



## AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

**TITLE:** City Council Agenda – Land Acknowledgment

**DEPARTMENT:** City Clerk

**PREPARED BY:** Pam Powell

**PRESENTED FOR:** Action       Information only       Discussion

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council setting the order of the agenda by adding “Land Acknowledgement” to the agenda for regular Council meetings.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No Fiscal Impact       Included in Budget       Additional Appropriation

### **COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION**

Financially stable, effectively run city with an engaged public.

### **DISCUSSION**

At the October 6, 2020 Council meeting, Council directed staff to bring forward a new order of business for City Council agendas, adding “Land Acknowledgement” to the regular agenda. Tribal land acknowledgement is a formal statement that recognizes and respects Native American peoples as traditional stewards of this land, and the enduring relationship that exists between Native American peoples and their traditional lands. To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose homelands we reside on and is a recognition of the original people and nations who have been living and working on the land since time immemorial.

The City of Eureka can add “Land Acknowledgement” to its regular City Council agenda through the adoption of a “Order of Business” Resolution. The specific statement can be created, changed or amended as needed.

Eureka Municipal Code §30.09 directs that the “Order of Business” for City Council regular agendas shall be set by a Resolution of the City Council. The proposed agenda order adds “Land Acknowledgment” to the agenda.

Suggested Land Acknowledgment language:

*The City of Eureka acknowledges that we are located on the unceded ancestral lands of the Wiyot Tribe. Please join us in acknowledging this fact as we work and meet together today.*