

CITY OF SAN GABRIEL
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, February 16, 2023- 6:00 P.M.

City Hall Council Chamber
425 South Mission Drive
San Gabriel, California 91776

Senya Lubisich
Chair/ Commissioner (HPCRC)

Chasity Jennings-Nuñez
Vice-Chair/ Commissioner (HEAR)

Michelle Brenhaug
Commissioner (HEAR)

Beatriz Mojarro
Commissioner (HPCRC)



Mark Lazzaretto
City Manager

Keith Lemieux
City Attorney

Julie Nguyen
City Clerk

Kevin B. Sawkins
City Treasurer

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- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY:** Commissioner Brenhaug
- **ROLL CALL:** Chasity Jennings-Nuñez, Michelle Brenhaug, Senya Lubisich, and Beatriz Mojarro

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes are a record of the official actions taken at the LAS Advisory Committee Special Meeting.

1. Minutes of the LAS Advisory Committee Special Meeting of August 11, 2022.

Recommended Action: Approval.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. REVIEW OF APPROVED ACTION PLAN

The committee will review the current action plan which includes amendments from the May 2022 meeting.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the LAS Advisory Committee receive and file this discussion item.

B. FINALIZE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT AND PROPOSED USES

The committee will finalize the proposed land acknowledgement statement, possible abbreviated version, and a list of recommended uses.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the LAS Advisory Committee review, make amendments as needed and approve a land acknowledgement statement with potential uses, with or without an abbreviated statement.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022
MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL
LAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jennings-Nuñez called the special meeting of the LAS Advisory Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2022 in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 425 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, California, 91776.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mojarro.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Michelle Brenhaug, Beatriz Mojarro and Chasity Jennings-Nuñez

Commissioners Absent: Senya Lubisich

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager Morales-Stevens provided information for the public on how to submit comments, and how to request meeting agendas. If you wish to address the LAS Advisory Committee, e-mail all public comments to HEARCommission@sgch.org.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

Vice-Chair Jennings-Nuñez hearing no objections, the Agenda Order was approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Mojarro and seconded by Commissioner Brenhaug to approve the minutes for May 9, 2022.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 3-0-0-1 as follows:

Ayes: Brenhaug, Jennings-Nuñez, Mojarro,

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lubisich

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. REVIEW OF APPROVED ACTION PLAN

Manager Morales-Stevens presented the item.

The Committee asked for clarification on order of statement approval.

Public Comment: None

B. REVIEW OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT AND USES

Manager Morales-Stevens provided the report.

The Committee offered grammatical edits and suggested including an action component. The Committee recommends the statement be used at gatherings, large school events, California history curriculum.

The Committee developed the statement: "The City of San Gabriel resides on the lands of the unceded village of Sibangna and acknowledges that the ancestors of this village and many others were collectivized at the San Gabriel Mission. The City respectfully recognizes its responsibility to the original and current care takers of this land, who remain an important and vibrant community. The City strives to respect and honor the ancestral peoples' legacy and educate residents of this history".

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Jennings-Nuñez and seconded by Commissioner Brenhaug to submit the Land Acknowledgement Statement and possible uses of the statement be considered by the stakeholders and City Council.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 3-0-0-1 as follows:

Ayes: Brenhaug, Jennings-Nuñez, Mojarro,

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lubisich

5. ADJOURNMENT

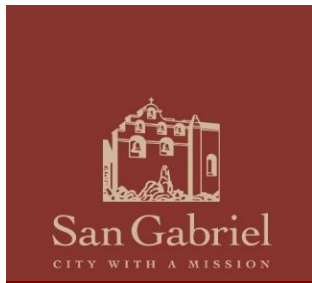
Vice Chair Jennings-Nuñez adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Adrienne Franquez, Commission Clerk

Approved this 16th day of February 2023

Chasity Jennings-Nuñez, Commission Vice-Chair



City of San Gabriel
MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 16, 2023

TO: Land Acknowledgement Statement Advisory Committee

FROM: Matthew Morales-Stevens, Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT AND USES**

BACKGROUND

At the October 6, 2021 meeting the Land Acknowledgement Statement (LAS) Advisory Committee approved a purpose statement to help guide the development of the land acknowledgment statement. The approved statement is as follows: The Land Acknowledgement Statement serves as a clear and ongoing commitment from the City of San Gabriel to respect and acknowledge the native peoples of San Gabriel for their past, current, and future contributions to the region. The committee had active discussions with the tribal leaders to ensure the language in the statement best represented the land and peoples it was acknowledging. At the August 11, 2022 LAS Advisory Committee approved a land acknowledgement statement and proposed uses. Finally, the HEAR Commission and Historical Preservation and Cultural Resource Commission (HPRC) have reviewed the proposal from the LAS Advisory Committee and provided recommendations.

PROPOSED LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT (LAS)

The City of San Gabriel resides on the lands of the unceded village of Sibangna and acknowledges that the ancestors of this village and many others were collectivized at the San Gabriel Mission. The City respectfully recognizes its responsibility to the original and current care takers of this land, who remain an important and vibrant community. The City strives to respect and honor the ancestral peoples' legacy and educate residents of this history.

POSSIBLE USES FOR THE LAS STATEMENT

The Committee has expressed interest and a need for the City's land acknowledgement statement to make a larger impact than simply a statement. Below is what was developed at the May 9 meeting.

- Post on the City Website
- Read aloud at City meetings and functions
- Post at the front of the Mission Playhouse and/ or City Hall
- Map of the indigenous villages with the statement
- Recommend the San Gabriel Unified School District use the statement at events and include it in the California history class curriculum
- Initiation of education and outreach

DEVELOPMENT OF ABBREVIATED STATEMENT

- The HEAR Commission at the August 23 meeting approved the full LAS as proposed by the LAS Advisory Committee. In addition, they are recommending the following:
 - Development of a shorter, more concise statement for use at meetings and special events. The recommended statement is as follows: "The City of San Gabriel resides on the lands of the unceded village of Sibangna. The City respectfully recognizes its responsibility to the original and current caretakers of this land and strives to respect and honor the ancestral people's legacy and educate residents of this history".
 - HEAR Commission recommends adding that the map is for the education, distribution or posting.
- The Historical Preservation and Cultural Resource Commission (HPCRC) at the September 14 meeting recommends the following:
 - Shortening of the statement as proposed by the LAS to "The City of San Gabriel resides on the lands of the unceded village of Sibangna acknowledging the ancestors of this village and those collectivized at the San Gabriel Mission. The City respectfully recognizes its responsibility to the enduring legacy of this vibrant community and educate residents of this history". It is recommended to have a condensed statement as listed above rather than the full statement and an abbreviated version.
 - Ensure that the statement is used for educational purposes especially with relation to some of the specific words as unceded and collectivized. This should be included in the curriculum, especially for younger students.

- The map which accompanies the statement should be used more broadly for the planning commission as they review street names and projects within the City.

STAFF RECCOMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Land Acknowledgement Statement Advisory Committee approve the statement and proposed uses with or without an abbreviated version.