

## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** MARCH 13, 2024  
**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** NATHAN HAMBURGER, CITY MANAGER  
**BY:** RAMIRO ADEVA, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** APPROVE LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

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On January 24, 2024, at the request of Mayor Buckley Weber, the City Council considered approving a Land Acknowledgment statement that would be read at the beginning of each future City Council meeting. Mayor Buckley Weber clarified that if approved, the continued use of a Land Acknowledgment statement would be left to the discretion of each future mayor, and not intended to require that it remain in perpetuity. The City Council was in support and directed staff to work with the local tribes to prepare the land acknowledgment language.

After contacting local tribes, the following final statement reflects the feedback received:

*"The City of Agoura Hills acknowledges that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Chumash Nation. Descendants of Chumash still remain, and we honor and pay our respects to their elders and various groups that make up the past, present, and emerging as they continue their stewardship of our lands and waters. We have a responsibility and commitment to elevate the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of the City of Agoura Hills and we are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands."*

If approved by the City Council, the Land Acknowledgment statement would be read at the start of each City Council meeting moving forward, beginning with the March 27, 2024, City Council meeting.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This action would have no additional fiscal impact to the City Council 2023-24 Adopted Budget.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council approve the Land Acknowledgment statement.