



MUWEKMA OHLONE INDIAN TRIBE

OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA REGION

'Innu Huššištak Makiš Mak-Muwekma "The Road To The Future For Our People"



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Francisco Bay Area

***"Káanak Muwekma.
Káanak nonwente mak
holše Čočenyo noono Jose
Guzman, 'ek-paapakuš
wéttel, nonwentekni.
I am Muwekma. I speak
our beautiful Chochenyo
language, the language
Jose Guzman, my great
grandfather spoke."***

Sheila Guzman-Schmidt is a descendant of the Jalquin Ohlone / Saclan Bay Miwok and Delta/North Valley Yokuts. She is presently a Tribal Councilwoman for the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area and Co-Chair of the Muwekma Language Committee. Jose Guzman whose parents were Delta North Valley Yokuts is Sheila's Great-Grandfather and was one of the last knowledgeable speakers of the Delta Yokuts and Chochenyo Ohlone Language until his death in 1934. Jose married Francisca Nonessi whose ancestry is traced back to the Jalquin, Saclan, Napian and Choquoime tribal groups on her Father's side and Francisca's mother was the younger sister of Jose Antonio, the last Capitan of the Alisal Rancheria / Verona Band community from the Sunol/Niles/Pleasanton/Livermore area. Sheila's Grandfather is Alfred Guzman who was their middle son. Alfred served in the 28th Infantry Division in France during WWI. Alfred married Minnie Higuera from Pleasanton and their third child Frank Harry Guzman is Sheila's Father. Her father served in the European Theatre in the U.S. Army 345th Infantry Regiment during WWII.

As a Native California Indian growing up in the East Bay and Central Valley, Sheila feels that the rich history and cultural heritage of the Ohlone People should be both celebrated and preserved for future generations.

Sheila currently lives in the Central Valley where she has been working 29 years as a Respiratory Care Practitioner. Aho!