

Consent to Act as a Research Subject — University of California, San Diego

The Tribal Digital Village:  
Technology, Sovereignty, and Collaboration in Indian Southern California

Ross Frank, Ph.D. is conducting a research study to document the tribal community's role in building the Tribal Digital Village project. You have been asked to take part because of your involvement in the Tribal Digital Village project. The purpose of this study is to better understand what community participation in the Tribal Digital Village says about Indian tribal life, community, sovereignty, and collaboration in Southern California.

If you agree to be in this study, Ross Frank will make an appointment to interview you, at a place and time of your convenience. Interview questions will include information about your involvement with computer technology and the Tribal Digital Village. The interview will last about 1 hour, and will involve an opportunity to describe your experiences with and thoughts about digital technology in general and the Tribal Digital Village project in particular.

Participation in this study will involve no direct , however, there is the possible risk of a loss of confidentiality. The researcher will take many steps to protect your information and will ask for your approval to use any information learned during the interviews.

You may or may not receive any direct benefit from this interview. However, at the end of the interview (or within a few days) you will receive a CD-ROM copy of the audio portion of the interview (arrangements can be made for a copy of a video interviews in video or DVD format, if requested). Also, you will receive a copy of any transcript made of the interview, and have the chance to comments on it or correct it.

At your direction, a copy of any or all of these materials will be furnished free of charge to your Tribal library, Tribal archive, or other repository. A copy of any article or book stemming from this research will be furnished free of charge to your Tribal library or Tribal archive.

The investigator may learn more about the development of tribally-directed, collaborative projects, the exercise of tribal sovereignty in 21<sup>st</sup> century Southern California, tribal views on the appropriate uses of technology in a globalizing world, and recent historical change among Southern California Indian communities.

Participation in research is entirely voluntary. You may refuse to participate or withdraw at any time. Research records will be kept confidential to the extent provided by law.

In addition, you are invited to provide a statement or article about your participation in or experiences with the Tribal Digital Village for inclusion in the published volume about the Tribal Digital Village project. After it is edited, a copy of your submission will be returned to you for your approval . Please feel free to discuss your plans for writing a submission to this project with Ross Frank. If desired, help with writing will be provided.

