

# 2025 Tribal Nations Summit Overview

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# Working Together More Effectively



"True collaboration requires early meaningful consultation and recognition of Tribal sovereignty, not just a legal requirement, but as a pathway to durable, doable, and just solutions."

- **Josh Bagley**, Vice Chair, Suquamish Tribe

# 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 with Tribal governments and Native communities.
- Share updates on City efforts to strengthen Tribal and urban Native engagement in local government.



# Tribal Representation

- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Cowlitz Indian Tribe
- Lummi Nation
- Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
- Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
- Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
- Suquamish Tribe
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- Tulalip Tribes
- Washington State Chapter of Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska



# 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



# Government

## Executive and Legislative

- Mayor's Office
- Seattle City Council

## City Departments

- \*Department of Education and Early Learning
- Department of Neighborhoods
- \*Finance and Administrative Services
- Human Services Department
- Legislative Department
- Office of Arts and Culture
- \*Office of Economic Development
- Office of Emergency Management
- Office of Housing
- Office of Intergovernmental Relations
- Office of Planning and Community Development
- \*Office of Police Accountability
- Office of Sustainability and Environment
- Office of the Waterfront, Civic Projects, and Sound Transit
- \*Seattle Center

- Seattle City Light
- \*Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections
- Seattle Department of Transportation
- Seattle Fire Department
- Seattle Parks and Recreation
- Seattle Police Department
- Seattle Public Utilities

## Seattle Public Schools

- Native Education Program

## King County

- King County Regional Homelessness Authority

## Washington State

- Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
- Attorney General's Office

*\*denotes City departments that attended their first Tribal Nations Summit*





# Themes

## Effective Intergovernmental Relations

- Institutionalize a government-to-government framework
- Engage in early and often engagement and consultation
- Model two-way dialogue

## Education and Awareness

- Seek understanding of vast Tribal interests
- Learn about legal, political, and racial equity context
- Understand how Indigenous worldviews and cultures shape policy responses and models of care

## Relationship and Trust Building

- Seek understanding of shared priorities and interests
- Foster or repair trust in local institutions
- Coordinate opportunities to connect across policy issues and spaces

## Collaboration and Partnership

- Invest in Tribal and urban Native-led work and priorities
- Take actions to uphold treaty protected rights and tribal sovereignty
- Promote information sharing, collaboration, and partnership across jurisdictions
- Partner to address data challenges and data sovereignty

# Commitment Areas

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





# Questions