

**RESOLUTION NO. 66-2021**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFICA AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY NO. 1 “CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND FORMAT PROCESS” TO INCLUDE THE READING OF A RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Ramaytush Ohlone people are the original people of San Francisco Peninsula and Pacifica, and that their ancestral village of origin is located along Calera Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pacifica acknowledges that we occupy the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone people who were the original inhabitants and stewards of this land; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pacifica 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 City of Pacifica 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 City of Pacifica 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 City of Pacifica affirms their sovereign rights as First Peoples and wish to pay respects to the ancestors, elders, and relatives of the Ramaytush Ohlone; and

**WHEREAS**, a formal land acknowledgement is intended to share an expression of respect for indigenous peoples, recognize their enduring relationships to the land, and raise awareness about marginalized aspects of histories; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pacifica land acknowledgment process does not have any legal force or effect and is solely designed to pay respect to the indigenous people that occupied land in Pacifica before settlement.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Pacifica hereby amends Administrative Policy No. 1, to include the reading of a land acknowledgement at the beginning of each City Council meeting, in Attachment 1, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pacifica, California, held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021, by the following vote:

**AYES**, Councilmembers: Beckmeyer, Bier, Bigstyc, O'Neill, Vaterlaus.

**NOES**, Councilmembers: n/a.

**ABSENT**, Councilmembers: n/a.

**ABSTAIN**, Councilmembers: n/a.

  
Sue Beckmeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sarah Coffey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Michelle Kenyon, City Attorney

# Attachment 1

## Land Acknowledgement

The City of Pacifica 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 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. We affirm their sovereign rights as First Peoples and wish to pay our respects to the ancestors, elders, and relatives of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples.