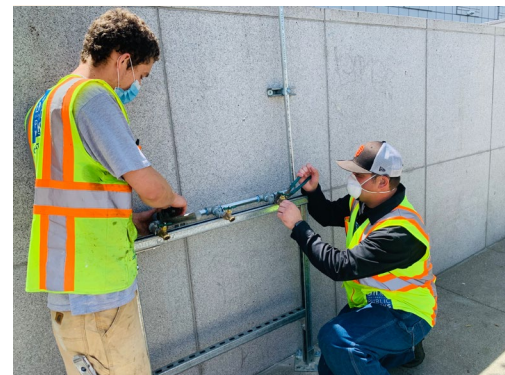




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Land Acknowledgement Statement

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Land Acknowledgement Process

- November 2022 - Proposition B Implementation Working Group recommends the adoption of a land acknowledgement as part of the Commission's racial equity goals.
- November 2022 – Dr. Jonathan Cordero of the Association of Ramaytush Ohlone and Public Works Racial Equity Lead Beth Rubenstein present to the Commission about land acknowledgement statements
- 2023 – Present the land acknowledgment working group*:
 - Researched other land acknowledgement statements
 - Drafted multiple versions of the proposed statement
 - Conferred with the Association of Ramaytush Ohlone
 - Engaged Commission stakeholders
- Today - Presentation of draft statement to the Sanitation and Streets Commission
- Near future - Adoption of the statement and implementation policy

*Land Acknowledgement Working Group was comprised of Chair Hartwig-Schulman, former Chair Maryo Mogannam, Dep. Director of Policy and Communications Beth Rubenstein and Secretary Fuller.

Proposed Land Acknowledgement Statement

The San Francisco Sanitation and Streets Commission acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, the original inhabitants of what is now 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 Mother Earth. And as part of San Francisco Public Works, we affirm our responsibility in maintaining our public spaces as stewards of the public right of way by cleaning and greening throughout the City in collaboration with our communities, so as to respect the land on which we now reside. Indigenous peoples from many nations make their home in this region today. We commit to prioritizing policies and programs to equitably benefit marginalized members of the community, including American Indians, while also striving for environmental sustainability.

Proposed Land Acknowledgement Implementation

1. Commissioners will take turns reading the land acknowledgement statement at the beginning of each regular Commission meeting, following roll call. Commissioners are encouraged to comment on the statement in relation to their own service and the work of the Department.
2. The statement will be read at the beginning of all events sponsored by the Sanitation and Streets Commission.
3. The statement will be prominently displayed on the home page of the Commission's website.