Summer Greetings!!

- SAVE THE DATE! Join us to Celebrate the American Indian Cultural District's One Year Anniversary and Cultural Hub Grand Opening on Saturday, September 25th from 12 - 3 pm at Fort Mason Upper Meadow. See the flyer here.

- 8/25, Applications will be due to join Illuminative for their upcoming virtual series in September to learn more about careers in the entertainment industry.

- 8/13, American Indians Accessing Health Professions 6th Annual Conference is a free two day virtual event starting August 13, 2021. Registration here.

- 8/5, SFUSD Indian Education Title VI Program is hiring a Management Assistant! Application here.

- 8/3, The Department of Public Health (DPH) passes its Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement Resolution and is in reviewing stages with American Indian Health Orgs on an American Indian Health Disparities Resolution.

- 7/24, Our free Native and Vaccinated Pins are here!! Stay tuned to our social media for updates!


Follow us on social media for events & updates!

Blessings,
The AICD Team
On Unceded Ramaytush Ohlone Land

News & Updates

Big News in Indian Country!

- 8/3/21, Senate Advances Padilla Amendment to Improve Urban Indian Health Infrastructure. More here.

- 8/3/21, AICD Board Member Morning Star Gali discusses the effects of climate change to American Indian sacred lands and our way of life. Read more here.


- 7/30/21, NAHC's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Jenkins discussing the Delta Variant on NBC news, "Jenkins does not want to relive 2020, but he said that will all depend on how we respond to the contagious delta variant." More here.

- 7/27/21, California Tribal Members, And Fishermen Call On Gavin Newsom To Provide Water To Stop Salmon Fish Kills. Read about it here in News from Native California.
To All Our Relations

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- 7/5, NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY to support Bay Area artists with a music-based project or businesses. Applications due August 13. Learn more here.

- 7/1, Mayor Breed lit up City Hall in orange as the American Indian community in the SF Bay Area marched to the Civic Center to honor the legacy of residential school survivors and the memory of those who did not make it home. More info here.

- 6/25, Read about the American Indian Historical Society in our most recent collaboration with SF Heritage’s to elevate the American Indian voice and contributions in SF. More here.


- 6/23, The Native American Health Center is Hiring!!! They have several positions open in both their San Francisco and Oakland locations. Search what is available and apply here.

- 6/2, JOB OPPORTUNITY! Intertribal Rights of Nature (iRON) is seeking to contract with a communications professional to support the intertribal Rights of Nature Campaign. Applications due July 15th.

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News & Updates

Big News in Indian Country!

- 7/1/21, The Ramaytush Ohlone announced the kick off of the Water Front Trail in partnership with the Exploratorium. The trail will be an upcoming series of abalone shell shaped kiosks starting at the Exploratorium and ending at Crissy Field that will serve as informational booths to recount aspects of Ramaytush Ohlone history and story as well as share information about the American Indian presence in “Yelamu” from history to present day.

- 6/29/21, SF Public Press spoke with AICD Board Member Morning Star Gali about the occupation of Alcatraz and its significance to the American Indian community, “Alcatraz was the spark that lit the fire of indigenous resistance.” Read the article here.

- 6/22/21, After tireless advocacy from the Indigenous Education Coalition, Los Angeles Unified School District Dedicates $10 Million to Native & Indigenous Student Education. Read more here.
Indigenous History Month

Greetings Relatives,

- Happy Indigenous History Month and Pride Month! This month we are celebrating and honoring LGBTQ+ and Two Spirit Indigenous relatives!

- For Indigenous History Month AICD is seeking community input to assist in documenting and elevating American Indian organizations, businesses, cultural sites, and community leaders to increase visibility, raise awareness, celebrate, and honor our contributions and history in San Francisco. Take the Survey here.

- Congrats to SF Heritage for their 50 Year Anniversary! Since April, AICD has been partnering on the SF Heritage Social Media Campaign to boost American Indian visibility and history in San Francisco. See last months post here and stay tuned this month for a post on the American Indian Historical Society.

- 6/15, AICD and health based American Indian organizations (CCUIH, HAAI, NAHO) will meet with Department of Public Health leadership to discuss accurate data, reporting and developing a meaningful partnerships.

- Join AICD Board Member, Peter Bratt as he partners with The Big We and The Battery SF on June 15th from 5 pm to 6:30 pm to celebrate Juneteenth to discuss what freedom looks like for all communities. Register here.

- Native & Vaccinated Pins Coming Soon!!

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News & Updates

Big News in Indian Country!

- 6/11/21, Cafe Ohlone, the world's first and only Ohlone food pop-up, is re-opening to reopen as a full-on restaurant at the UC Berkeley campus.

- 6/9/21, 'Keystone XL is dead!' The Keystone XL pipeline project is officially terminated, the sponsor company announced Wednesday. Read more here in Indian Country Today.

- 6/4/21, The International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) joins the call for justice for the Tkémlúps te Secwépemc Nation (WARNING: Death/Boarding Schools)

- 5/30/21, AICD Board Member Morning Star Gali has been part of the Tribal organization, Save California Salmon and the ongoing initiative to protect clean water in SF for Indigenous peoples cultures, traditions, and ways of life. Read about it in the SF Chronicle here.

CITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES


- Help shape SF’s Housing Element Policies by taking the General Plan Survey and enter in a raffle for a $50 gift card.

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May Greetings!

- For Asian Pacific Islander (API) Heritage Month AICD is participating in an interview with SFAC’s Cultural Affairs Director, Ralph Remington to talk about solidarity against white supremacy and tokenism.

- 5/1, The San Francisco Urban Film Fest highlighted our event panel, Exploring the Urban American Indian Experience in Yelamu, from December on their blog. Read here.

- 4/29, What are the Spring Happenings for the Cultural Conservancy (TCC)? Read their Newsletter here.

- 4/27, AICD is partnering with SF Heritage on their Heritage Social Media Campaign to boost American Indian visibility and history in San Francisco. See their recent article on the Friendship House Association of American Indians.

- 4/23, AICD Board Member, Morning Star Gali guest presents on Lady Don’t Take No Podcast to discuss COVID-19 and Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women.

- What is the Village Project? The Village is a social services, cultural & spiritual center envisioned by an inter-tribal coalition of Native American organizations, and led by the Friendship House. Learn more here.

- CCUIH introduces CalHOPERedLine to provide 24/7 services by our people for our people on topics such as COVID-19, food access, housing referrals, substance use and emotional support. Call 1-800-368-4090. More info here.

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What is MMIW?
Missing Murdered Indigenous Women

April 29th through May 5th was National Awareness Week for Missing Murdered Indigenous Women & Relatives (MMIWR) however, it is important to honor and remember our MMIWR every day.

- On 5/5 AICD partnered with AICC, RJIP, Native Women’s Circle and several other City orgs to host a healing gathering at City Hall for MMIWR. Watch here or read about it here in Indian Country Today.

- San Francisco is the number ten city for MMIW cases in the nation of the 71 cities that were investigated in the Urban Indian Health Institute’s “Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls” Report.

- “Silent No More” is a documentary that seeks to expose the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women in the United States.

- Read Stacy Leeds article, Left Speechless By Art That Speaks Volumes for more on MMIW.
Welcome Spring!

• 4/15, AICD Board Member Greg Castro is speaking to SF Library Commission on a Ramaytush Ohlone Resolution, and sharing more about partnering on an American Indian info archival system, digitized resources, a physical space in the library, and assisting the community with research.

• 4/2, AICD co-authored SF Heritage’s Community Voices Column for their Newsletter. Read “Preserving American Indian Culture in San Francisco” here.

• 3/31, AICD presented on a panel in partnership with SF Cultural Connection, Decolonizing Museum: Initiatives in California Museums And Cultural Centers. Stream here.

• 3/24, AICD partnered with SF Urban Film Fest on their Instagram Live to interview Crow Artist, Adam Sings In The Timber on Native tokenism, monuments, and his work. Watch here.

• AICD will be discussing arts, equity, multiculturalism, racial justice, and social justice with SF Arts Commission’s Director of Cultural Affairs, Ralph Remington for Asian Pacific Islander (API) Heritage Month in May.

• Don’t miss California Truth & Healing Council Northern Region Listening Session on Thursday, April 20th at 1 – 2 pm. More info here.

• In collaboration with our eight American Indian Sister Organizations, AICD will be sending a list of land, policy, and funding requests to the Mayor/BOS/HRC seeking equitable resource distribution and reparations for the Ramaytush and American Indian community. For more info read about our Native Visibility Project here.

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News & Updates

Big News in Indian Country!

• 4/8/21, Fifth Circuit Court Keeps and Strikes Portions of Indian Child Welfare Act, read here.


In Loving Memory of Helen Waukazo

We admire and respect Helen’s visionary leadership that paved the way for generations of American Indian families to find healing. The American Indian Cultural District will continue to learn from her leadership and keep her family and loved ones in our thoughts and our prayers. A community memorial will be held on April 14th via zoom to honor Helen. Info here.

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CITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

• San Francisco rolls out a guaranteed income program giving artists $1,000 a month. Application deadline is April 15. Apply here.

• Join AICC/AICD/CCEU on 4/17 from 12 - 2 pm as we will be tabling at the Stand Together SF’s Campaign for Solidarity event. Grab a mask and head to the Civic Center!
Honor Native Women!

- We want to take a moment to honor our beloved community member Janet King. Her dedication, kindness, humor & fierceness touched & inspired so many lives. Her spirit lives on through those still with us & we want to honor her legacy & all the amazing Native women in our lives & community. See more about our campaign here.

- 2/18, AICD partnered with the SF Urban Film Fest on a panel: Exploring the Urban American Indian Experience in Yelp!

- To fight decades of Native erasure we have been busy with a Native Visibility Campaign. Our most recent data find puts American Indians at 1.1% of the SF population versus 3% reflected in the most recent Mayor’s Budget. Read about AI Data Genocide here.

- AICD is partnering with the Planning Department to start our first Historical Context Statement & preserve American Indian cultural heritage sites in SF.

- The Native American Health Center (NAHC) has FREE COVID-19 walk up testing at 3550 International Blvd. Oakland, CA 94601. Call: Call (510) 535 - 4400.

- FREE FOOD DELIVERY! Pantry at Home Delivery Service eligibility: 65+ years, health disparity, or disability. For more info call: 628-272-8430.

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News & Updates

Big News in Indian Country!

- 3/1/21, The Village Project will provide access to more than half a dozen American Indian social services and will serve as a community hub in our Cultural District in 2025. Fundraising has begun! More here.

- 2/27/21, Indigenous Leaders in California Fear COVID Deaths Are Going Undercounted

Job Opportunities!

- 3/9, The Community Ambassadors Program (CAP) is a community safety and neighborhood engagement job training program for low income folks. More here.

- 3/4/21, NAHC is hiring a Site Operations Manager!

- 3/3/21, The California Consortium for Urban Indian Health (CCUH) is hiring a COVID-19 Public Health Coordinator!

- 2/23/21, The American Indian Cultural Center (AICC) is hiring a Social Media Coordinator & Program Associate.
Connect with us!

Our hearts are with you this month! February's highlights:

- American Indian Cultural District will partner with the San Francisco Urban Film Fest to host a FREE watch party & panel discussion February 18th at 5:30 pm (PT): Exploring the Urban American Indian Experience in Yelamu. Register here.


- 1/26/21, SFUSD passed Indian Education’s Resolution which includes reparations on land acknowledgement, funding for an Indian Ed position, removal of racist imagery, & Native languages as part of AC requirements. Read here.

- The American Indian Cultural Center (AICC) is hiring a Program Associate & Social Media Coordinator. More info here.

- The Native American Health Center (NAHC) established a new COVID-19 Vaccine Program for Native elders (65+) & essential workers. For more info call (510) 485-5960.

- Mission Food Hub’s 2021 Schedule: Mondays 1 pm Wednesdays & Fridays 10 am at 701 Alabama Street, San Francisco, CA 94110. More info here.

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Blessings,
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News & Updates

Big News in Indian Country!

- 2/5/21, Find recent COVID-19 Statistics for our community and others here: COVID Deadlier for Native Americans Than Other Groups.

- 1/27/21, President Biden focuses on strengthening Nation to Nation relationships with Tribal Nations. Read his Presidential Memorandum here.

American Indian Cultural District News

- 2/4/21, S.F.'s Cultural Hub for Urban Native Americans: The Village will be a ‘physical, cultural, and spiritual nexus of community services’ in the heart of the San Francisco American Indian Cultural District. Stay up to date on the Village Project here.

- 1/18/21, AICD Board Member, Morning Star Gali joins Emerge California, a group paving the way for underrepresented women in the political realm. Read here.
Happy New Year!

Welcome to the American Indian Cultural District’s first official Monthly Newsletter!

Stay informed on City updates, local urban Indian news, Indian Country, and the latest happenings with the American Indian Cultural District. We plan to share community resources for community wellness, local community events and more.

We are here to serve and honor the Native community and we want to hear from you every step of the way! Stay tuned for all our local engagement opportunities!

News & Updates

Big News in Indian Country!

- The State Of California Tribal Affairs Annual Report for 2020 includes information on: Tribal Consultation, the Census, Land Use, Cultural Heritage & Expression, Emergency Response and more. Read here.
- Executive Order N-15-19: Stay up to date on the Truth and Healing Council meeting times and more here.
- The 117th U.S. Congress includes a record number of six Indigenous Congress members. Read here.
- Rep. Deb Haaland is poised to become the first Native American to lead a Cabinet agency. Read here.
- H.Res.1264: Resolution recognizing that the United States was originally inhabited by Indigenous peoples.

American Indian Cultural District News

Two of our Cultural District’s recent victories and initiatives highlighted in the San Francisco Examiner and an upcoming community project was discussed in the Guardian:

- 12/31/20, Native American hub planned for Mission District
- 12/8/20, Supes to Acknowledge Ramaytush Ohlone at Every Meeting.
- 11/30/20, AICD expanding to include Dolores Park