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## General Comment

Under the Spanish Mission System, any tribal entity that was enslaved to build a Mission in California should have Federal recognition. In San Gabriel California The Tongva people were enslaved to build the San Gabriel Mission. The Tongva Tribe now known as the Gabrielinos by the europeans for their Mission in San Gabriel were never given Federal Recognition by the Government. The surrounding Tribes are known as Mission Indians But none of them have a Mission. The Gabrielino Indians who are State Recognized and have remained intact as a tribal intity still have to struggle for their right under the Spanish Mission System for Federal Recognition.