

Associated Students of Foothill College

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RAISING THE MUWEKMA OHLONE FLAG RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS, the Foothill-De Anza Community College District resides on ancestral ethno-historic Muwekma Ohlone land, and we benefit from the occupation of this land; and

WHEREAS, the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe is seeking to gain federal recognition; which had previously been granted and was then removed due to government error and inaction; and

WHEREAS, federal recognition would entitle the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe to sovereignty, self-governance, federal funds and services, and the repatriation and protection of ancestral remains and land; and

WHEREAS, Foothill College's Anthropology Department has worked closely with the Muwekma Ohlone for many years; and

WHEREAS, Muwekma Ohlone archeological materials and ancestral remains stay housed in Foothill facilities; and

WHEREAS, Chabot College, University of California Berkeley, and the city of Milpitas have acknowledged the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe's sovereignty by raising their flag and honoring the Tribe's land legacy; and

WHEREAS, our Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion initiative, mission statement, and core values promote community, inclusion, and diversity; the Foothill College Land Acknowledgement states that we "support the sovereignty of this [Muwekma Ohlone] tribal group and other indigenous peoples.";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Foothill College calls upon the Foothill-De Anza Community College District to do the following:

1. Raise the Muwekma Ohlone flag on all FHDA campuses (the District Office, Foothill College, De Anza College, and the Sunnyvale Center) below the flag of the United States before the end of the 2022-23 academic year; and
2. Raise and allocate adequate funding in terms of materials and logistics to ensure the completion of and adherence to the items of this resolution; and
3. At the soonest possibility, erect separate flag poles equal in size to those existing and move the Muwekma Ohlone flags to these new poles in order to properly recognize the Tribe's sovereignty in accordance with the United States Flag Code; and

4. Make a commitment to uphold our core values and land acknowledgment; and
5. Make this a part of the long-term facilities plan
6. Respect, protect, and fly the Muwekma Ohlone flag in perpetuity; and
7. Continue to support the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe in their efforts for federal recognition by coordinating on matters regarding their sovereign rights and the repatriation of their archaeological and ancestral remains.