



Resolution for Land Recognition Statement
Resolution 20-21-13

Whereas: the University of San Francisco strives to uphold its dedication to diversity and inclusion; and

Whereas: recognition of the indigenous territory, on which the University of San Francisco sits, would promote inclusion within our already existing diverse student body; and

Whereas: the original occupants of the post-colonially termed Ohlone territory, more specifically the Ramaytush Ohlone, have expressed their openness to further strengthen relationships with the USF community, the surrounding wildlife, and original occupants.

Whereas: encouraging reclamation of indigenous land sovereignty will contribute to both reconciliation with the surrounding indigenous communities and the environment; and

Whereas: by supporting the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples in their journey to land reclamation, environmental guardianship, and cultural and language revitalization, the University of San Francisco will further strengthen its unity with those originally in charge of the Ohlone territory specific to USF; and

Whereas: we can only practice cultural humility and inclusion if we are proactive in:

“Inform[ing] ourselves about each region we visit; starting most intimately with the ones in which we reside - no matter how long-term or temporary our stay is...”

- Excerpt taken from USF Land Recognition Statement

Resolved by the Associated Students of the University of San Francisco Senate in its role as the sole representative body of all the undergraduate students of the University of San Francisco, that the following be enacted:

Resolved: that the University of San Francisco put out a statement formally recognizing the occupancy of the indigenous territory on which it resides and;

Resolved: that the Indigenous Land Recognition Statement¹ be read at large events such as, but not limited to: the Annual Leadership Conference, the Silk Speaker Series, ASUSF Town Halls, student orientations, and sports competitions hosted on the University of San Francisco campus; further

¹ [Land Recognition Statement](#)



Resolved: that the Indigenous Land Recognition statement be read and implemented when hosting smaller events such as, but not limited to: school-specific seminars, greek life events, club sports meetings, academic and cultural club meetings (ex: BSU meetings, Prism meetings, South East Asian Student Association meetings, Latinas Unidas meetings, CFCC meetings, Pre-Dental Society meetings, PSI CHI meetings, USF tv meetings, SF Foghorn meetings, Mock Trial meetings, RHA meetings, Greek Council meetings, etc.)

Resolved: that the Indigenous Land Recognition Statement virtual slide² also be presented through zoom meetings while major USF affiliated events and classes continue to be held online.

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Signed:

² [Land Recognition Statement Virtual Slide](#)