

Tribal Governments and Native Communities

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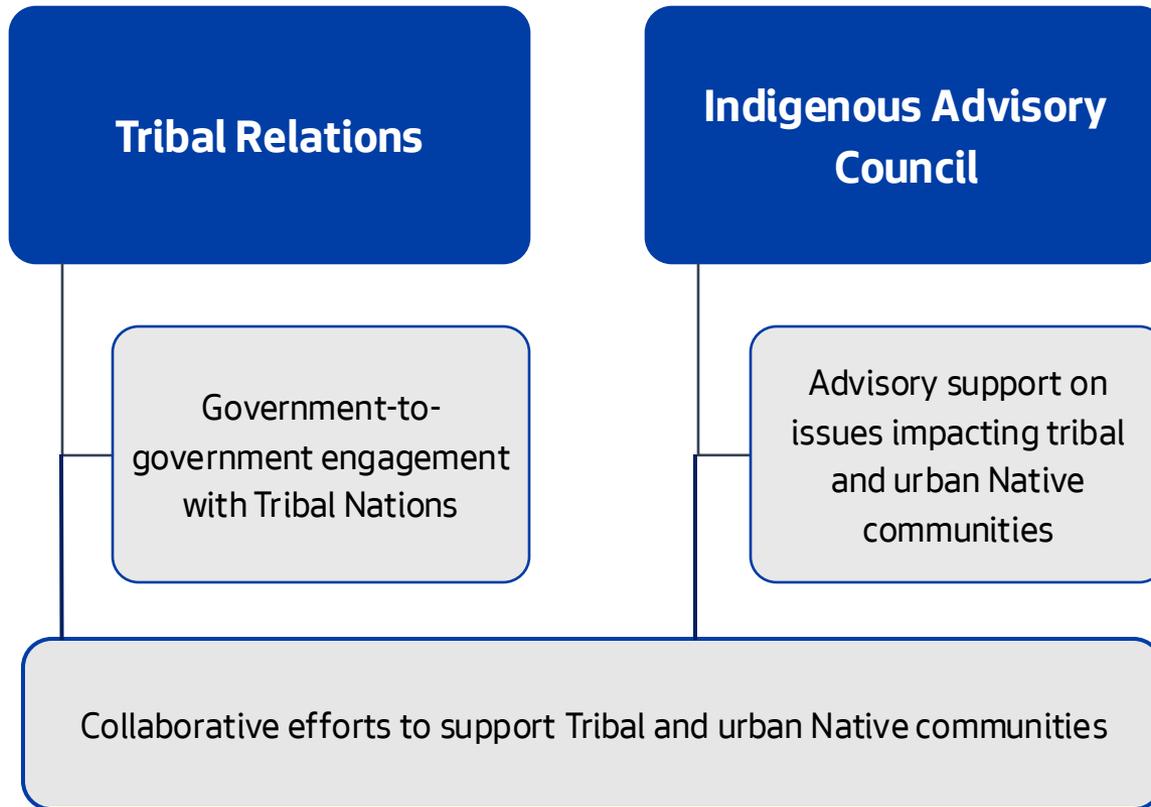
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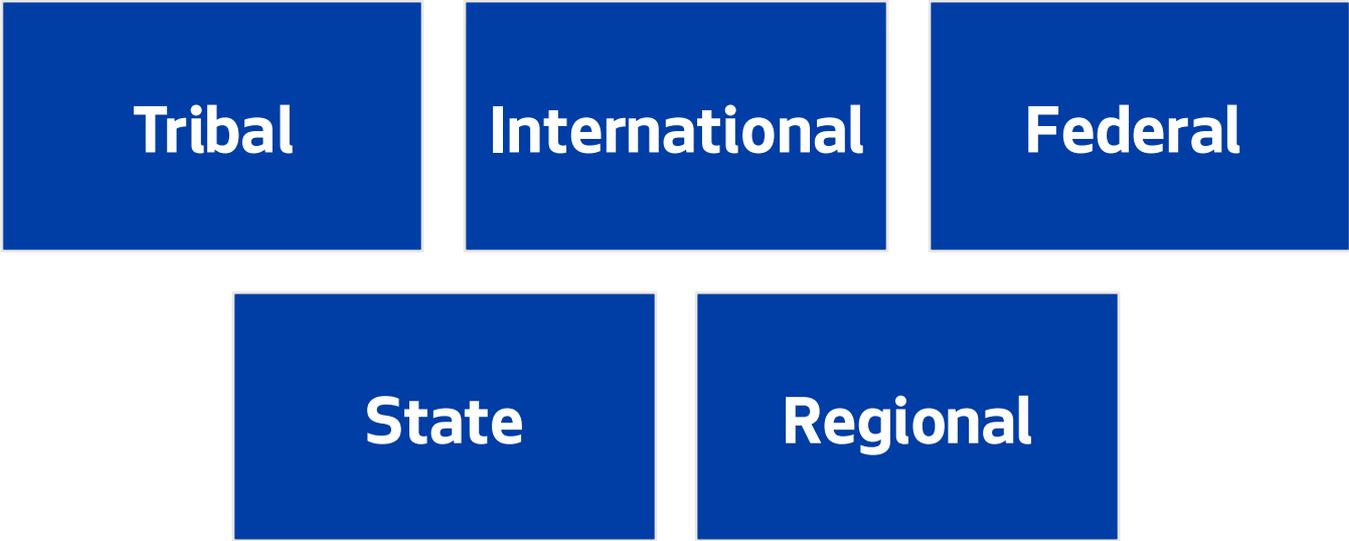
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Tribal and Urban Native Engagement



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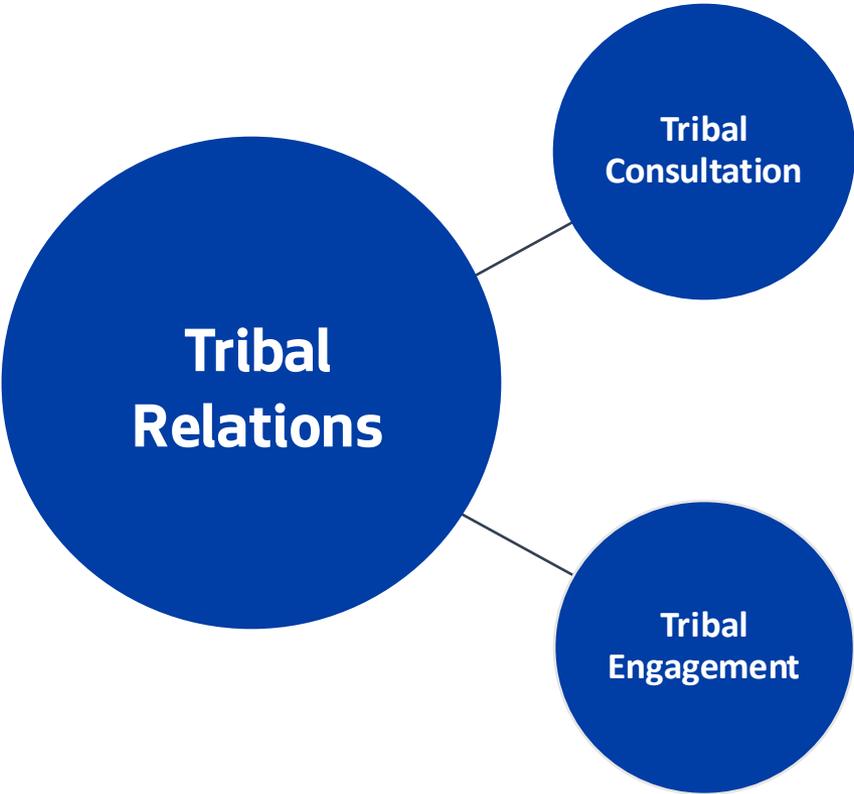


Tribal Relations

- **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.



Tribal Relations



Tribal Relations in Action

- Advise and engage City staff on outreach and coordination of Tribal engagement and consultation on a variety of city projects.
- Meet with Tribal representatives to discuss Tribal and City priorities
- Attend regional Tribal conferences to learn about and discuss Tribal priorities



Tribal Relations in Action

- Co-present with Tribal representatives at the 18th Annual Cultural Resource Protection Summit on lifting up Tribal engagement in local government



Tribal Relations Look Ahead

Internal Capacity Building

- Increase awareness and educational opportunities for staff

Internal Coordination

- Create spaces and develop tools that support interdepartmental coordination and communication

Systems Change

- Create meaningful City-Tribal engagements/events
- Develop a more robust and codified consultation and engagement framework

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 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.



2025 Budget and Policy Priorities

Honor Political Relationship

Codify commitment to working with Tribal Nations and urban Indian organizations

Create funding set asides

Maintain legislative focus on Tribal governments and Native communities

Consult and engage Tribal Nations and urban Indian organizations

Develop staff trainings

Advance Racial Equity

Invest in culturally responsive housing

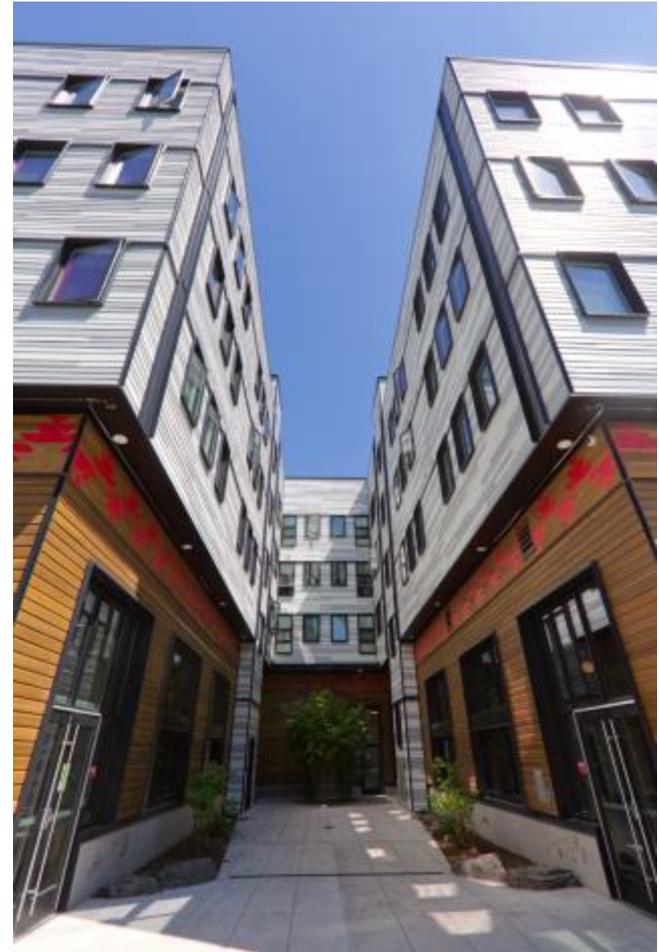
Invest in youth and families

Invest in gender-based violence prevention and response

Invest in cultural and social service facilities

Educational Webinar

- Hosted an educational webinar on innovative approaches to affordable housing with City, County, and Tribal governments, urban Indian organizations, affordable housing sector, and community members.
- Featured the successes and challenges of partnering with Tribal governments to leverage the Indian Housing Block Grant and applying Indian Preference.
- Discussed gaps and opportunities for property management services that take culture into consideration.



Native Youth Engagement

- Partnered with urban Indian organizations on a Native youth listening session and Native youth political engagement summit.
- Demonstrated commitment to intergenerational learning, leadership development, and promotion of healthy civic engagement among young people.
- Learned about and amplified Native youth priorities among City departments.



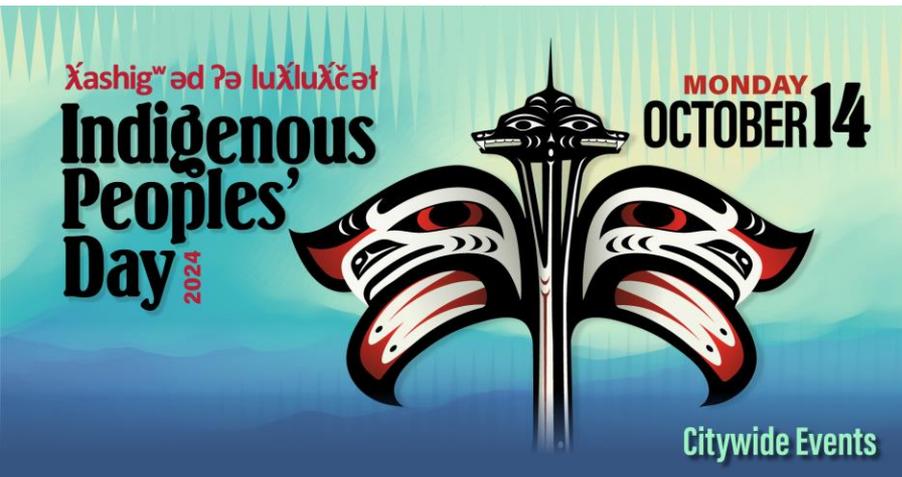
National Civic League Award

- City of Seattle named 2024 All-America City awardee, featuring the Indigenous Advisory Council and Tribal Relations.
- Feature story in the Fall 2024 National Civic Review by Mayor Harrell and Councilmember Strauss.
- Seattle's Indigenous Advisory Council stands as an innovative example of how cities can support and empower Native communities at the local government level, ensuring that Indigenous voices continue to shape the region's future.



Indigenous Peoples' Day

- Direct investment in four inter-tribal community-led celebrations.
- Commissioned and coordinated commemorative event poster, shared marketing assets, and a series of articles featuring Indigenous businesses, events, and ways to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Indigenous Peoples' Day.



Member Reflections

