

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-0368

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

December 14, 2021

City of Sacramento Land Acknowledgment

BACKGROUND

- A. A Land Acknowledgement is a formal statement, a public recognition, of the Indigenous Peoples who have been dispossessed and displaced from their ancestral homelands and territories due to a variety of colonial and historical reasons.
- B. This formal statement acknowledges that the City of Sacramento, its parks, and any other infrastructure was built, and operates, on Indigenous Peoples' ancestral homelands.
- C. A Land Acknowledgement recognizes the unique and enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories and to recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose stolen territory we reside on.
- D. A Land Acknowledgement re-centers Indigenous perspectives and aims to celebrate and honor the past, present, and futures of Native peoples and acknowledges the harmful legacy of colonialism, which has devastated Indigenous communities historically and continues to negatively impact them today.
- E. Native Americans are descendants of the Indigenous people who were the original inhabitants of this continent, and Sacramento is the home of the Nisenan people, Southern Maidu, Valley and Plains Miwok, Patwin Wintun peoples, and the people of the Wilton Rancheria, Sacramento's only Federally recognized Tribe.
- F. These local tribes possessed an incredible understanding of the resources that were available to them and have passed this knowledge down from generation to generation, ensuring it remains very much a part of who they are today.
- G. Sacramento's Native Community makes up 1.5% of the population and continues to provide positive impacts in the region through the leadership and the strength of the Wilton Rancheria, and Native-led organizations like the Sacramento Native American Health Center who not only provide COVID-19 resources for the whole community but also provide a culturally competent, holistic, and patient-centered continuum of care.

H. Reading a Land Acknowledgement before the Pledge of Allegiance is an active practice of acknowledging our nation’s foundational history of colonial harm to the Indigenous Peoples whose lands we reside on.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE RECITALS, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A City of Sacramento Land Acknowledgment (attached as Exhibit A) is to be read aloud at the beginning of every meeting of the Sacramento City Council and its subsidiary committees, boards, and bodies (i.e., City Council standing committees, City Council ad hoc committees, and City of Sacramento boards, commissions, and committees), as well as the Financing Authority, Housing Authority, Public Financing Authority, and Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency.

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Exhibit A – City of Sacramento Land Acknowledgement

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on December 14, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Guerra, Harris, Jennings, Loloee, Schenirer, Valenzuela, Vang, and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest: **Mindy Cuppy** Digitally signed by Mindy Cuppy
Date: 2021.12.29 16:20:02
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Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.

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WHEREAS, a Land Acknowledgement is a formal statement, a public recognition, of the Indigenous Peoples who have been dispossessed and displaced from their ancestral homelands and territories due to a variety of colonial and historical reasons,

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WHEREAS, reading a Land Acknowledgement before the Pledge of Allegiance is an active practice of acknowledging our nation's foundational history of colonial harm to the Indigenous Peoples whose lands we reside on,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Sacramento that we do hereby establish a City of Sacramento Land Acknowledgment for the beginning of every Sacramento City Council, its subsidiary committees, boards, and bodies (i.e. City Council Standing Committees, City Council Ad Hoc Committees, and City of Sacramento Boards, Commissions, and Committees) as well as the Financing Authority, Housing Authority, Public Financing Authority, and Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency.

ISSUED: This 14th Day of December 2021.