

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
114th Congress Disclosure Form
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Oversight Hearing titled:

“The Obama Administration’s Part 83 Revisions and How They May Allow the Interior Department to Create Tribes, not Recognize Them.”

April 22, 2015 !

For Individuals:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

Name: Robert Martin
Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Morongo Band of Mission Indians
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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.
2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

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Biography

Chairman Robert Martin, the Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Chairman Robert Martin of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians is a recognized and respected leader across Indian Country, the U.S., California and Riverside County. He has served more than 25 years in Morongo's tribal government. He was first elected tribal chairman at the age of 32 and has served several terms as chairman since.

A champion of self-reliance, Chairman Martin led Morongo in its landmark 1987 U.S. Supreme Court case that confirmed the sovereignty of Indian tribes and their right to establish gaming operations. This watershed decision literally transformed the lives of tens of thousands of Native Americans across the nation in the struggle for self-determination.

Chairman Martin has worked closely with city, county, state and federal lawmakers on issues related to economic development, land use, water, energy resources, education, the environment, transportation and tribal gaming.

Chairman Martin oversaw the development of the original Casino Morongo and, years later, the \$250 million Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa. During Chairman Martin's tenure on the council, Morongo has diversified its business portfolio with new ventures in finance, health care and agriculture, and expanded its holdings to include the premier Morongo Golf Club at Tukwet Canyon.

Today, Morongo's business enterprises generate nearly \$3 billion in annual economic activity and more than 3,000 jobs.

A passionate defender of Morongo's rich culture and tribal traditions, Chairman Martin is equally committed to developing the next generation of tribal leaders and helped establish a new tuition-free preparatory academy at the Morongo Reservation – the first of its kind in the nation.

Under Chairman Martin's leadership, Morongo has preserved its long tradition of giving, and contributes more than \$1 million annually to support communities and non-profit organizations across the Inland Empire and Southern California, from the Los Angeles Mission to Pass area food kitchens, youth athletics and schools.

The tribe has sponsored more than \$3.7 million in grants to the Banning Police Department since 2005 to help fund everything from the hiring of new officers to anti-gang programs and vital equipment such as patrol vehicles, a Mobile Command Post, motorcycles, computers, bulletproof vests, and communication devices.

Martin's has served on the boards of numerous organizations including the California Indian Manpower Consortium, the California Indian Child Welfare Consortium, Riverside/San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc., and the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the California Museum.