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SAN MANUEL PUBLIC SAFETY AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS**
Steven Gomez to Serve as Chief Physical Security Officer

San Manuel Indian Reservation (Near Highland, Calif.) – August 29, 2019 – The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians announced today that former Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Special Agent in Charge of Counterterrorism for the Los Angeles Field Office and former CEO of B2G Global Strategies, Mr. Steven Gomez, has accepted the position of Chief Physical Security Officer.

With a strong law enforcement and security background spanning more than 30 years with the FBI, Internal Revenue Service, Los Angeles Police Department and private security services, Mr. Gomez will significantly add to our current capabilities and our ongoing efforts to provide safety and security for San Manuel citizens, employees, visitors, and government and commercial interests.

“The Chief Physical Security Officer reflects the Tribe’s overall commitment to safety, security and risk management,” said San Manuel Chairwoman Lynn Valbuena.

Mr. Gomez holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from California State Polytechnic University, is a graduate of the FBI Academy, as well as the Los Angeles Police Academy. He also completed national joint terrorism task-force training, executive management, intelligence officer and senior federal law enforcement official training at Quantico, Virginia. Over the last five years, Mr. Gomez has performed the role of Security Contributor for ABC News, contributing commentary and analysis for the network on security-related incidents world-wide.

He is the recipient of the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service following the culmination of a major nationwide gang investigation.

Mr. Gomez will begin his service at San Manuel the week of August 26, 2019.

About the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians is a federally-recognized Indian tribe located on the San Manuel Indian Reservation near Highland, California. San Manuel exercises its inherent sovereign right of self-governance and provides essential services for its citizens by building infrastructure, maintaining civil services, and promoting social, economic and cultural development. As descendants of the indigenous people of the San Bernardino highlands, passes, valleys, mountains and high deserts, the Serrano people of San Manuel have called this area home since time immemorial and are committed to remaining a productive partner in the San Bernardino region.

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