



CARING FOR THE LAND

**THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND
ORIGINALLY AND STILL INHABITED AND CARED FOR BY THE
TONGVA, TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH, AND CHUMASH PEOPLES.
WE HONOR AND PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS AND DESCENDANTS,
— PAST, PRESENT, AND EMERGING — AS THEY CONTINUE
THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS.**

Opening lines of the Countywide Land Acknowledgment, adopted November 1, 2022

Read the full Land Acknowledgment and learn more at
lacounty.gov/government/about-la-county/land-acknowledgment

The Countywide Land Acknowledgment is a way to honor and pay respect to the land and the First Peoples. The First Peoples were the original stewards of the land we now refer to as the County of Los Angeles and their descendants are still here and work to protect and preserve these lands and waters.

Honoring and respecting the land must go beyond acknowledgment. We all have a role to play in caring for the land. Representatives of local Tribes offer the following reminders for people who live, work, play, and visit LA County.

AWARENESS AND IMPACT

Be aware of your surroundings and take responsibility for where you live. Think about the ecological system as a whole and the connections between land and water.

Your actions always have an impact. Impact your surroundings positively and leave the land better than you found it.

RESPECT AND RECIPROCITY

Local Tribes have a reverence for the land. Consider viewing the land as a relative, rather than as a resource.

Build a reciprocal relationship with the land. If you take from the land, make sure you also give back. The land nurtures you and you should nurture it in return.

PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION

The Los Angeles County region is home to the largest set of threatened and endangered plants and animals in the continental United States, including many plants with significance to local Tribes.

Advocate for policies and planning that support land protection and preservation.

RESTORATION AND REVITALIZATION

Restore the local ecosystem. Replace invasive species with native plants.

Revitalization of the land is not possible without collaboration with local Tribes. Engage with local Tribes for projects with environmental impacts.