Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 15, 2021

The Land Acknowledgment and SFPL

- A Land Acknowledgement Resolution is part of the SFPL Racial Equity Plan (Section 7: Action number 7.1.6).
- More than a resolution: Intentional allyship with stakeholders to accurately represent and include American Indian culture in our programs, materials and services.
- City Librarian's Office, Library Commission Affairs Analyst, Chief of Main, SF History Center and REC meeting with AICD representatives.

SFPL RACIAL EQUITY ACTION PLAN



Image by Jason Dois

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Phase 1: Internal Programs & Policies

Library Commission Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement:

"The San Francisco Public Library Commission acknowledges that we occupy the unceded Ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. We recognize that the Ramaytush Ohlone understand the interconnectedness of all things and have maintained harmony with nature for millennia. We honor the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples for their enduring commitment to wahrep, 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. We recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. 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. We recognize to respectfully honor Ramaytush peoples we must embrace and collaborate meaningfully to record Indigenous knowledge in how we care for San Francisco and all its people."

Ramaytush Ohlone SFPL Partnership:

- Assess circulating and reference collections
- San Francisco History Center project and partnering with the Main Centers
- Main Youth Centers for youth and Teen learning
- Exhibitions and performance spaces
- Koret and meeting rooms
- Coordinate with Community Programs & Partnerships and Chief of Branches

Requested Action & Next steps:

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Approval of the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement resolution

Next Steps:

- Continued engagement with the AICD and Ramaytush Ohlone Elders on library programs, service and materials
- Creation of a process to read a modified version of the announcement at other library meetings and programs

Thank you! Any Questions?