

Date of Hearing: June 29, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Lori D. Wilson, Chair

ACR 218 (Ramos) – As Introduced June 3, 2026

**SUBJECT:** The Huuc Atam Highway

**SUMMARY:** Designates a specified portion of State Route 18 in the County of San Bernardino as the Huuc Atam Highway and requests that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

**EXISTING LAW:** Assigns Caltrans the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways, including the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Unknown, but the measure requests that Caltrans determine the cost of appropriate signage consistent with requirements for the state highway system and only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

**COMMENTS:** *According to the author,* “It is meaningful that state leaders understand the importance of honoring the Maara’yam name for the sacred Arrowhead monument that has stood over the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation homelands since time immemorial. Seeing the tribe’s language on the land invites others to recognize a deeper history and encourages respect for the long presence of the Serrano people and the cultural significance of landmarks like Huuc Atam.”

The Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation (formerly known as the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians) is a federally recognized sovereign Indian tribe located on the San Manuel Indian Reservation in San Bernardino County, near Highland, California. Exercising its inherent sovereign right to self-governance, the Nation is dedicated to providing essential infrastructure and civil services to its citizens, while actively promoting the social, economic, and cultural development of its people.

The Yuhaaviatam represent an Indigenous people who have inhabited the San Bernardino highlands, passes, valleys, mountains, and high deserts since time immemorial. The tribe is one of the clans of the Maara’yam, broadly referred to as the Serrano people. In reclaiming the ancestral name "Yuhaaviatam", pronounced “yu-HAH-vee-ah-tahm”, the tribe honors its enduring legacy and deep-rooted heritage in the region.

The region is home to a natural landmark known as the "Arrowhead," which measures 1,375 feet long by 449 feet wide and is a significant cultural site for the Maara’yam. In the Maara’yam tradition, this landmark is known as "Huuc Atam," which translates to “tooth of the arrow,” and is believed to have been placed by the Creator. The Arrowhead is considered sacred to the Yuhaaviatam and remains an integral element of their cultural identity and history.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

County of San Bernadino  
Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation

**Opposition**

None on file

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