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Summary: The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council supports the establishment of an Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday. See attached letter for more detail.

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Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

July 6, 2017

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Members of the Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: HHPNC Supports the Establishment of Indigenous Peoples' Day in Los Angeles

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council which represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood, supports the establishment of Indigenous Peoples' Day in Los Angeles, and we believe that it should be a new City holiday.

Highland Park is one of the oldest areas of Los Angeles, and the Northeast has a rich history, to which the indigenous people of the southwest have been integral. Indigenous People have historically been marginalized and not appropriately recognized or honored by mainstream society. Los Angeles now has an opportunity to take one step toward amending this.

Highland Park is also home to a National Historic Register Landmark, the Lummis Home, as well as the Southwest Museum and Casa de Adobe, all of which have fallen into severe disrepair, further highlighting how necessary it is for Los Angeles to begin taking immediate action on behalf of Indigenous Peoples and their legacies. Los

Angeles must recognize and honor Indigenous People here and all over the world - their past, their present, and their future.

We believe that a new date, in the month of August during which there are currently no observed federal holidays, should be established as Indigenous Peoples' Day to remove political embattlement and truly celebrate and focus on their importance to the City.

We do not believe that Columbus Day should be a celebration, we believe that it could continue to exist as a day of mourning for lives lost and a day of education to teach people that the cruelty of the past must never happen again. This is separate from a day of appreciation for what indigenous peoples have contributed to our communities.

Indigenous People who endured and continue to endure injustices and erasure at the hands of society, deserve to have a day of celebration, free from embattlement and entanglement with unsavory legacies such as that of Christopher Columbus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harvey Slater', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Harvey Slater, President
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council