

I support Indigenous Peoples Day (CF 15-1343)

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Dear city council, I am writing to express my support for Mitch O Connell's efforts to replace the City of Los Angeles' celebration of Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day (CF 15-1343)

Thank you for voting in favor of this effort.

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Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

We are writing to express our strong support for item 15-1343, the renaming of the second Monday of October of every given calendar year the “Indegenous People’s Day.” This move will ensure that the legacy of the Native Americans and their contribution to the City of Los Angeles is celebrated, and their sufferings properly recognized by residents and leaders of Los Angeles.

Thank you in advance for your continued commitment to historic justice and truth for the diverse and multi-ethnic population which call the City home.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved and Submitted by the Board of Directors  
Unified Young Armenians (UYA)

August 30, 2017

To the Honorable Herb Wesson, President of the Los Angeles City Council  
To the Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council

I am writing to express my strong support for Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's effort to repeal Columbus Day and replace it with Indigenous People's Day (Council File 15-1343) in the City of Los Angeles, on the second Monday in October.

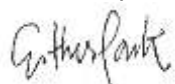
Recognizing the contributions, history, and sacrifices made by the original inhabitants of the Los Angeles is long overdue. In recent years, there is a greater awareness of the well documented history of the Americas from the time Christopher Columbus set foot on the shores of what is historically referred to as Hispaniola in 1492. Indeed, Columbus returned three additional times to the "New World", setting in motion a genocide that would last centuries, the effects thereof are still felt today. Later, the Spanish missionaries came to California, decimating native Tribes to the point of extinction in some cases.

It is time for Los Angeles to reflect on the legacy of these actions and create a permanent tribute to the people who made it possible for the rest of us to make a life for ourselves on the lands that the original inhabitants were so mercilessly removed from.

Removing Columbus Day on the second Monday of October and replacing it with Indigenous Peoples Day is a small but important step toward recognizing the history of the land we live on, the truth of colonization and racialized oppression that is inextricable from the founding of the United States. I support the First Nations peoples who are advocating for Indigenous Peoples Day to replace Columbus Day in the face of ongoing state-systematized trauma and violence in what is now called Los Angeles. This symbolic gesture is important, because the narrative we tell ourselves about our history of power and colonial oppression illuminates what it takes to create conditions for true healing and justice – aligning ourselves with those who are most harmed in our society and making amends where we can.

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

Sincerely,



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