



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Finance, Native Communities, and Tribal Governments Committee

Agenda

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

9:30 AM

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 4th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

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A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

D. Items of Business

1. Tribal Governments and Native Communities Overview

Supporting
Documents: [Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion (120 minutes)

Presenters: Tim Reynon-C, Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR);
Francesca Murnon, Department of Neighborhoods (DON);
Councilmember Suzanne Sailto, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe; Derrick
Belgarde, Executive Director, Chief Seattle Club

E. Adjournment



Legislation Text

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Tribal Governments and Native Communities Overview

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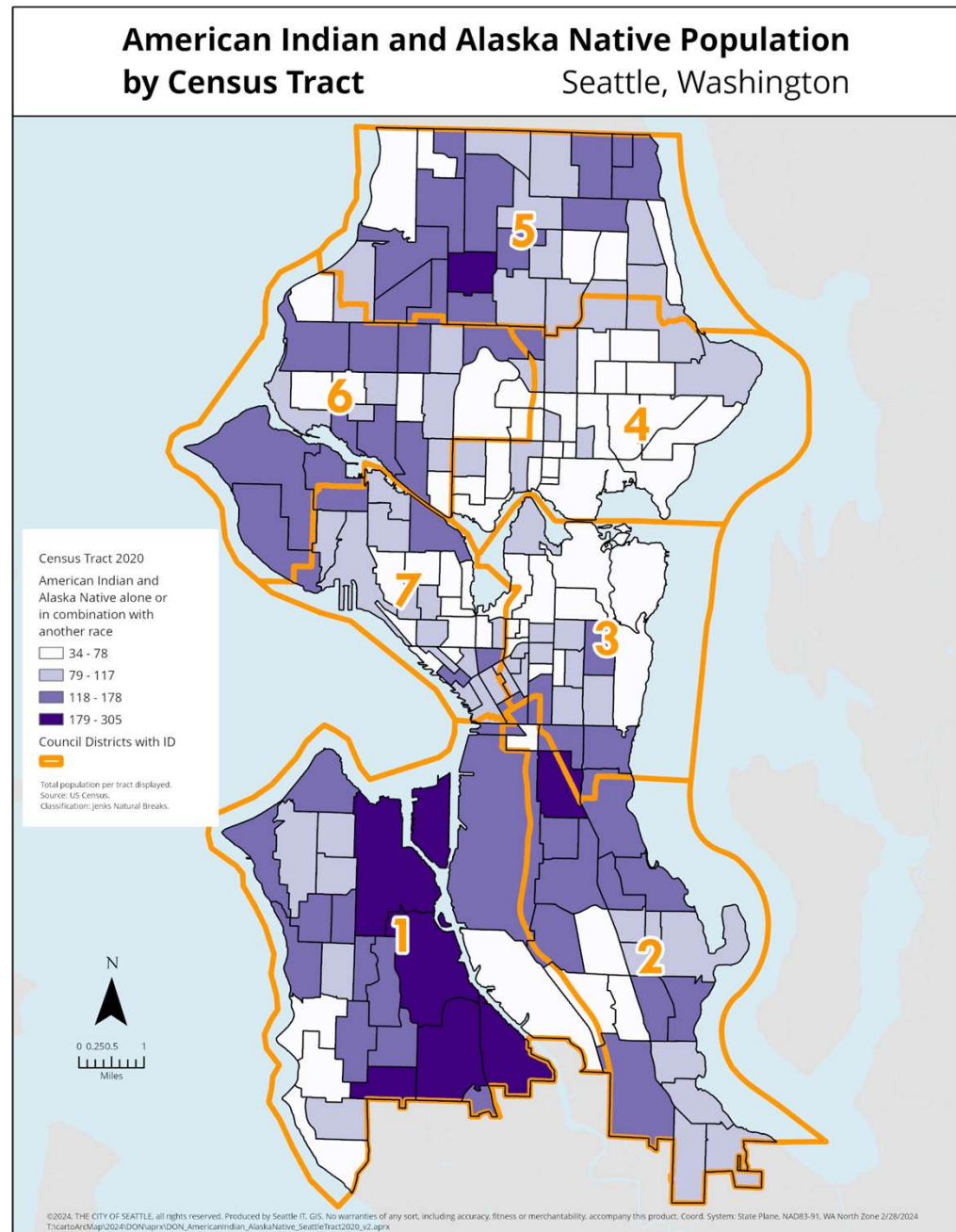
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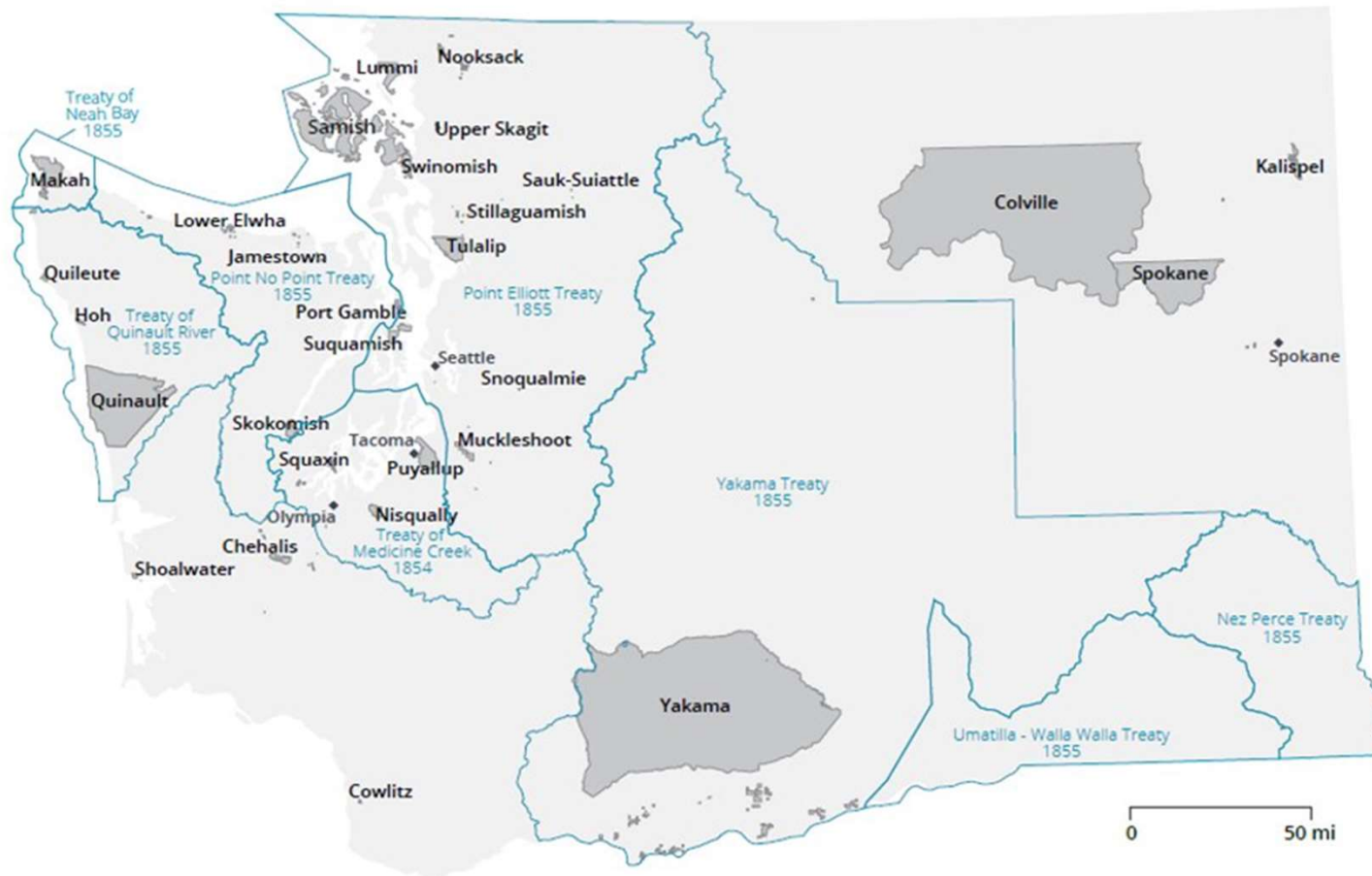


Tribal Governments and Native Communities

**Native people
make up about
2% of the
population**

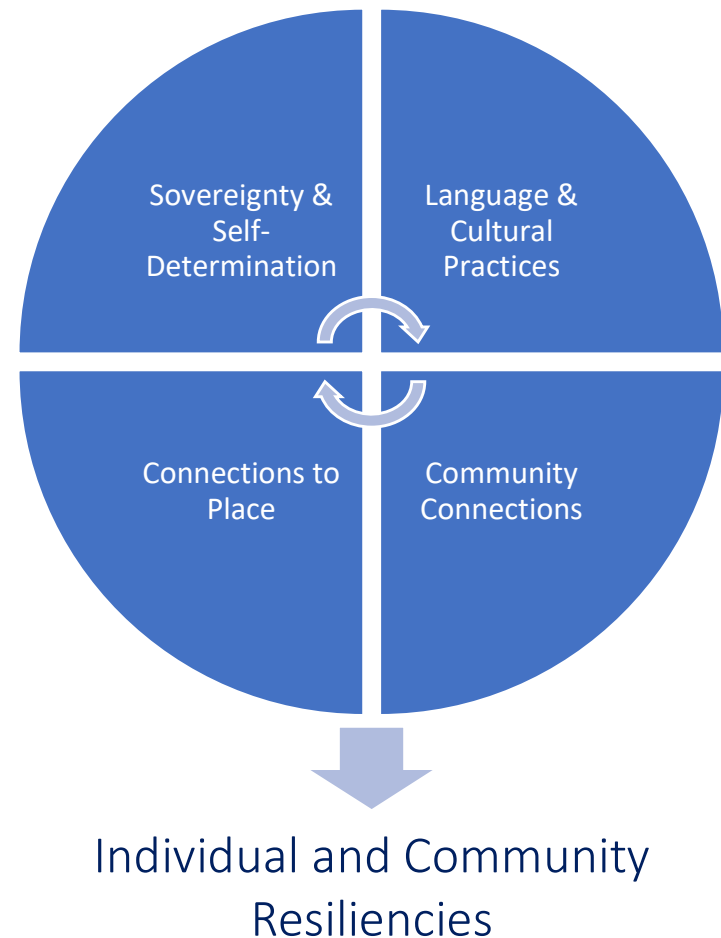
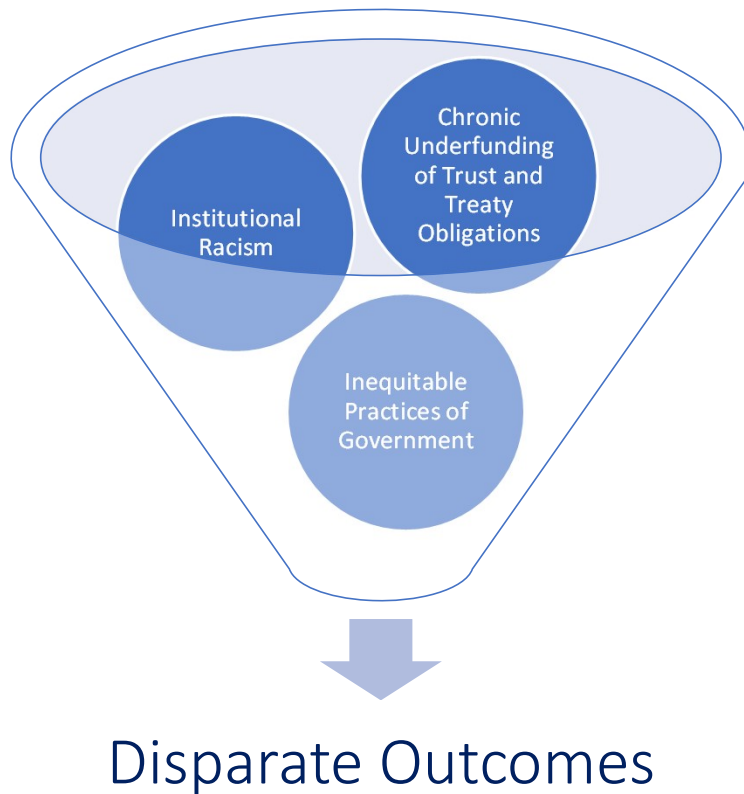


Indian Country in Washington

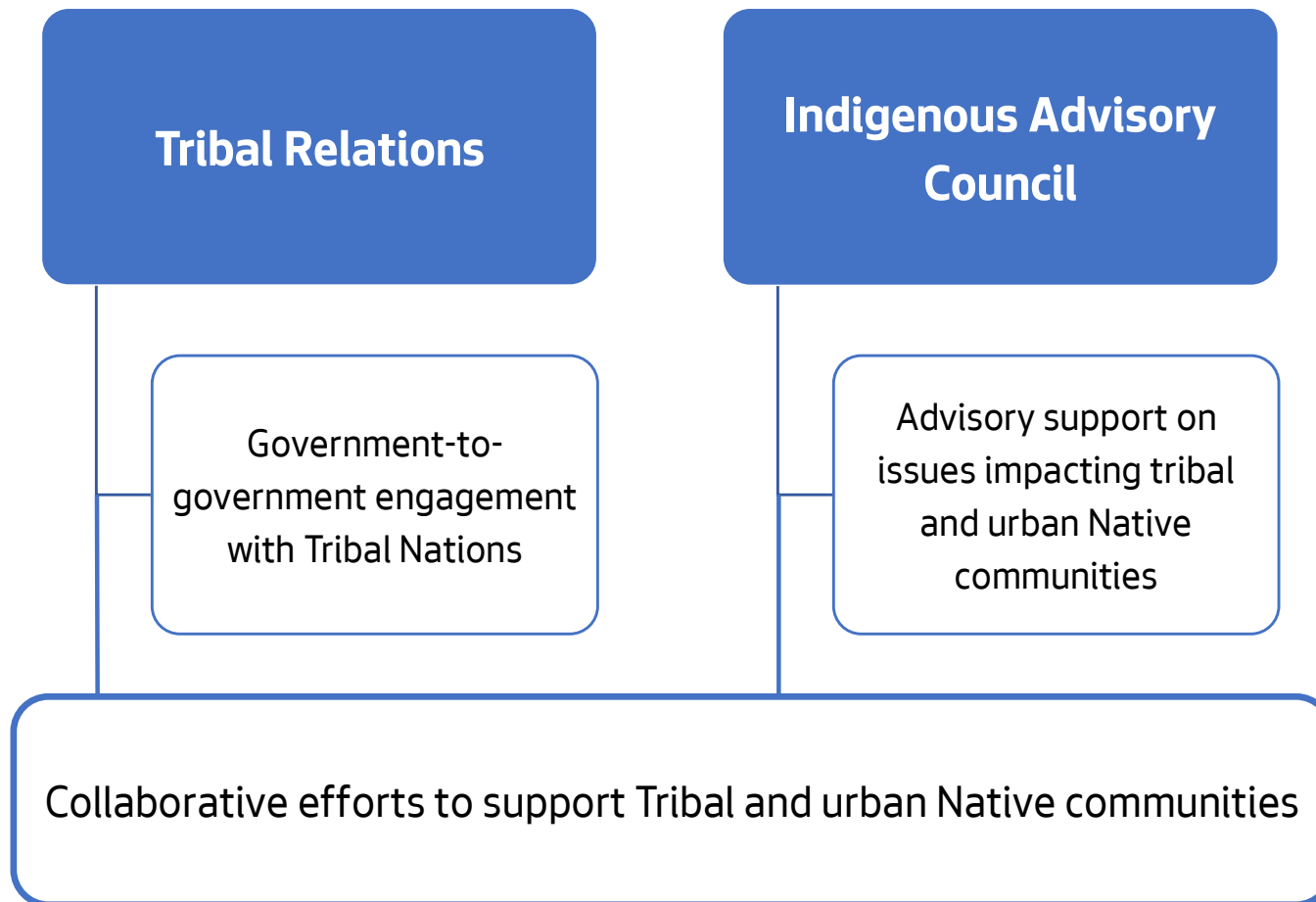


* Presentation of treaty and tribal boundaries as reported by the United States and others does not imply the Washington tribes' acceptance and/or endorsement of the boundaries or the processes that produced them. Shaded regions are reservations with the exception of Samish, which is a tribally designated statistical area (TDSA).

Systemic inequities are addressed through community-defined solutions



Tribal and Urban Native Engagement



Tribal Relations

Office of Intergovernmental Relations





Tribal Relations

- **Government-to-Government relationship is a political and legal relationship** that is not based upon race.
- **As sovereign nations, Tribes have authority to govern themselves**, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of their members and govern their lands.
- **Federal and Washington State precedent** for Tribal Consultation and engagement.

Examples of Effective Tribal Engagement

- Seattle Public Utility
- Seattle City Light





City of Seattle | Tribal Nations Summit

Seattle Parks and Recreation | Tribal Nations Gathering



Tribal Relations Strategic Plan 2024

Vision:

Tribal Relations exists to increase education across the City and City leadership, foster more effective working relationships between Tribes and City staff, build City staff capacity, and leverage momentum toward more robust and codified government-to-government consultation and engagement between the City and Tribes.

Goals:

1. Support and build capacity for the City to engage with Tribes early and often, and strengthen relationships with local Tribes.
2. Develop more robust and codified government-to-government consultation and engagement between the City and Tribes.
3. Improve internal City-wide coordination and infrastructure.

Indigenous Advisory Council

Department of Neighborhoods

Mission

Advise local government on culturally grounded policy and systems changes that transfer power and resources to Indigenous communities.



Design by Andrea Wilbur-Sigo (Squaxin Island and Skokomish)

Indigenous Advisory Council 2024



**Vice Chair Donny Stevenson
(Muckleshoot)**
Position 1



**Councilmember Jay Mills
(Suquamish)**
Position 2



**Councilmember Jeremy Takala
(Yakama)**
Position 3



**Megan Castillo
(Tlingit & Filipina)**
Position 4



**Councilmember Suzanne Sailto
(Snoqualmie)**
Position 5



**Esther Lucero
(Diné)**
Position 6



**Derrick Belgarde
(Siletz & Chippewa Cree)**
Position 7

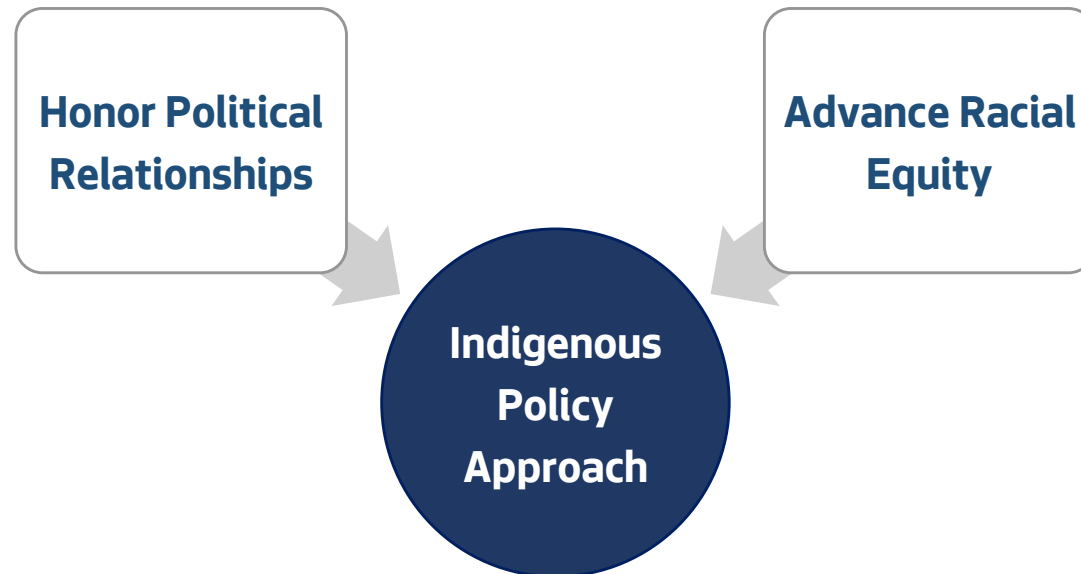


**Asia Tail
(Cherokee)**
Position 8



**Jaci McCormack
(Nez Perce)**
Position 9

Our **Indigenous Policy Approach** honors legal, political, and racial equity obligations to Native communities to ensure a transfer of resources and power to Indigenous communities.



Indigenous Advisory Council Strategic Plan

2023-2025

We fulfill our advisory role through **shared goals** and priority activities.

Serve as Culturally Grounded Advisors

Act as a trusted advocate, advisor, and connector on issues impacting Native communities.

Plan and Evaluate

Set goals, priorities, and action steps that drive our work forward and can be evaluated.

Set Policy Priorities

Work to fulfill trust, treaty, and racial equity obligations to Native communities.

Indigenous Advisory Council Strategic Plan 2023-2025

Systems Transformation

Co-create systems transformations that adequately resource and better engage Native communities.

Thriving Indigenous Communities

Advance strategies that build generational and community wealth among Native communities.

Indigenous City

Advance strategies that create thriving ecological and cultural ecosystems that are stewarded by Native communities.





Our Work in Action

Foster civic dialogue to explore how Native cultures and values can inform public transit planning through building design, ecological restoration, and cultural placemaking.

Questions?

