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## The Mexican/Spanish Lineages of Gloria Arellanes

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### Introduction

Upon the request of Chairman Andrew Salas, of the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians (aka Kizh Nation), I agreed to research and analyze the lineage of Gloria Arellanes to determine if there was any validity to her claim that her mother was a “Native American *Tongva*” or if she had any California Native American ancestry at all. **After a thorough research effort, it is my professional conclusion Gloria Arellanes possesses absolutely no California Native American Indian lineages whatsoever, let alone any Gabrieleño (erroneously referred to as *Tongva*) Indian blood.**

Furthermore, as requested, I investigated Arellanes’s political activities and claims about being a *Tongva Elder*. There is no doubt she has falsely represented herself to UCLA, the Los Angeles Indymedia, Tropics of META, and Chicana Por Mi Raza.<sup>1</sup> And, now these false claims have found a home in Wikipedia.<sup>2</sup>

It is apparent Arellanes was not misled in anyway about her heritage. She was a 33-year-old adult when her mother died in 1979.<sup>3</sup> And, as the informant on her mother’s death record, she identified her mother as *Caucasian*—not *Native American*, not *Indian*, not *Tongva*, and not *Gabrieleño*.<sup>4</sup> And, yet as an adult she changed her story. Referencing her fraudulent claims, an interviewer wrote:

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<sup>1</sup> 1) <http://la.indymedia.org/news/2017/01/294854.php>, 2) <http://www.americanindianstudies.ucla.edu/event/standing-mother-earth-dennis-banks-robbly-romero-and-raye-zaragoza>, 3) <http://la.indymedia.org/news/2017/01/294432.php>; 4) <http://chicanapormiraza.org/chicanas/gloria-arellanes>; and, 5) <https://tropicsofmeta.wordpress.com/2015/01/22/la-lucha-continua-gloria-arellanes-and-the-making-of-a-chicano-movement-in-el-monte-and-beyond/>.

<sup>2</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gloria\\_Arellanes#cite\\_note-2](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gloria_Arellanes#cite_note-2).

<sup>3</sup> Arellanes, Gloria (1946); Certificate of Live Birth (informational copy), issued by County of Los Angeles, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, State of California, on 6 Apr 2018.

<sup>4</sup> Arellanes, Laura Louise (nee: Gonzales) (1979); Certificate of Death (informational copy), issued by County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, on 22 Feb 2018; original in possession of Andy Salas.