

In support of CF 15-1343

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Jeff Hamilton <hamiltonjeffd@yahoo.com> Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 12:15 AM

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To: "michael.espinosa@lacity.org" <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

I support and urge the council to support CF 15-1343 replacing Columbus day with Indigenous Peoples Day in Los Angeles.

Respectfully,

Jeff Hamilton

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Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android



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**Re: Establishing Indigenous Peoples Day**

Dear Los Angeles City Council,

The Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund (SALEF) writes to express our strong support for abolishing Columbus Day in the City of Los Angeles, and establishing Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday of October.

The notion that Columbus discovered the Americas stems from the idea that indigenous peoples were less than human, and for that reason, the Americas were a "vacant" land. These ideas have no place in today's contemporary society, and must be, once and for all be rejected. Columbus is a pivotal figure in the large-scale genocide and colonization of indigenous peoples in the Americas. That legacy of slavery, exploitation, rape and torture that should no longer be celebrated and codified by the City of Los Angeles.

Columbus' actions have negative consequences that have continued through the generations for Native peoples. Today, Native Americans and indigenous peoples suffer the worst outcomes on almost every socio-economic indicator of wellbeing—including rates of poverty, high school completion, life expectancy, youth suicides and representation in the child welfare and criminal justice systems. Native peoples also the only group to still be treated as mascots and called derogatory names by major public figures.

The City of Los Angeles, home to the largest urban indigenous communities in the United States, has not only the opportunity, but the responsibility, to stand on the right side of history. To adopt Indigenous People's Day is a step towards healing and reconciliation in Los Angeles that is so critically needed, and as such, we appeal to you to adopt Indigenous People's Day on the second Monday of October and abolish the designation of that day as Columbus Day. By doing so, you will be granting Native Americans the rights that all Americans deserve—the right to feel safe, respected and included as part of this country's cultural and historical legacy.

Founded in October 1995 by long-time Salvadoran peace activists, SALEF's mission is to advocate for the educational advancement, civic participation, leadership and economic prosperity of Salvadoran and other Latino communities in the U.S. and to advance democracy and social justice in the U.S. and El Salvador.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (213) 480-1052.

Sincerely,

Carlos Antonio H. Vaquerano  
Executive Director

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Geoffrey Symcox <symcox@history.ucla.edu> Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 4:03 PM

To: "Michael.Espinosa@LACity.org" <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>

Dear Mr Espinosa:

I am a professor of history emeritus at UCLA who worked for years with an international team of scholars publishing the most recent edition of correspondence and documentation relating to Columbus and his voyages: the Repertorium Columbianum (13 vols, 1993-2004).

I have just learned that Councilman O'Farrell is proposing that the City Council cease celebrating Columbus Day. On the basis of my research I support this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Geoffrey Symcox

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Danielli Marzouca <danielli.marzouca@gmail.com> Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 10:43 AM

To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Please, please support CF 15-1343. Celebrating a man who exterminated almost an entire race of peaceful people has no place in LA.