work	Los Angeles [Southern CA]/Statewide	
Crime & Justice	MMIW	Statewide	https://www.uihi.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Missing-and-Murdered-Indigenous-Women-and-Girls-Report.pdf
Environmental Justice/Tribal Sovereignty	Traditional gathering for California Basketweaving	Varies	

Duluwat Island returned to the Wiyot Tribe			
Agua Caliente's efforts to restore and retain water rights			
Northern California to prevent catastrophic fire			