

The recipient of the California Indian Heritage Preservation Award is Corrina Gould.

Corrina Gould, spokeswoman and Tribal Chair of the Confederated Villages of Lisjan/Ohlone, is a Chochenyo and a Karkin Ohlone. She is a long-time activist who works to protect, preserve, and reclaim ancestral lands of the Ohlone peoples. Born and raised in Oakland, the village of Huichin, she is a mother of three and grandmother of four,

Corrina has a prolific history co-founding and working with a number of activist organizations. She is a co-founder of the Sogorea Te Land Trust that works to return land to native peoples She is a Board member of the California Indigenous Environmental Association and on the board of directors for the Oakland Street Academy Foundation. Corrina currently works full time at the American Indian Child Resource Center, running an after school program that provides services for Native students in Oakland. She was the producer of several documentaries about Ohlone peoples and other native peoples.

Corrina is probably best well known for her decades long work to preserve and protect the West Berkeley Shellmound, the ancient burial site of her ancestors. She co-founded the group Indian People Organizing for Change which sponsored the Shellmound Peace Walk and has been active in preserving what remains of other shellmound sites.

Due largely to her activism, in 2000 the Berkeley City Council named the spot an historic landmark, and in September, 2020, the National Trust for Historic Preservation declared the site as one of the 11 “most endangered historic places” in the United States.[[]

Corrina exemplifies what we honor and hold dear with our Indigenous Women Warriors: passionate, compassionate and fierce. When our communities’ heritage and culture is threatened, our women are fearless in protecting it - and Corrina is the icon in Ohlone country for our young people, especially women, to look up to.