We are on the land that was faithfully stewarded and kept by indigenous people for countless generations.

As you reflect on the map you see before you, please remember that this land that touches our feet each and every day, is that of the Ohlone people. We honor and acknowledge the Ohlone tribes and their land.

We acknowledge that the land was taken from these first nation peoples with violence and without treaty. We recognize that the Ohlone people survived over 2 centuries of genocide, enslavement and colonization during the Spanish, Mexican and American eras.

We recognize, too, that this was often done under the cover of Christianity and the Doctrine of Discovery; we lament this misuse of our religion to oppress and kill.

We pay our respects to the Indigenous Elders, past, present and future. We honor their ongoing work aimed at recognition and their fight to recover that relationship with the land we are privileged to walk upon.

Thank you.