



**Jesse Arreguín**  
City Councilmember, District 4

CONSENT CALENDAR  
September 17, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmembers Jesse Arreguín and Kriss Worthington  
Subject: Proclamation Declaring October 5, 2013 as Indigenous Peoples Day and Approving City Co-Sponsorship

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a proclamation:

1. Declaring October 5, 2013 as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Berkeley; and
2. Approving City co-sponsorship of the 2013 Indigenous Peoples Day event.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Berkeley has been a proud sponsor of Indigenous Peoples Day for the last 21 years. This day commemorates five hundred years of survival and renewal of Native cultures in the face of political and cultural repression, and it celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of the local Native American community in Berkeley and the greater Bay Area.

The Indigenous Peoples Day Committee, a community group of local Native people and others, have once again organized the annual celebration. The 2013 Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market will take place on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

CONTACT PERSON:

Jesse Arreguín, Councilmember, District 4                      981-7140

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proclamation

**Declaring October 5, 2013 as Indigenous Peoples Day**

WHEREAS, the year 2013 marks the twenty first anniversary celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Berkeley, begun in 1992 in commemoration of five hundred years of survival and renewal of Native cultures in the face of political and cultural repression; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Peoples Day Committee, a community group of local Native people and others, have once again organized the annual celebration with an Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market in Martin Luther King Civic Center Park on Saturday, October 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous culture flourishing in the Berkeley area since time immemorial was a sustainable peaceful culture based on cooperation among neighbors, on respect for the land and for all creatures living on it; and this Indigenous culture was disrupted and destroyed in Berkeley as in almost all parts of this hemisphere, and yet it has survived; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market has brought greater understanding to the people of Berkeley regarding Native cultures and the enormous contributions they have made, and continue to make to world culture;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it hereby proclaims

**Saturday, October 5, 2013 as Indigenous Peoples Day**

in the City of Berkeley; does hereby officially sponsor it, and does hereby offer our gratitude to Native People on behalf of the people of Berkeley, in recognition of the Indigenous care for this land, and in honor of Indigenous culture and philosophy, which are needed now more than ever if the planet is to survive; and we urge all Berkeleyans to attend the Berkeley Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market, on Saturday October 5, 2013 from 10 am to 6 pm in Martin Luther King Civic Center Park.

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Vice-Mayor Linda Maio

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Councilmember Darryl Moore

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Councilmember Max Anderson

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Councilmember Jesse Arreguin

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Councilmember Laurie Capitelli

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Councilmember Susan Wengraf

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