

First Congregational Church of Palo Alto
Proposed Land Acknowledgement Statement
Developed by the Ohlone Justice Project
To Be Presented for Congregational Approval at June 5, 2022 Annual Meeting

Full Version

As a community dedicated in covenant to welcome and include all, we respectfully acknowledge the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples, original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula where we, in faith, now gratefully gather and worship.

We lament the centuries of injustices committed against and endured by Indigenous peoples and recognize that injustices continue in the present. We invite all peoples to come together in full relationship with one another as we learn and adapt in our efforts to care for this land. We seek a deeper understanding of our relationship to the land and with the Bay Area Native peoples, one that promotes healing and justice within our faith community and the world beyond.

Proposed Brief Version

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