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Thank you for voting in favor of replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day.

Sincerely,

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Support for Indigenous People's Day

1 message

Stephon Litwinczuk <s.litwinczuk@gmail.com> Fri, Aug 11, 2017 at 5:10 PM

To: Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org

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Please help support Indigenous People's day

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