

# Indigenous Advisory Council

Implementation Updates

*Councilmember Suzanne Saito*

*Asia Tail*

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Department of  
Neighborhoods



**City of Seattle**



# INDIGENOUS ADVISORY COUNCIL



## Purpose

Make recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, and City departments on issues impacting American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian people





**Vice Chair Donny Stevenson (Muckleshoot)**

Position 1



**Councilmember Jay Mills (Suquamish)**

Position 2



**Councilmember Jeremy Takala (Yakama)**

Position 3



**Cece Hoffman (Umatilla)**

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



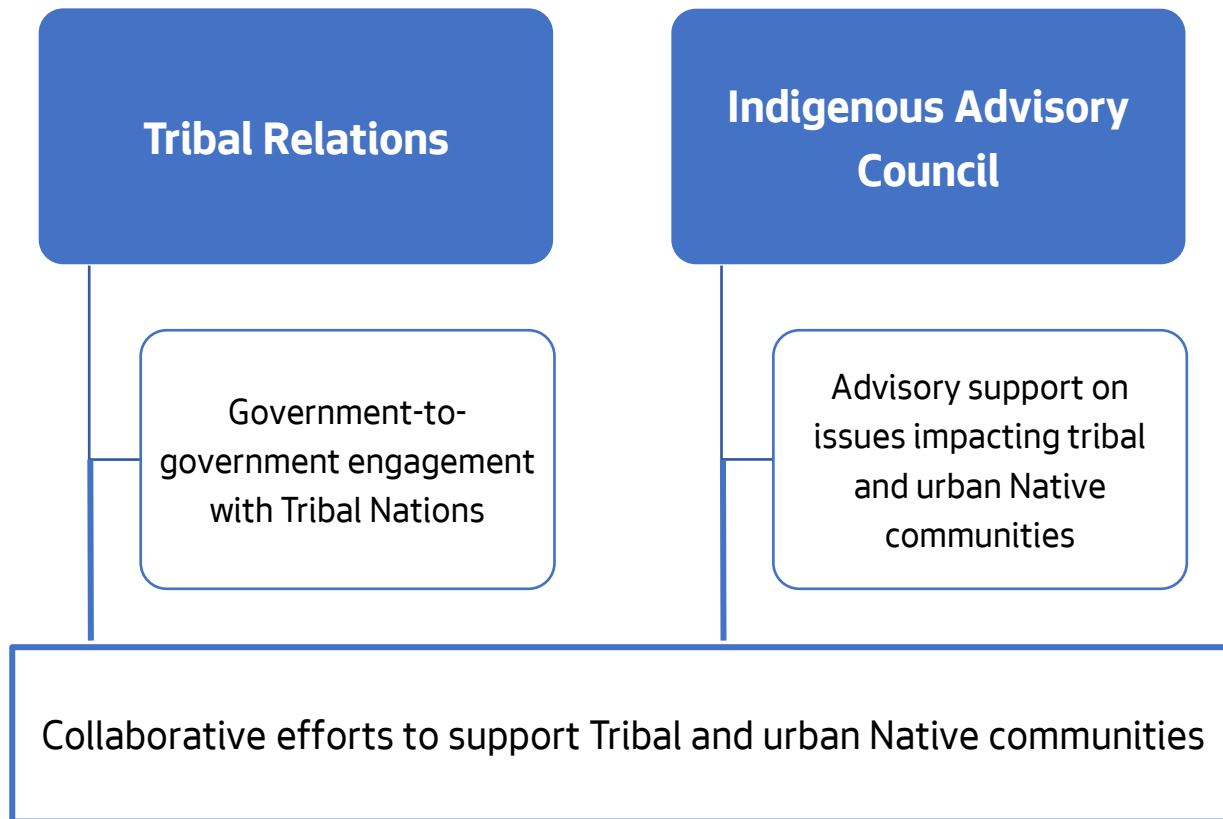
**Jaci McCormack (Nez Perce)**

Position 9





# Indigenous Engagement





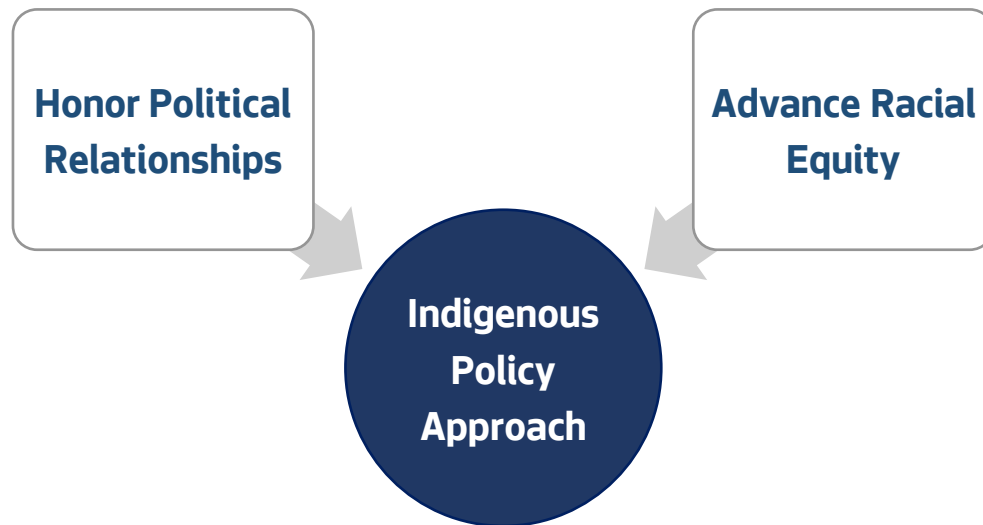
# Timeline

Timeframe	Milestone
November 2020	Ord. 126237 authorizes Indigenous Advisory Council Liaison position
November 2021	Indigenous Advisory Council Liaison hired
December 2021	Ord. 126512 authorizes development of the Indigenous Advisory Council
August 2022	Seattle City Council confirms appointment of nine members to the Indigenous Advisory Council
January - March 2023	Indigenous Advisory Council leads a culturally grounded strategic planning process
June 2023	Indigenous Advisory Council adopts the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan and Annual Work Plan





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

## Our Mission

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

## Our Purpose

Make recommendations to the Seattle City Council, Mayor, and City departments on issues directly affecting American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian people.

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

### Guide Systems Transformation

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

### Foster Thriving Communities

Advance strategies that build generational and community wealth among Native communities

### Build an Indigenous City

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



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# Annual Work Plan

Relationship Building



# Questions?

