

## **Rebeka Gallardo**

*Service Planning Area 4*

Placement Location: Central Public  
Health Center



Rebeka Gallardo is a senior at North Hollywood Zoo Magnet High School in Griffith Park. She is an advocate for indigenous rights, environmental conservation, and is passionate about making a positive change for the world. Rebeka participates in multiple communities including the indigenous community, LGBTQ+ community, and scientific community. Her hobbies include learning indigenous languages, volunteering in environmental clean-ups, and reading non-fiction scientific books.

Rebeka interns at the Los Angeles Zoo where she works one-on-one with the keepers and animals, providing enrichment and maintaining clean animal exhibits. She has been fortunate enough to fly to the Galapagos Islands and Quito, Ecuador where she studied the various cultures and native wildlife. Rebeka has also participated in United American Indian Involvement (UAI) events including the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) conference that recently took place in San Diego, CA. UNITY is a conference where thousands of indigenous youth gather together to develop leadership skills and discuss the national issues affecting indigenous lives where youth can then take home their experience to create solutions within their own smaller communities.

As part of the Youth Advisory Council, Rebeka hopes to further develop her public speaking skills and create new networks where she can learn to direct her passions. The Department of Public Health Youth Advisory Council is an opportunity for Rebeka to continue pursuing her passion to make the world better one day at a time.