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Good evening,

My name is Gabriel Duncan with the Alameda Native History Project.

The Alameda Native History Project is now delivering structured, public programming in Alameda. We are running acorn harvest trainings that are fully booked and waitlisted. We have built and are implementing a training and certification framework focused on Indigenous foodways and ecological stewardship.

We have secured a research grant. We have designed and proven an acorn leaching machine. We are training residents and building the capacity to produce a traditional food that has sustained this region for thousands of years.

This work is active, measurable, and growing.

We are requesting that the City of Alameda enter into direct discussions with us to develop a framework for managing oak trees in Alameda as a food-bearing and culturally significant resource.

We are also requesting that the City begin a formal conversation about the use of prescribed fire to reduce overgrowth, restore ecological balance, and support native plantings that require less water and are drought-tolerant once established.

We are asking the City to begin planning for green levees and nature-based shoreline protection to address rising sea levels.

The Alameda Native History Project is ready to engage with the City on all of these areas.

Now is the time to act. S

Thank you.

Submitted by Gabriel Duncan
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