

The Native American Resource Center at ARC is advocating for the removal of the mining equipment display outside of Davies Hall.

The mining equipment display is a direct representation of the enslavement and genocide of California Indian men, women, and children. It represents violence against human beings and the earth.

Please consider the following:

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/goldrush-act-for-government-and-protection-of-indians/>

We would like ARC to be an equitable campus where California Indian and all American Indian students feel safe, welcome, acknowledged, and empowered.

In the present day, there is a movement in California and nationally to bring down monuments to genocide and hate. This movement exists within the spirit of inclusivity and social justice. These values are now a stated part of the ARC mission statement.

<https://www.facebook.com/SeedingSovereignty/videos/2166608657000926/>

San Francisco's 'Early Days' Statue Is Gone. Now Comes the Work of Activating Real History

The racist sculpture's end comes at a "tipping point for the politics of Native American memory," says the director of the American Indian Museum



The decision to remove the statue came September 12, 2018, when San Francisco's Board of Appeals voted for it to be carted off to a storage facility. (© Julia Lomax)

https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/08/16/us/confederate-monuments-removed.html

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A white nationalist rally that turned violent in Charlottesville, Va., on Aug. 12 brought renewed attention to dozens of Confederate monuments around the country. Many government officials, including Representative Nancy Pelosi of California, the House Democratic leader, have

In its place, I propose that we create a Maidu/Miwok memorial, as well as a distributed acknowledgment across campus in the form of informational plaques, Native plants, and Native place names, in partnership with United Auburn Indian Community, Wilton Rancheria, Shingle Springs Rancheria, and the Nisenan community.

There are models and precedents for this in California. Several years ago UC Davis created a memorial garden that includes a rock inscribed with the names of the some of the last known Wintu-speaking survivors who inhabited the village site on which UC Davis sits. The present day Wintu-speaking survivors give talks at Davis schools and gardens.

Mendocino College has created a "Pomo Plaza" that is a large memorial, and it also includes representative flags of California Indian nations. Along with the memorial, they have created a "Pomo Pathways Program" for Native youth from local rancherias.

The removal of the mining equipment is really about the restoration of a healthy and positive relationship between the people of the land, the land, and the present-day public. The healing and transformation that we are seeking as an institution (and a nation) begins through this step as ARC continues to lead the region in the areas of equity and social justice.