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**Subject:** FW: Tongva landacknowledgment removal

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**From:** missy dorame-galdamez <[mgaldamez8@gmail.com](mailto:mgaldamez8@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 12:26 PM  
**To:** ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <[ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org](mailto:ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Tongva landacknowledgment removal

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**From:** missy dorame-galdamez <[mgaldamez8@gmail.com](mailto:mgaldamez8@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Jul 25, 2023 at 3:07 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Tongva landacknowledgment removal  
**To:** <[amancini@elsegundo.org](mailto:amancini@elsegundo.org)>

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**From:** missy dorame-galdamez <[mgaldamez8@gmail.com](mailto:mgaldamez8@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Jul 25, 2023, 10:33 AM  
**Subject:** Tongva land acknowledgment removal  
**To:** <[bthornton@elsegundo.com](mailto:bthornton@elsegundo.com)>

My name is Michelle Dorame Galdamez, I am Tongva. YES WE ARE STILL HERE! I am  
writing this letter for my ancestors, myself, my children, my grandchildren, and the generations to  
come. City Of EL Segundo I am scorned by your act of genocidal tactic  
thoughts of removal of the Tongva Acknowledgment. Again this is a old genocidal tactic used over and over, used to  
annihilate my tongva ancestors and my Tongva people. We are the original inhabitants of Yaanga AKA Los Angeles our  
homelands. Today I honor and respect my tongva Ancestors, relatives and my community by writing this letter. I ask you  
to please stop this act of Genocide today! Thank you Michelle  
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**From:** naomi knox <[cnkx123@gmail.com](mailto:cnkx123@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 12:37 PM

**To:** ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <[ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org](mailto:ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org)>

**Subject:** Land Acknowledgement

Hello I am a member of the Juaneno band of mission indians. I am concerned to hear that you are not wanting the El Segundo Arts and Culture Committee to keep the land acknowledgment text on their agenda. It in no way hurts to publish or voice a land acknowledgement of an ancestral homeland. The Tongva are the original stewards of the land and continue to remain in their homelands as well as attending El Segundo. Acknowledging such history is way to honor the original people's of the territory and should be acknowledged.

Thank you,  
Naomi Knox

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**Subject:** FW: The land acknowledgment

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**From:** Evelyn Thomas <[euphilonthomas@gmail.com](mailto:euphilonthomas@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 12:07 PM  
**To:** ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <[ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org](mailto:ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org)>  
**Subject:** The land acknowledgment

Dear El Segundo City Council,

I am a Native American Citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. I live in the Los Angeles area. I am so concerned to hear that you are not wanting the El Segundo Arts and Culture Committee to keep the land acknowledgment text on their agenda. It in no way hurts to publish or voice a land acknowledgement of an ancestral homeland of any First American peoples anywhere in America. It's only stating a fact that El Segundo was indeed the ancestral homelands of the local tribes. It is a fact too that the land was not ceded to California or the US. Both of these statements are just facts of the matter. There is no possibility that the government is going to reduce the land size of El Segundo by giving any land back. That would require recognition by Congress, and an act of Congress to do so. Stating true statements about First Americans in your city council agenda can not cause any harm to the City of El Segundo. Having said that, not acknowledging the existence of the tribes that are local that the State of California does recognize, such as the Tongva, who are local to El Segundo and the whole Los Angeles area, is just another attempt at erasure. Erasure is a familiar tactic to most First Americans. El Segundo city council can do their part in being good neighbors by acknowledging that it is too part of the ancestral homelands of the Tongva people. The Tongva have been excellent neighbors by welcoming all the immigrants here.

Thank you for reading,  
Evelyn Thomas

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**Subject:** FW: Lack Acknowledgement

**From:** Christine Garnier <[christine.r.garnier@gmail.com](mailto:christine.r.garnier@gmail.com)>

**Date:** August 14, 2023 at 2:38:52 PM PDT

**To:** ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <[ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org](mailto:ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org)>

**Subject:** Lack Acknowledgement

Dear Elected Officials,

I write in support of the land acknowledgment to remain on the Arts and Culture Committee agendas, and would be in favor of seeing it expanded to all public city meetings. It is well past time to acknowledge the history of colonialism on this land that supports us!

Christine Garnier