

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

Thursday, August 11, 2022- 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 Mojarro
- **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 May 9, 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. REVIEW OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT AND USES

The committee will review the proposed land acknowledgement statement and the committee's 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.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022
MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL
LAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lubisich called the special meeting of the LAS Advisory Committee to order at 5:14 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 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, Chasity Jennings-Nuñez and Senya Lubisich.

Commissioners Absent: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Perez announced that Councilmember Menchaca will no longer be attending LAS Advisory Committee meetings, effective today.

Supervisor Morales-Stevens provided information for the public on how to submit comments, and how to request meeting agendas. If you wish to address the HEAR Commission, e-mail all public comments to mmoralesstevens@sgch.org.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

Chair Lubisich hearing no objections, the Agenda Order was approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Brenhaug and seconded by Commissioner Mojarro to approve the minutes for January 11, 2022.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 4-0-0 as follows:

Ayes: Brenhaug, Jennings-Nuñez, Lubisich, Mojarro,

Nays: None

Abstain: None

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. REVIEW OF THE LAS PURPOSE STATEMENT

Supervisor Morales-Stevens presented the item.

The Commission asked if the LAS Purpose Statement was posted on-line.

Public Comment: None

B. RECAP OF ACTION STEPS TAKEN

Supervisor Morales-Stevens provided the report.

The Commission has met with Chief Salas and Chief Morales about the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

The Commission indicated they wanted to identify their stakeholders and discuss utilization plan and outreach during this meeting.

Public Comment: None

C. DISCUSSION OF MEETINGS WITH CHIEF SALAS AND CHIEF MORALES

Supervisor Morales-Stevens presented the item.

The Commission provided information from their meetings with Chief Salas and Chief Morales. They discussed prominent places and events where they would like the Land Acknowledgment Statement displayed. They shared that Chief Morales is motivated to move the process along and the Commission would like to be mindful of his time. The Commission stated Chief Salas is requesting that the land be

recognized in the statement. They agreed that names of groups and places will require clarification.

D. DISCUSSION OF THE ACTION PLAN

Supervisor Morales-Stevens presented the item.

The Commission would like to add the following items to the action plan:

- The statement will need to be shared with both tribal leaders to get feedback and approval.
- They will notify interested groups such as San Gabriel Historical Association, Ramona Parlor, Native Suns, San Gabriel Unified School District and the San Gabriel Mission Church, when the item will be presented at a meeting to give them ample time to review and provide comments.
- Under "Create an Outreach Education Plan", they will include their plan to act beyond the statement.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Jennings-Nuñez and seconded by Commissioner Brenhaug to approve the amended action plan.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 4-0-0 as follows:

Ayes: Brenhaug, Jennings-Nuñez, Lubisich, Mojarro,

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The Commission began drafting the Land Acknowledgement Statement. After discussion, the statement stands as:

"The City recognizes the unseated villages of the area surrounding the Mission leading to the collectivization of the Native peoples".

The Commission will review and revise the statement at the following meeting. Staff will reach out to Chair Lubisich, Chief Salas and Chief Morales for clarification, as needed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

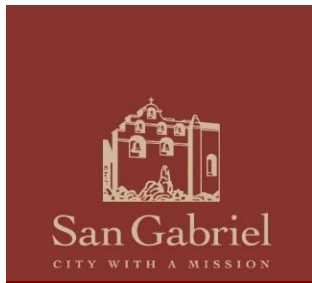
Chair Lubisich adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Adrienne Franquez, Commission Clerk

Approved this day of 2022:

Senya Lubisich, Commission Chair



City of San Gabriel
MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 11, 2022

TO: Land Acknowledgement Statement Advisory Committee

FROM: Matthew Morales-Stevens, Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: **LAS Advisory Committee Approved Action Plan Updated**

SUMMARY

The San Gabriel City Council approved the development of the formation of a Land Acknowledgement Statement (LAS) Advisory Committee to meet with the local tribal groups and develop a proposed statement.

BACKGROUND

The Historical Preservation and Cultural Resource Commission (HPCRC) discussed the development of a land acknowledgement statement during their November 4, 2020 commission meeting. Attachment A includes the research that Community Development staff prepared for the discussion. This includes general information about how a Land Acknowledgment statement is used, as well as sample acknowledgment statements.

In line with this, at the June 22, 2021 Human Equity, Access, and Relations (HEAR) Commission meeting, at the request of Chair Chasity Jennings-Nuñez, staff presented an item on the development of a land acknowledgment statement for further discussion.

Since both Commissions have expressed interest in creating a statement and since the statement would ultimately come before City Council for approval, staff presented this item to the Council.

At the August 17, 2021 Council Meeting, City Council approved the creation of an advisory committee to develop a Land Acknowledgement Statement for the City. This committee is now known as the Land Acknowledgement Statement Advisory Committee and consists of two members from City Council, 2 members from the HPCRC and 2 from the HEAR Commission.

At the September 14, 2021 LAS Advisory Committee meeting the members approved the action plan with amendments.

APPROVED ACTION PLAN

First Meeting

- Review the Outline for Creating a Land Acknowledgement Statement.
 - Attachment A includes the research provided by the staff to the HPCRC.

- Review the excerpt from the Draft Historic Context Statement Packet that was provided to the HPCRC at the August 25, 2021 Commission Meeting. Note, this draft statement is slated to be reviewed by the City Council at their meeting on October 5. (Attachment B).
- Draft sample questions in preparation for the meetings with the Tribal Leaders.
- Determine a date and time that works best for the next two meetings.
 - These meetings will be primarily set aside to meet with the tribal leaders.

Items to be determined prior to submission of the statement to the Commissions or Council for approval:

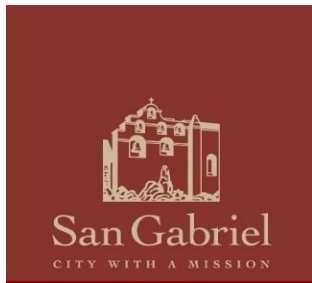
- Develop a purpose statement
- Identify stakeholders
 - Once the statement is approved by the LAS Advisory Committee staff will send it to all stakeholders informing them that it will be presented at the corresponding meetings
 - Additional stakeholders include the San Gabriel Public Library, Ramona Parlor, Native Suns, San Gabriel Unified School District and San Gabriel Mission
- Develop a utilization plan
- Create an outreach/ public education plan for once the LAS is approved

Meeting with Tribal Leaders

- Staff to schedule the individual meetings with each tribal leader.

Meeting(s) to develop the Land Acknowledgment (LAS)

- The LAS will be drafted and then presented by staff to the HPCRC and HEAR Commission for approval.
- If the two commissions approve the LAS, staff will then present the statement to City Council for final approval.
 - a. Present to the tribal leaders for approval prior to the statement being presented to Council.



City of San Gabriel
MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 11, 2022

TO: LAS Advisory Committee

FROM: Matthew Morales-Stevens, Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT AND USES**

BACKGROUND

At the September 14, 2021 LAS Advisory Committee Meeting, the Committee requested that staff develop a Purpose Statement and a list of questions for the tribal leaders based on the Committee’s discussion. At the October 6 meeting the purpose statement and questions were approved with amendments. 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. At the May 9, 2022 meeting the committee provided verbiage for the statement and directed staff to return to the next meeting with a draft statement.

PROPOSED LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT (LAS)

The City of San Gabriel respectfully acknowledges and recognizes the responsibility to the original and current care takers of this land (Sibangna). The City recognizes the unseated villages of the area surrounding the Mission leading to the collectivization of the indigenous peoples.

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

STAFF RECCOMENDATION

Staff recommend that the committee review and approve with or without amendments the proposed land acknowledgement statement and proposed uses. Upon the committee's approval the staff will present the recommendations to the Human Equity, Access, and Relations (HEAR) and Historical Preservation and Cultural Resource Commissions for approval. If the two commissions approve the statement it will be presented to City Council.