



Mákkín Mak Muwékma Wolwóolum, 'Akkoyt Mak-Warep, Manne Mak Hiswi!
We Are Muwekma Ohlone, Welcome To Our Ancestral Homeland!

Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Land Acknowledgment For Chabot College located in Hayward, CA Jalquin/Yrgin Ancestral Muwekma Ohlone Territory

Horše túuxi! (Hor-sheh troo-hee). We would like to recognize that while we gather at **Chabot College** located in **Hayward, CA**, we are gathered within the ethno-historic tribal territory of the intermarried **Jalquin** (*hal-keen*) / **Yrgin** (*eer-gen*) Chochenyo-Ohlone-speaking tribal groups, who were the direct ancestors of some of the lineages enrolled in the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area, and whom were missionized into Missions San Francisco, Santa Clara and San Jose.

The present-day Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, with an enrolled Bureau of Indian Affairs documented membership of over 600 members, is comprised of all of the known surviving Indian lineages aboriginal to the San Francisco Bay region who trace their Tribe's ancestry through the Missions San Jose, Santa Clara, and San Francisco, during the advent of the Hispano-European empire into Alta California beginning in AD 1769. The Muwekma Families are the successors and living members of the sovereign, historic, **previously Federally Recognized Verona Band of Alameda County** now formally recognized as the **Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of San Francisco Bay Area**. Muwekma means **La Gente – The People** in their traditional Chochenyo-Ohlone language.

The land on which Chabot College in Hayward is established, was and continues to be of great importance and significance for the Muwekma Ohlone Tribal People. The Chabot College Campus extends to surrounding areas that held several **Túupentaks** (*too-pen-tahks*) (aka *Temescals*), traditional semi-subterranean spiritual roundhouses. Túupentaks were places of celebrations, healing, rituals, dances, intertribal feasts, and religious ceremonies. The Chabot College Campus also extends to nearby ancestral heritage “shellmound sites,” such as those located at **Máyyan Šáatošikma ~ Coyote Hills**, and along the Bayshore surrounding the greater **Berkeley and Emeryville** areas, which served as the ancestral Muwekma Ohlone Tribe's territorial monuments and traditional cemetery sites for high lineage families, craft specialists, and fallen warriors.

The region surrounding the City of Hayward, and Chabot College, is where many of the Tribe's ancestral heritage cemetery and village sites are located especially adjacent to San Lorenzo, San Leandro, Castro Valley, Sulphur, and Ward Creeks, and other freshwater drainages, where many have been destroyed through unbridled development. These localities are viewed as special and sacred places, and we respectfully acknowledge that they had been previously settled and controlled by ancestral Muwekma Tribal groups for many thousands of years. Today, the Muwekma Ohlone Tribal leadership and members work as stewards for many of their, 10,000-year-old ancestral heritage village and cemetery sites. Such as the location of the nearby Fairmont County Hospital, this was the place of one of the Tribe's major rancherias called “**The Springs**,” during the middle-late 1800s where their families planted various crops and raised cattle.

As previously mentioned, the City of Hayward is established within the Muwekma ancestral **Jalquin/Yrgin** Ohlone Tribal ethnohistoric territory, which based upon the 18 unratified federal treaties of 1851-1852, includes the unceded ancestral lands of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area. Missions San Jose, Santa Clara, and San Francisco records document that many of the enrolled Muwekma lineages are directly descended from the **Jalquin/Yrgin** Chochenyo Ohlone-speaking tribal groups, as well as from neighboring Ohlone tribes.

It is important that we not only recognize the history of the land of the **Jalquin/Yrgin** on which we gather to participate, learn, and honor, but also recognize that the **First People** of this region – the Muwekma Ohlone People, are alive and thriving members of the Hayward and broader Bay Area communities today.

Even though their Tribe was denied a land base due to the gross negligence of derelict BIA officials, after the Tribe was first federally recognized in 1906, it is because of the tenacity and strength of their ancestors and elders, that their People have been able to maintain their identity and traditions, and keep their culture and language alive. Furthermore, the Muwekma Ohlone families have never left their indigenous ancestral lands. Today they repair the sustained damages of over 251 years of colonization. They are focused on keeping their traditional culture strong, while they work for a bright and favorable future for their children, as they follow in the footsteps of their ancestors.

We respectfully request, that the good citizens of the City of Hayward and surrounding Towns strive to be faithful stewards on behalf of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe by maintaining the bay, freshwater ways, native plants, animal habitats, and the air we all breath. Furthermore, we request that Chabot College, the City of Hayward, and surrounding Towns within Alameda County honor the military service of the Muwekma men and women who have honorably served overseas during World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq and who are still serving in the United States Armed Forces today; and honor the tribal veterans and service members from California, North and South America who have served this country with dignity and honor.

In closing, it is of great importance to acknowledge the significance of this **Holše Warep** (*hol-sheh wah-rehp*) ~ **Beautiful Land** to the indigenous Muwekma Ohlone People of this region. We ask everyone who attends or visits **Chabot College** in **Hayward**, to be respectful of these aboriginal lands and natural habitats within their traditional homeland, and consistent with their principles of community and diversity, strive to be good stewards on behalf of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, on whose land you are their guests

Makiš horše mak-hinnan. 'Útaspuṭ makkam. Mak 'Iwe.

(Mahk-keesh hor-sheh mahk-hee-non. Oo-trahs-poot mahk-kahm. Mahk ee-weh.)

Thank you. And on behalf of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, we hope you celebrate, honor, and stand in solidarity with all Indigenous People with their struggles to reverse the adverse colonial legacies affecting all people of color in Hayward, the greater Bay Area, California, the United States, and the Americas, as we gather and reflect on the sacred lands of the **Muwekma Ohlone Tribe**. Aho!