



## Memorandum

**To:** Planning Commission  
**From:** Steve Bennett, Planning Director  
**Date:** October 22, 2020 (*updated 11/6/2020*)  
**Re:** November 10, 2020 Meeting Agenda Item: Native Land Acknowledgement

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At the October 13 meeting, the Commission considered a proposed Native Land Acknowledgement presented by Chair Larson.

*Excerpt from Chair Larson's 10/11 letter to Commissioners:*

I'd like to propose the following Land Acknowledgement statement for our LFP Planning Commission:

*We'd like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Coastal Salish peoples and, in particular, the homelands of the Duwamish people. We honor, with gratitude, the land itself and the Duwamish people; a people that are still here. In doing this we aim to illuminate the longer history of this land we call home, our relationship to this history, and the heritage of those who stewarded this land for more than 10,000 years before European-American immigration.*

Commissioner Lebo has offered three alternatives for Commission consideration.

*Excerpt from Cmr. Lebo's 10/22 email to Planning Director:*

I would like to propose the following options for a LFP Planning Commission Native Land Acknowledgement.

*The Lake Forest Park Planning Commission acknowledges that we gather today on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish indigenous people, past and present. Join us in honoring these ancestral grounds by expressing gratitude to our indigenous people for their enduring care and protection of our shared land and waterways.*

*The Lake Forest Park Planning Commission acknowledges that we gather today on the traditional homelands of the Coast Salish indigenous people, past and present. Join us in honoring these ancestral grounds by expressing gratitude to the people who have stewarded this land throughout generations.*

*We wish to acknowledge that we gather today on the traditional homelands of the Coast Salish indigenous people, past and present. Join us in honoring these ancestral grounds and people by expressing gratitude to the people who have stewarded this land for generations.*

At the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, there was some discussion of this agenda item but no decisions were made and there was consensus to take it up at the next meeting.