**SAN FRANCISCO ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

Resolution on Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement

(Adopted by the San Francisco Elections Commission on DATE.)

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Elections Commission acknowledges that the Ramaytush Ohlone are the original peoples of the San Francisco Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Elections Commission acknowledges that the area comprising the City and County of San Francisco was originally inhabited by the Yelamu, an independent tribe of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Elections Commission acknowledges that the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples have survived the brutalities of colonialism, enslavement, genocide, discrimination, racism, gender-based violence, theft, forced assimilation, and other atrocities driven by local, federal, and global governments; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Elections Commission acknowledges that Ramaytush Ohlone peoples are not a mythical population of the past, but an integral and active community in the present San Francisco Bay Area region, and beyond, whose ongoing exclusion and invisibility denied the greater Native American community’s inclusion and respect in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Elections Commission acknowledges that the City and County of San Francisco was founded on unceded territory, and continues to participate in the erasure and exclusion of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples; and

WHEREAS, To acknowledge the truth of the lands and peoples history is a human right and a demonstration of honor and respect for the contributions and sacrifices of the Ramaytush Ohlone ancestors that inhabit and care for this land before us; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, From this date forward, the San Francisco Elections Commission will state the following land acknowledgement at the beginning of each commission meeting, following the Call to Order and Roll Call:

The San Francisco Elections Commission acknowledges that we are on the unceded

ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the

San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance

with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their

responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in

their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and

working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging

the Ancestors, Elders, and Relatives of the Ramaytush Ohlone community and by

affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.