



# **Discussion on Land Acknowledgements**

And Creating Space on the Agenda for the Exploration of the intersection between Land Use and Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

**Planning Commission Meeting**

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## **Future Planning Commission Agendas**

In future meetings, staff intend to bring topics exploring the many ways in which land (and land use planning) intersect with diversity, equity, and inclusion.

These topics are intended to deepen our understanding of the intersection between planning and issues of equity - both in the past and present and we look forward to these engaging conversations.

We will at times present a land acknowledgement, which can take many different forms and is not limited to reading from a script. The idea is to honor Indigenous Peoples and the land, sky and water and communities that have existed long before our first zoning code was written.

## **About – Land Acknowledgments (Also known as Territorial Acknowledgements)**

- 1.** A Land Acknowledgment is a formal statement that recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples and the fact America and Oregon exist on indigeneous lands.
- 2.** Land Acknowledgments are becoming increasingly common at the beginning of events and meetings.
- 3.** Important to Multnomah County and DCS because our work in service to the community must include recognition of the painful history perpetuated by government and the resulting effects that continue today.
- 4.** The intent and impact of a land acknowledgment must be genuine and it is helpful to include space for reflection, intention and purpose.
- 5.** There is no single template for a land acknowledgement.

# A few Resources

## Video Links

- A perspective on acknowledging the land, water and sky:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btmU25mtAT8>
- OPB - Broken Treaties: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHq6ncJJ35w>
- OPB - Oregon's Black Pioneers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fRbzoVS0c0M>

## Reading Links

- Guide to Indigenous Land Acknowledgment:  
<https://nativegov.org/news/a-guide-to-indigenous-land-acknowledgment/>
- Native Lands: <https://native-land.ca/>
- Looking Back In Order to Move Forward: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/civic/article/516558>
- Multnomah County Equity and Empowerment Lens:  
<https://www.multco.us/diversity-equity/equity-and-empowerment-lens>

We will be covering the above resources and more at future meetings.

*Thank you!*