

Culver City Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee
Report prepared by the Land Acknowledgement Ad Hoc Subcommittee
May 28, 2024

Members of the EHRAC Land Acknowledgement Ad Hoc Subcommittee are London McBride, Haifaa Moammar, Ifunanya Nweke and Rebecca Rona-Tuttle.

There was insufficient time to conduct research and interview local Native Americans in advance of the May 28th EHRAC meeting during the 19 days between our April EHRAC meeting and the day this report was due, May 17th.

Members of the Land Acknowledgement Ad Hoc Subcommittee would like to conduct additional research and interview local Native Americans in preparation for drafting a new version of a land acknowledgement for City Council's use at each City Council meeting. Is this acceptable to the City Council?

As of May 16th, individual members of the Land Acknowledgement Ad Hoc Subcommittee have:

- Continued research by obtaining numerous resources.
- Reviewed all land acknowledgements shared with our City Council in advance of their meetings, including that adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and others.
- Suggested to the ad hoc subcommittee additional land acknowledgements to review: three researched and adopted by UCLA and another, written by Dr. Angela Clark Loque, a consultant for the Culver City Black Family Council, and Dr. Molina Abdullah, a professor at CSUSB.
- Considered a new version of a land acknowledgement drafted by one of its members.

If the City Council agrees to extending the period of time for the EHRAC Land Acknowledgement Ad Hoc Subcommittee to continue its efforts, responses to the following questions would be helpful.

1. Is the only group of Native Americans who historically inhabited the Culver City area the Gabrieleño Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians? We ask because the land acknowledgement drafted by city staff in advance of the December 11, 2023 Council meeting contained the name of this group only.
2. Would City Council members prefer to review and possibly revise a single land acknowledgement or several drafted by the EHRAC Land Acknowledgement Ad Hoc Subcommittee to be shared with local Native Americans for their reactions?
3. Would the City Council appreciate the opportunity to present the approved land acknowledgement during the council meeting that will occur on or about Indigenous Peoples Day, which is October 14, 2024?

We request that this report be shared with the appropriate City Council members and staff.