

Title: Adopting a Land Acknowledgement Item No. _____	
Meeting date: April 28, 2021	
Agendized by: Heather Tuttle	
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Committee Vote (if appropriate): YES	
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? ____ Yes ____x_ No	
Additional documents attached? ____x_ Yes ____ No	

RECOMMENDATION:

The Education Committee is in support of expressing a land acknowledgement statement and recommends the Neighborhood Council adopt a land acknowledgement recognizing and respecting the Tongva/Gabrieleno/Acjachemen peoples as traditional stewards of this land.

BACKGROUND:

“It is important to understand the longstanding history that has brought you to reside on the land, and to seek to understand your place within that history. Land acknowledgements do not exist in a past tense, or historical context: colonialism is a current ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness of our present participation.” [Northwestern University](#)

DISCUSSION:

“To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory you reside on, and a way of honoring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial.” [Northwestern University](#)

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Place fiscal analysis narrative here (if appropriate)

ATTACHMENTS:

- Land Acknowledgment Presentation
- Land Acknowledgement Proposal

MOTION:

The Education Committee recommends the Neighborhood Council express a land acknowledgment before the Pledge of Allegiance during our monthly meetings. The Land Acknowledgment recommended is as follows:

“The Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa acknowledges the Tongva/Gabrieleno/Acjachemen peoples as the traditional land caretakers of the Los Angeles basin and Southern Channel Islands.”