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**Indigenous Artists Celebrated in RED EARTH GAZE exhibition at
The Many Winters Gathering of Elders**Exhibition with public reception Thursday, October 12th, 5pm – 8pm

San Pedro, CA - Angels Gate Cultural Center (AGCC) is pleased to announce the upcoming exhibition, RED EARTH GAZE, featuring artists from local California tribes and migrant Native communities from across Tovaangar. Taking place on the unceded, traditional homelands of the Gabrielino Tongva-Kizh at AGCC, the exhibition coincides with the 17th annual *Many Winters Gathering of Elders*. *The Gathering* is a four-day exchange of Indigenous histories and ceremonial traditions, convening at AGCC from October 12th-15th. RED EARTH GAZE opens with a public opening reception on Thursday, October 12th from 5pm – 8pm.

At the center of RED EARTH GAZE, are the Contemporary Native visual narratives that are reflective of each artists' life perspective. Together in unison, these works coalesce notions from the past and present as we consciously emerge into the future, celebrating the expansive hopes and dreams of Native peoples as multidimensional beings.

RED EARTH GAZE is curated by **Gloria Gem Sánchez**, a Xicana-Filipina Indigenous artist and longtime contributor to the *Many Winters Gathering of Elders* efforts at AGCC. Sanchez has assembled multiple generations of Indigenous artists, paying homage to the Elders who founded *The Gathering*, while also recognizing a younger generation of contemporary Native artists in a multitude of artistic medias.

Curator Gloria Gem Sánchez states the significance of this group exhibition, "To tell our stories and histories is a powerful tool of cultural sustenance. Native American author John Trudell said it best with his quote, 'I am just a human being trying to make it in a world that is rapidly losing its understanding of being human.' To make space for our own narratives is to participate in the human experience because without them, we could not know who we are or where we've come from."

RED EARTH GAZE includes works by **Weshoyot Alvitre, Miranda Calvin, Avis Charley, Joe Galarza, River Garza, Tochtliita Melissa Govea, Jesús Jesse Gutiérrez, L. Frank Manriquez, Nicole Merton, Carla Marie Muñoz, Tony Portillo, Xochitlamilko Portillo, Laurie Steelink, Mi'randra Villanueva, Alexandria Ybarra, Isaac Michael Ybarra, Veronica Ybarra, and Mer Young.**

The exhibition for RED EARTH GAZE will be on view in the AGCC galleries, located at 3601 S. Gaffey Street in San Pedro, October 12th through December 9th, 2023. The exhibition will be open during the *Many Winters Gathering of Elders* at AGCC, which is free and open to the public, October 12th – 15th. More information on The Gathering and how to contribute is available at mwgoe.org. The gallery is open to the public Thursdays – Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. More information about the exhibition and programming events can be found at angelsgateart.org.

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About Angels Gate Cultural Center

Angels Gate Cultural Center (AGCC) emerged from a group of San Pedro artists in the 1970s that created art studios

and exhibition space within the WWII era army barracks of Angels Gate Park near the Port of Los Angeles. Today, AGCC hosts over 50 artist studios in addition to a variety of programs to engage the diverse communities of the Los Angeles Harbor region, including arts education in local schools, community classes, cultural events, and exhibitions of contemporary art. More information about AGCC is available at angelsgateart.org.

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