



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Jeremy Takala</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Indigenous Advisory Council</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>		Term of Position: * 8/1/2024 to 7/31/2026 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>NA</i>	Zip Code: <i>98948</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]

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Background:

Jeremy Takala, known as Pax'una'shut in the Yakama Nation hails from the Kahmiltpah Band (Rock Creek) located on the Columbia River, while also a proud descendant of Hopi. He was nominated in 2020 to serve as a Tribal Councilman for Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation. Councilmember Takala chairs the Fish and Wildlife & Law and Order Committees, serves as Secretary of Legislative Committee, and is a member of Health, Employment and Welfare Committee. Prior to his time in office, he worked 12 years for the Yakima Klickitat Fisheries Project (YKFP) at the Klickitat River Research Monitor Evaluate as a fisheries technician. His hands on training and Washut upbringing has contributed to his skillset as a CRITFC Commissioner with the Nez Perce, Umatilla and Warm Springs Tribes. He is passionate about upholding up his tribes Treaty Rights with the federal government and protecting resources for those yet unborn.

Jeremy was raised in Goldendale, WA and is a proud member of the Rock Creek Longhouse. Learning to drum and provide for the longhouse at an early age is a tribute to his elders who have passed on their traditional educations. He continues to carry on old-style values with his wife Kim, their two sons Tyler and Clint and infant daughter Nena, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and extended community participants. When time allows between his son's baseball and basketball schedules he finds time to display his Round Bustle style of dance on the Pow-Wow circuit, with his boy's right behind mimicking his every move. He has lead students to national conferences as part of the Big River Council and has been an instrumental presence in local schools and parent committees as a voice for Native representation.

Jeremy's passion has always been in the mountains gathering traditional foods and medicines, hunting, fishing and practicing the ways of time immemorial. He resides as a stewardship for future generations to understand and defend natural foods, streams and animals. Striving to carry out the visions of past leadership while embarking on ways to preserve natural laws in the contemporary world. Jeremy attributes his large family and Longhouse gatherings as a reason for his achievements and for preparing him to be a team player, "it takes a village". When called upon by the elders to take the helm, he graciously accepted their words of encouragement and stepped into his governance role.

Authorizing Signature (original signature):



Date Signed (appointed): 5/22/2024

Appointing Signatory:

Bruce A. Harrell

Mayor of Seattle

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JEREMY TAKALA

FOCUSED SKILL SETS

- Policy & Team Leadership
- Public Speaking
- Strong Communication
- Organizational Administration
- Project Planning
- Team Collaboration
- Creative Problem-solving
- Risk Assessment
- Resource Management
- Technology Savvy

REFERENCES

JOE ZENDT
Fish Biologist
Yakama Nation
[REDACTED]

BILL SHARP
Fisheries Analyst
Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries
Project
[REDACTED]

LINDA HAY
Goldendale United Methodist
Church
[REDACTED]

EMPLOYMENT

Confederated Tribes & Bands of the Yakama Nation Toppenish, Washington

Tribal Councilmember (Feb. 2020 – current) Serves on the following governance committees: Law and Order, Officer – Secretary; Fish & Wildlife, Member; Veterans, Member; and, Legislative, Member. Responsible for overseeing tribal government programs and services provided by the police and public safety personnel, Justice Services Department, Tribal Court, Offices of Prosecutor and Public Defender, the regulatory Gaming Commission, and the Natural Resources' divisions for fishery management, fire response, environmental resource protection.

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Portland, Ore.

Chairman (Feb. 2020 – Feb. 2021) Responsible for setting the business agenda of the delegates from the four Columbia River Treaty Tribes and facilitating the policy objectives set for the Commission personnel.

Yakama Nation Yakima/Klickitat Fishery Project Klickitat, Wash.

Fish Technician III (Mar. 2008 – Feb. 2020) Supported the research, monitoring, and fishery evaluation team for Spring/Fall Chinook and Coho in the Klickitat River and Columbia River tributaries. Involved in trapping and trans relocation of species, provided important survey data, contributed to food web studies, worked in the field to pit tag fish, and attended trainings with the National Fish and Wildlife Association.

Yakama Nation Housing Authority Wapato, Wash.

Maintenance & Construction Laborer (2004 –2008) Responded to construction needs and maintenance work encompassing framing, roofing, and weatherization for residents in the tribal housing developments at multiple sites on the Yakama Reservation and in the off-Reservation communities.

EDUCATION & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Rock Creek Longhouse

Columbia River, Wash. (2017 – current)

Drummer, singer, and Ichishkiin-language speaker (Rock Creek Band dialect) for tribal services, feasts and gatherings. Leader of the Big River Youth Council and responsible for chaperoning National Guidance travel.

Yakima Valley Community College

Yakima, Wash. (2004 – 2006) Associates Degree, general requirements.

Activities: Tiinma Club (Native Student Assoc.)

Goldendale High School

Goldendale, Wash. (2000 – 2004) Graduation Diploma

Activities: Baseball and DECA.

Indigenous Advisory Council

Nine Members: Pursuant to [Ordinance 126512](#), all members subject to City Council confirmation, one – and two-year terms for the initial round of appointments, two-year terms thereafter:

- 5 City Council-appointed
- 4 Mayor-appointed

Roster: *Updated 5/20/24

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
4	M		1	Tribal member-WA	Donny Stevenson	8/1/23	7/31/25	2	City Council
4	M		2	Tribal member-WA	Jay Mills	8/1/24	7/31/26	2	City Council
4	M		3	Tribal member-Any	Jeremy Takala	8/1/24	7/31/26	2	Mayor
4	F	D2	4	Indigenous Youth	Megan Castillo	8/1/23	7/31/25	1	Mayor
4	F		5	Indigenous Elder	Suzanne Sailto	8/1/24	7/31/26	2	City Council
4	F		6	Urban Native Org	Esther Lucero	8/1/23	7/31/25	2	City Council
4	M		7	Urban Native Org	Derrick Belgarde	8/1/24	7/31/26	2	City Council
4	F		8	Urban Native Org	Asia Tail	8/1/23	7/31/25	2	Mayor
4	F	D5	9	Urban Native Org	Jaci S. McCormack	8/1/24	7/31/26	2	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

			(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(6)	(7)	(8)		
	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/ 2S/ U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern
Mayor	1	3					4				
Council	3	2					5				
Total	4	5					9				

Key:

***D** List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

****G** List *gender*, **M**= Male, **F**= Female, **T**= Transgender, **NB**= Non-Binary **2S**= Two Spirit **U**= Unknown

RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.