

City of Seattle | Tribal Nations Summit Overview

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Working Together More Effectively for One Seattle





“It has taken 168 years for this historical meeting to take place ... The Treaty of Point Elliott was signed in January 1855 ... in exchange for hundreds of thousands of acres of land ... we were promised a reservation, healthcare, and even vaccinations ... These treaties are the supreme law of the land. That is why we are here today.”

- **Jay Mills**, Councilmember, Suquamish Indian Tribe and member of the City's Indigenous Advisory Council

Summit Goals

- Identify actions and desired outcomes that uphold the sovereignty and treaty rights of federally recognized Tribes.
- Build partnerships, strengthen collaborations, and enhance diplomacy.



Tribal Representation

- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Cowlitz Indian Tribe
- Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
- Nisqually Indian Tribe
- Puyallup Tribe of Indians
- Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
- Squaxin Island Tribe
- Suquamish Tribe
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- Tulalip Tribes
- Upper Skagit Indian Tribe



Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs)

- Chief Seattle Club
- City of Seattle Indigenous Advisory Council
- Seattle Indian Health Board
- Seattle Indian Services Commission
- United Indians of All Tribes Foundation
- Urban Indian Health Institute



City of Seattle

Executive and Legislative

- Mayor's Office
- Seattle City Council

King County

- King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- King County Regional Homelessness Authority

City Departments

- Department of Neighborhoods
- Human Services Department
- Office of Arts and Culture
- Office of Emergency Management
- Office of Housing
- Office of Intergovernmental Relations
- Office of Planning and Community Development
- Office of Sustainability and Environment
- Office of the Mayor
- Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects
- Seattle City Attorney's Office
- Seattle City Light
- Seattle Department of Transportation
- Seattle Fire Department
- Seattle Parks and Recreation
- Seattle Police Department
- Seattle Public Utilities





"For the first time in Seattle's history, we are charting a sustainable pathway for Tribal and urban Native engagement in public policy."

- **Donny Stevenson**, Vice Chair, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and member of the City's Indigenous Advisory Council



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Commitment Areas

- Effective Tribal relations and Indigenous engagement
- Cultural vitality and visibility
- Collaborative cultural resources stewardship
- Culturally attuned systems of care



Commitment Updates

- **Began conversations** on co-developing a City-wide policy to formalize Tribal Relations, **with a workgroup to convene in 2024.**
- Hosted a **Tribal Nations Gathering** to dig deeper into parks and open space issues.
- **Developing a City-wide tool** to track Tribal engagement across City projects, policies, and programs, set to launch in May 2024.
- Partnered with Seattle Human Resources to plan for **an 8-module training curriculum.**
- Coordinated **outreach and visits** to Tribal communities.
- Increased frequency and consistency of **Tribal consultation.**

Commitment Updates

- Increased Tribal engagement and inclusion in the **One Seattle Comprehensive Plan and upcoming Food Action Plan.**
- Increased **Tribal engagement on art, infrastructure, and capital projects** including ongoing support of the Tribal Interpretive Center on the Waterfront and exploration of interlocal agreements to commission Tribal art in public spaces.
- **Engaged in natural and cultural resource issues** including Skagit Hydroelectric Project relicensing and partnered on urban forestry projects.
- Increased Tribal and urban Native engagement in **law enforcement trainings.**

"The answers to these issues ... lie within this room and within our community. If we will take the time to continue to build these relationships and continue to find ways to work together, we will find the answers to these issues we discussed today."

- Tim Reynon, Tribal Relations Director, City of Seattle





Tribal Leader Reflections

Questions?

