

Update: Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary



Northern Chumash Tribal Council Chairwoman and Sanctuary Nominator [Violet Sage Walker](#) had the honor of presenting at the seventh international [Our Ocean 2022 conference](#), hosted by the United States and the Republic of Palau, the first small island developing state (SIDS) to host the Our Ocean Conference. Violet's remarks were streamed live from Palau on April 14 via the [conference website](#). Earlier that week, Violet received a special shout-out from Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry - [check it out](#).

[San Luis Outdoor Painters for the Environment \(SLOPE\)](#) is organizing "SLOPE Honors Pristine Coastal Visions," a showing and sale of inspired paintings dedicated to the coastline with a portion of proceeds benefiting the Northern Chumash Tribal Council and the sanctuary designation campaign. Now through May 30, stop by [Art Central Gallery](#) (1329 Monterey St, San Luis Obispo), open Mon-Sat from 10-5; Sundays from 12-4, to view these beautiful paintings and support the sanctuary effort. A big thank you to SLOPE for organizing this wonderful benefit!

On April 12, The LA City Council voted unanimously to [approve a resolution](#) in support of the sanctuary. "We must do all we can to protect these local ecosystems, and we urge the federal government to approve this groundbreaking proposal from the Chumash," said Councilmmber Mitch O'Farrell who co-authored the resolution, along with Councilmember Paul Koretz. You can read the [full text of the resolution here](#).