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**To:** [.Councilmembers](#)  
**Cc:** [.Department Heads](#); [Roxane Stone](#); [Olivia Rojo](#)  
**Subject:** FW: City of Pinole Staff Report re: City Seal  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:56:34 PM

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Good afternoon, Mayor & Council (bcc),

Please see the supplemental information related to item 12A on the agenda this evening. We will be making this available to the public online and in the Chambers this evening. We will provide a printed copy at the dais for you as well.

Thank you,

Heather M. Bell, CMC  
Pinole City Clerk

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**From:** Andrew Murray <AMurray@ci.pinoles.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:50 PM  
**To:** .Councilmembers <Councilmembers@ci.pinoles.ca.us>  
**Cc:** Fiona Epps <fepps@ci.pinoles.ca.us>; Heather Bell <hbell@ci.pinoles.ca.us>; Karen Villasenor <karen@tripepismith.com>; Kevin Bostwick <kevin@tripepismith.com>  
**Subject:** FW: City of Pinole Staff Report re: City Seal

Hi –

Below find input we received from Corrina Gould, Tribal Chair/Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation, who City staff spoke with earlier about the City's seal and who we asked to review the City Council staff report regarding the City seal item on tonight's City Council agenda.

Best,

Andrew

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**From:** Shell Mound <[shellmoundwork@gmail.com](mailto:shellmoundwork@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 5:58 PM  
**To:** Fiona Epps <[fepps@ci.pinoles.ca.us](mailto:fepps@ci.pinoles.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: City of Pinole Staff Report re: City Seal

**\*\*\* EXTERNAL MESSAGE \*\*\***

Dear Fiona,

Thank you so much for your email and sending the report to me to review. I'm so happy that you were able to find a bit of history about the original seal, even if not completely concrete. I will reiterate my comments about NOT using a Native person as part of your seal going forward. This is a great opportunity for the City to create something new, that represents the past and the current population of Pinole. The man that is portrayed does not look like a traditional Ohlone person and has phenotypes of someone with European heritage. After years of fighting against the use of Native mascots, the Tribe is thrilled with the City of Pinole moving towards the direction of not depicting a "Native Person" as part of their logo or seal. We wholeheartedly support the City of Pinole completely changing your logo/seal without the "Ohlone" man.

The Tribe looks forward to many more collaborations and meetings in the future. Thank you for letting us voice our opinions on this important matter.

Uni' (Respectfully)

Corrina Gould, Tribal Chair/Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation  
Co-Director, Sogorea Te Land Trust