



Land Acknowledgment Policy

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This policy is applicable to all PlayGround-LA gatherings, programs, meetings and activities.

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PlayGround-LA will offer a land acknowledgment prior to all public programs, in-house developmental activities, as well as board, staff and committee meetings. In addition, PlayGround-LA will publish the land acknowledgment on its website and post it in its physical spaces.

Land Acknowledgment Statement

PlayGround-LA acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Chumash (*CHOO-mash*), Tongva (*TONG-və*) and Kizh (*KEECH*), the original inhabitants of Greater Los Angeles, respectively. As the past and present Indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Chumash, Tongva and Kizh have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. We recognize the historic injustice of the forcible removal of the Chumash, Tongva and Kizh people from their ancestral lands, and that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders and Relatives of the Chumash, Tongva and Kizh Communities and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples. We honor the storytellers of the Chumash, Tongva and Kizh and are grateful for our ability to share and uplift Indigenous stories and those of other historically marginalized communities.

In working with artists from all over the country, PlayGround-LA asks that each artist representing a different geographical space respectfully acknowledge the legacy of the land they inhabit.