

[Tribal Letterhead]

Sample Claim Letter for Culturally Affiliated Human Remains

[DATE]

Vice Chancellor Gary Matthews
University of California, San Diego
9500 Gilman Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Dear Vice Chancellor Matthews,

I am contacting you on behalf of the [tribe]. The [tribe] would like to formally claim Native American human remains [and associated funerary objects if relevant] that have been culturally affiliated with the [tribe] under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

The [tribe] is respectfully requesting repatriation of the following human remains [and associated funerary objects if relevant] housed at University of California, San Diego identified in the UC San Diego NAGPRA Inventory:

[Accession ____/Site _____
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Repeat as necessary

and published in a Notice of Inventory Completion published on [date]].

We look forward to working with your staff on advancing this claim and arranging transfer. We recognize that transfer of human remains cannot occur until at least thirty (30) days after publication of the Notice of Inventory Completion in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

Tribal Chair [or designated NAGPRA Representative]

Cc: Eva Trujillo, NAGPRA Repatriation Coordinator