**Indigenous People's Day Town Hall**

The Indigenous People's Education and Culture Club (IPECC) and Pacific Islander Office (PIO) invite you to the Indigenous People's Day Town Hall happening today at 3 p.m.

We would like to begin by acknowledging the history of Indigenous Peoples' Day (formerly known as Columbus Day) in the United States and Canada. This day was originally created to honor and celebrate the contributions and experiences of Indigenous peoples. However, the history and impact of Columbus have been heavily scrutinized, with some arguing that it's time to shift this holiday towards recognizing the brutality and genocide that occurred during European colonization.

It's important to remember that although we see the events facilitating the space for such discussions, we also must acknowledge that Indigenous people, from their own perspectives, do not see it as a celebration of their ancestors. Our goal with this event is to raise a space for these considerations on a day that is steeped in controversial significance.

Kind regards,

The IPECC and PIO leaders

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- Yes
- No

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**Major: English**

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