



San Francisco Bicycle Advisory Committee

City Hall, Room 408

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

San Francisco, CA 94102

Resolution to approve the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement and a continued partnership with the Ramaytush Ohlone community

September 22, 2021

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bicycle Advisory Committee (SFBAC) acknowledges that the Ramaytush Ohlone are the original peoples of the San Francisco Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, The SFBAC 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 SFBAC acknowledges that the Association of Ramaytush Ohlone has actively worked to research, expand public awareness of, and preserve Ohlone history and culture; and

WHEREAS, The SFBAC 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 state government; and

WHEREAS, The SFBAC acknowledges that environmental degradation is caused by colonization, and that Ramaytush Ohlone peoples as original caretakers of Yelamu have maintained balance with nature for millennia; and

WHEREAS, The SFBAC acknowledges that early environmentalists were part of efforts to forcibly remove people, and deny indigenous wisdom, traditional ecological knowledge, and Indigenous practices, and rights to the land; and

WHEREAS, The SFBAC acknowledges that Land Claims Act of 1851, among other land use legislation in California, significantly contributed to loss of land of California Indians; and

WHEREAS, The SFBAC 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 SFBAC acknowledges that the City and County of San Francisco was founded on unceded territory, and that the existence of the City and County on this land continues to contribute to the erasure and exclusion of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples, the American Indian community, and their history; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That to acknowledge the truth of the land's and peoples' history is a demonstration of honor and respect for the contributions and sacrifices of the Ramaytush Ohlone ancestors who inhabited and cared for this land before us, and that the SFBAC will read the following land acknowledgement (or an approved shortened version) at the beginning of each Committee meeting:



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The San Francisco Bicycle Advisory Committee acknowledges that we occupy the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. We honor and respect the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples for their enduring commitment to Mother Earth. As the Indigenous protectors 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 stewards of park land we recognize our duty to honor and respect the Ohlone through thoughtful and informed preservation and interpretation of ancestral land. As uninvited guests, we affirm their sovereign rights as First Peoples and wish to pay our respects to the Ancestors, Elders and Relatives of the Ramaytush Community; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The SFBAC's land acknowledgement is only the first step needed in acknowledging, honoring and respecting the land, culture, wisdom, and contributions of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples throughout the San Francisco Bay Area; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The SFBAC will establish a relationship with the Ramaytush Ohlone by engaging in a meaningful tribal consultation process to understand their unique needs, concerns, and knowledge as the original caretakers of Yelamu; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, It shall be the policy of the SFBAC to engage with the San Francisco American Indian Cultural District, Association of Ramaytush Ohlone, and other American Indian stakeholders to inform preservation and interpretation of ancestral lands; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The SFBAC urges all boards and commissions in the City and County of San Francisco to begin each meeting with the above land acknowledgment, which was approved by the Association of Ramaytush Ohlone.

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Signed _____
Bert Hill, Chair

Date: _____