



**CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA
REPORT TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Amend Sustainability Commission Procedural Rules

1. Resolution of the Sustainability Commission of the City of Glendale, California, amending the Commission's Procedural Rules, Article VI, Section 600(a) entitled Meeting and Agenda Procedure to include a Land Acknowledgment in the Order of Business.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE ACTION

Item Type: Action Item

Approved for September 1, 2022 **calendar**

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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RECOMMENDATION

Amend Sustainability Commission Resolution No. 21-10 Procedural Rules, Article VI, Meeting and Agenda Procedure to include a Land Acknowledgment.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Land acknowledgments are a practice that acknowledges the traditional and Indigenous inhabitants of the land. It is an effort to recognize the Indigenous past, present, and future of a particular location and understand our place within that relationship. Land acknowledgments show respect and take a step towards correcting the stories and practices that erase Indigenous people's history and culture.

Land acknowledgments were first brought to the Sustainability Commission at the May 5, 2022 meeting as an information report. The Sustainability Commission agreed to bring it back as an action item to implement land acknowledgments into Sustainability Commission meetings and events.

At the August 4, 2022, Sustainability Commission meeting, the Commissioners passed the motion for the Sustainability Commission to start Commission meetings and events with a land acknowledgment statement. (August 4, 2022 Report Exhibit 2.)

For this to occur, the Sustainability Commission's Adopted Procedural Rules will be amended to change the order of business to include a land acknowledgment statement.

It is recommended that the order of business be amended to add land acknowledgement as follows:

1. Roll call
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Land Acknowledgement
 - c. Report regarding posting of agenda
2. Approval of minutes
3. Board Member/Staff Comments
4. Oral Communication - (limited to items not on the agenda)
5. Action Items – (matters on which Commission action is requested)
6. Reports – Information Only
7. Sustainability Office Updates
8. Adjournment

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternate 1: Amend Resolution 20-21 to Adopt the practice of land acknowledges at the beginning of meetings and events.

Alternate 2: Do not Amend Resolution 20-21 to adopt the practice of land acknowledgements.

Alternate 3: Consider any other alternative not presented by staff.

EXHIBITS

1. August 4, 2022 Sustainability Commission Staff Report: Land Acknowledgement