

CIHC STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

(adopted October 2003)

The California Indian Heritage Center honors the diversity and history of California Indian people by preserving cultural and tribal traditions, nurturing contemporary expressions, and facilitating research and education, for California, the nation, and the world.

CIHC VISION STATEMENT

(adopted January 2004)

Under the guidance of California Indian people, the California Indian Heritage Center will:

- Present a statewide perspective on California's diverse Indian cultural legacy.
- Honor the contributions of California Indians and promote dialogue between generations.
- Enhance public understanding of traditional and spiritual beliefs and practices.
- Be recognized as a culturally essential California destination that enriches public life.
- Partner with tribal communities and regional cultural centers and museums.
- Collect and present traditional and contemporary California Indian artistic and cultural expressions.
- Provide educational opportunities to research and understand California's Indian history, cultures and the impact of contemporary issues.
- Protect California Indian cultural resources.

SITE AND FACILITY MASTERPLANNING PRINCIPLES

Developed by the Advisory Group Members during workshops held in 2006, the following principles build on the CIHC Vision Statement and the principles outlined in the Interim Project Planning and Interpretive Programming Report (September 2007).

- Create a place that represents and celebrates all California Indian Cultures, while remaining *nameless, faceless and neutral*.
- Honor and respect local tribal protocols and traditions for welcoming other tribes.
- Build a Center on the premise of *Healing the Land*, demonstrating traditional values for land stewardship and environmental consciousness.
- Encourage understanding of Indian values through site design, reinforcing the message of California Indian Culture as a *Living Culture*. Inject California Indian values in all aspects of site development.
- Embrace the river and the seasons.
- Develop site and facilities with a natural character, using natural materials and a light footprint on the land.
- Enable site flexibility, allowing different event formats.
- Provide integrated indoor and outdoor spaces to facilitate transfer of culture, education and preservation of traditions.
- Provide safe and comfortable spaces for all visitors, emphasizing easy pedestrian circulation.
- Create a Center that is a "good neighbor through community engagement."

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
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