

ASLMU Senate

Resolution

Supporting Indigenous Student Union Resolution

- I. *WHEREAS before LMU acquired the land for its main campus near the [Ballona Creeks and Westchester Bluffs](#), the Tongva tribe reside and continue to reside in this area.*
- II. *WHEREAS Created in 2019, the Indigenous Student Union (ISU) aims to represent Indigenous and marginalized student populations of Loyola Marymount University.*
- III. *WHEREAS ISU's primary mission has been to recognize and honor the Tongva people and their land, as it is a crucial part of LMU's history which remains silenced.*
- IV. *WHEREAS central to ISU's mission is the removal of statues representing colonization, including that of St. Junipero Serra.*
- V. *WHEREAS Junipero Serra, along with other missionaries, forced over [90,000](#) Indigenous people from San Diego to San Francisco to be baptized. He also prohibited the Indigenous people from leaving the missions and forbade them from practicing their cultural traditions. [Serra](#) was complicit in brutal beatings, spreading of infectious diseases, and restriction of cultural practices of Indigenous people.*
- VI. *WHEREAS ISU has created a Change.org petition entitled "[Keep the Junipero Serra Statue Off LMU's Campus](#)", which has garnered 187 signatures as of November 5, 2020.*
- VII. *WHEREAS in keeping with the Jesuit values and Catholic traditions, LMU is committed to the promotion of justice. On June 16, 2020, President Snyder announced in his [Beyond Words](#) that LMU will remove its art and images that do not promote an environment of anti-racism to "reflect more inclusive and diverse representations of our shared history and community."*

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VIII. *WHEREAS ISU believes that LMU's decision to rehouse the Junipero Serra statue averts the mission rather than directly resolving the conflict. It is an ineffective form of education as it commemorates Serra's actions and alienates Indigenous and marginalized students.*

IX. *WHEREAS ISU is strong in their demand that the statue of Junipero Serra remain off campus, and for education surrounding Christian colonization be conducted more intentionally to center the lives and history of Indigenous communities.*

X. *THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University demands LMU administration to be more transparent on all issues involving its students, faculty, and community.*

XI. *THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University supports and recognizes:*

XII. *Indigenous Student Union in their efforts to inform the LMU community on issues they have and continue to face including, but not limited to: Every public event having a proper land acknowledgment, that campus organizations and partners receive training and are given historical backgrounds about Indigenous peoples.*

XIII. *Let it be understood that ISU is the primary organizing body to lead efforts about Indigenous peoples and will be the primary point of contact with the Tongva Peoples.*

XIV. *THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University supports ISU in its mission in permanently removing the statue of Junipero Serra from LMU grounds as it is insensitive to Indigenous peoples. The permanent removal of the statue St. Junipero Serra statue would affirm that LMU does not support the erasure of Indigenous people.*

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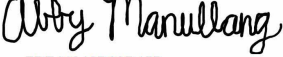
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