

Dear Friends,

The **Gabrielino Tribe** and our supporters need your help. We have arrived at a point in our tribal history where our financial situation merits our asking for your money. Our tribe's legal situation has taken a turn for the worse.

Last month our CEO, Jonathan Stein, was ordered to pay over \$560,000 in attorney fees and court costs to Richard Polanco (Los Angeles Superior Court Case BC361307). While we feel this is an outrageous mistake on the part of Judge Conrad Aragon and it is apparent that Mr. Stein can receive no justice in that courtroom (Mr. Stein has informed us that the Judge is biased because the Judge and Polanco are Hispanic), we see that eventually this amount will need to be paid.

Additionally, our Tribal Council has also suffered a **legal setback**. The Tribal Council lost their appeal in the San Diego court case (San Diego Superior Court Case 37-2007-00055441-CU-DF-NC). The 4<sup>th</sup> Appellate District Division 1 Court of Appeal (Case D052255) ruled against our Tribal Council on January 14<sup>th</sup> of this year. The defamation and libel ruling against our Tribal Council stands as is. This is yet another example of a miscarriage of justice, but, we must look ahead at what the cost of settlement will be. For this too will need to be paid.

So please look into your hearts (and wallets) and give generously to our **noble cause**. If at all possible please consider setting up a collection plate at your place of business or perhaps ask your friends and colleagues to visit our website [Gabrielinotribe.org](http://Gabrielinotribe.org) and browse (hopefully purchase) our authentic Gabrielino line of merchandise that includes tomahawks, sage bundles and baby blankets. Or better yet, come join us at our tribal gathering this month, April 25th 2009, at historic Elysian Park near downtown Los Angeles. Check our website for more details. Please don't forget to bring your checkbook.

So please contribute to our **2009 Tribal War Chest**.

Thank you

