

# RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RESOLUTION

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



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## DEFINITION

A Land Acknowledgement is...

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*A formal statement that recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories.<sup>1</sup>*

<sup>1</sup>Adapted from [Native American and Indigenous Initiatives, Northwestern University \(2021\)](#)



# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RESOLUTIONS AMONG SAN FRANCISCO AGENCIES

## APPROVED

- Board of Supervisors
- Human Rights Commission
- Rent Board Commission
- Commission on the Environment
- Board of Education
- City College of San Francisco

## DRAFT

- Health Commission
- Elections Commission
- Library Commission
- Recreation and Park Commission
- Small Business Commission
- Workforce Investment SF (WISF) Board



## DPH RACIAL EQUITY ACTION PLAN (REAP) – 2021

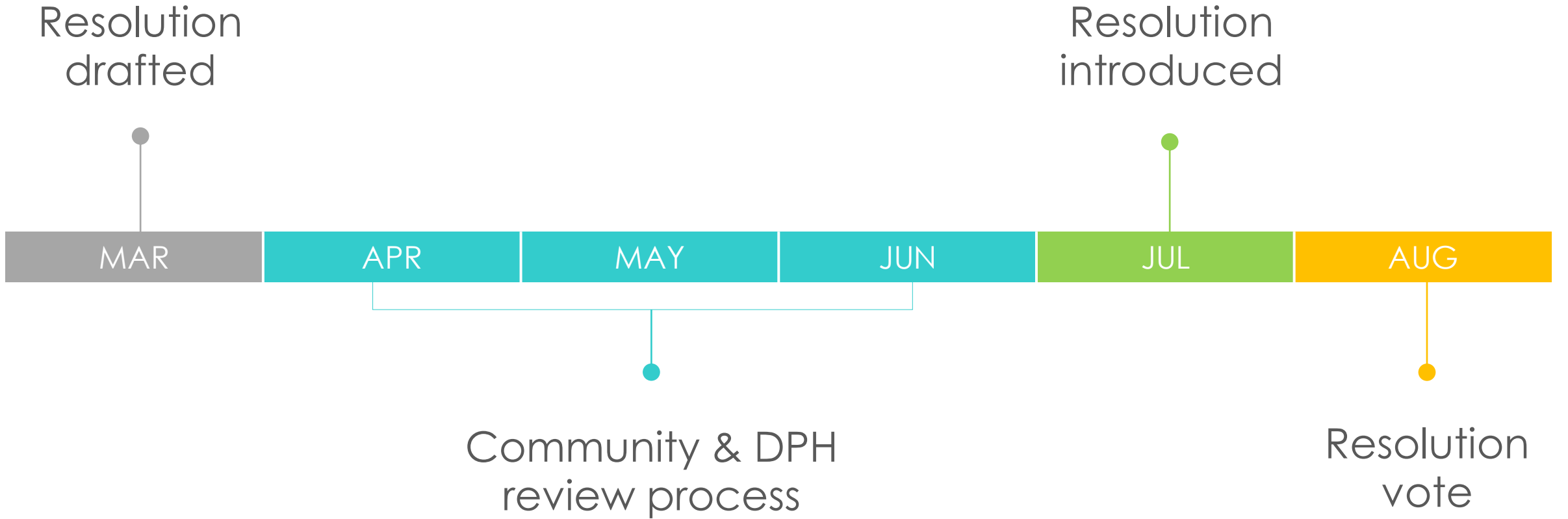
In accordance with the REAP...

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*“The Health Commission will consider a resolution to acknowledge that DPH buildings, programs, and activities sit on the ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula.”*



# RESOLUTION TIMELINE - 2021





## RESOLUTION COMPONENTS

- Acknowledgement of the Ramaytush Ohlone and Yelamu as original peoples of the SF Peninsula and City and County of SF, respectively.
- The City and County of SF is founded on their unceded territory.
- The Ramaytush Ohlone and the Association of the Ramaytush Ohlone (ARO) are an important and active community that contributes to the richness of the SF Bay Area region.
- The American Indian community and their views and needs are not consistently reflected or included in government planning and discussions. A Land Acknowledgement statement is a step in cultivating a meaningful relationship with the community.
- In 2021, DPH will implement a policy of reading the Land Acknowledgement statement at all Health Commission and public meetings subject to the Sunshine Ordinance.



## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

- “The San Francisco Health Commission (Or San Francisco Department of Public Health) acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush (rah-my-toosh) Ohlone (O-lon-ee) who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the Indigenous stewards 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. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders, and Relatives of the Ramaytush Ohlone community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.”





# COMMENTS FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS



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THANK YOU

# QUESTIONS & COMMENTS