To show respect and honor the Indigenous Peoples of the land on which we work and live, we would like to provide a Land Acknowledgment as a simple way of resisting the erasure of Indigenous histories and working towards honoring and inviting the truth about the harsh treatment and genocide of Indigenous people.

At OSEI, we ground our work in the practice of honoring and acknowledging that the land on which we live and work is the traditional territory of the Ute tribes, Cheyenne, and Arapaho Peoples and is historically tied to at least 48 contemporary tribal nations.

We honor those who have stewarded this land throughout generations and recognize that government, academic, and cultural institutions were built on and continue to enact exclusions and erasures of Indigenous Peoples.

As individuals and as an office, we are committed to dismantling systems and legacies of oppression and inequity, and we value the historical, current, and future contributions of Indigenous communities in Denver.

There are numerous ways for you to learn more about current issues facing our Denver Indigenous community by connecting with the Denver American Indian Commission or resource guide.
The Mayor’s Office of Social Equity and Innovation

Labor Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that our country’s economy, infrastructure, and resulting generational wealth would not exist as they do today without the stolen and forced labor of enslaved Africans who suffered transatlantic human trafficking, chattel slavery, and Jim Crow.

We acknowledge how these dehumanizing practices have social, legal, and economic legacies that continue to haunt to this day.