

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SJR 13 - Relative to the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe

WHEREAS, on March 07, 2022, a Senate Joint Resolution (SJR 13) was introduced by Senator Cortese and Coauthors Senator Wieckowski, Assembly Members Kalra, Lee, Low, and Robert Rivas, which would urge the United States Congress and the Department of the Interior and its Bureau of Indian Affairs to reaffirm and restore the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe as a federally recognized tribe and include the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe in the Federal Register as a recognized tribe; and

WHEREAS, several California counties and elected officials have officially supported the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe in its efforts for recognition through legislation commending their efforts and historical and social accomplishments, supporting requests for historical claim by the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, and urging the federal government to reaffirm and restore the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe as a federally recognized tribe; and

WHEREAS, part of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe's aboriginal and ethnohistoric territory includes San Mateo County;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Democratic Party supports the adoption of SJR 13 and calls on the Department of the Interior and the federal government to officially recognize the historical and social history of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe by restoring the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe as a federally recognized tribe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be sent to Chairman Dodd and the members of the Senate Committee on Governmental Organization urging the committee to hear and vote to pass SJR 13 onto the full Senate for debate and, at the discretion of the Chair and Executive Board, to any subsequent legislative committee assigned to consider and act on SJR 13.

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Chairwoman
Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area

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