



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: *Derrick Belgarde*

Board or Commission Name: *Indigenous Advisory Council*

Position Title: *Member*

☐ Appointment ☒ Reappointment

***Term of Position:** *8/1/2026 to 7/31/2028*

☐ *Serving partial term (eligible for full terms thereafter)*

Appointing Authority: ☒ City Council ☐ Mayor ☐ Other: *Insert Appointing Authority*

City Council Confirmation Required? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Residential Neighborhood: *N/A*

Appointee brief overview:

Derrick Belgarde is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, and Chippewa-Cree from Rocky Boy, MT. Derrick has worked and served in the field of housing affordability and has fought for the rights of those suffering from housing insecurity for many years. He currently serves on the board of Community Roots Housing, Downtown Emergency Services Center (DESC), Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH), and the Housing Development Consortium. Derrick completed his undergraduate in Public Affairs magna cum laude and went on to obtain a master's in public administration, both at Seattle University. He is a proud father of three and is married to the wonderful Lua Belgarde.

Appointing Authority Signature:

Date Signed: *July 13, 2026*

Appointing Authority Printed Name and Title:

Dan Strauss, Seattle City Councilmember

Work Experience

Chief Seattle Club

2015 - Present

Executive Director/CEO (changed to CEO 1/1/2025)

2021 - Present

- Oversee agency budget, which has tripled under my tenure from \$7 million in 2021 to \$24 million in 2024.
- Built up a strong leadership team, and increased workforce from 58 to over 130.
- Establish, develop, and nurture external partnerships including government, non-profits, tribes, and research.
- Liaison to City, County, State, and Federal elected officials and staff leadership on issues related to homelessness, housing, substance abuse, and non-profits.
- Establish, lead, coach, and manage Senior Leadership Team.
- Develop, maintain, and support our Board of Directors.
- Ensure the Club's programs and operations maintain our core values.

Deputy Director

2017 – 2021

- Responsible for the day-to-day operations of all services for Chief Seattle Club.
- Oversee all departments such as HR, Finance, Facilities, IT, and Community Services.
- Responsible for the development and launch of our first shelter.
- Directly supervise all managers and directors (5 employees).

Program Manager

2015 – 2016

- Oversee all programming including hygiene services, art programs, physical activities, and spiritual programs.
- Create and implement new programs as needed.
- Responsible for Member Services budget.
- Directly supervise 10 employees.

El Centro de la Raza

2012 - 2015

Food Bank Coordinator/Hot Meal Coordinator

2014 - 2015

- Oversee the day-to-day operations of the Food Bank and Hot Meal Programs.
- Track daily participation for monthly billing and reporting purposes.
- Meet all monthly targets and goals.
- Keep all systems and databases updated and current.
- Represent El Centro de la Raza at local emergency food meetings.

Job Developer

2014

- Assist participants in finding and securing full-time and permanent employment by establishing and maintaining working relationships with local employers.
- Assist the employment specialist in planning routine employment workshops.
- Track and monitor progress of participants to ensure goals are being met.
- Maintain program information in databases such as Salesforce.
- Attend all relevant local job fairs and meetings that relate to employment seeking.

Special Projects Coordinator

2012 - 2014

- Assist the Director of Human Services in managing daily operations.
- Plan and prepare monthly billings for various programs and grants.
- Organize, file, and maintain vital documents such as Grant, Contracts, and MOU's.
- Maintain program data in databases such as Salesforce or HMIS.
- Temporarily fill in for other program coordinators such as the Food Bank, Hot Meal, and Senior Program.

Housing Case Manager Intern

2012

- Assist the Lead Homelessness Assistance Case Manager in participant intake and assessment.
- Perform home inspections prior to participant move-in.
- Manage, maintain, and update participant case files and case notes.

Population Connection, Lobbyist in Washington D.C.

2012

- Lobbied for funding and access of global family planning for women in developing countries.
- Lobbied to Washington State Representatives and Senators in Washington D.C. and in their local offices in the State of Washington.
- Planned and set meetings for groups to meet with Congressional Staff.

Education

Seattle University, Master of Public Administration

2013 - 2015

G.P.A. – 3.825

Seattle University, Bachelor of Arts

2011 - 2013

Magna Cum Laude – G.P.A. 3.791. Member of the Tau Sigma Honors' Society, Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society (National Public Administration Honor Society), Dean's List

Seattle Central Community College, Associate in Arts

2010 - 2011

Volunteer Leadership

- Board of Directors, Community Roots Housing
- Board of Directors, Downtown Emergency Services Center
- Board of Directors, Downtown Seattle Association
- Board of Directors, Housing Development Consortium
- Board of Directors, Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness
- Board of Directors, We Are in
- Councilmember, City of Seattle Indigenous Advisory Council
- Leadership Council Member, Seattle University College of Arts & Sciences

Interests

Volunteering, traditional Native American bead and leatherwork, reading, spending time with my family.

Indigenous Advisory Council

9 Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 126512, 5 or all members subject to City Council confirmation, with 2-year terms.

- 5 City Council-appointed
- 4 Mayor-appointed
- 0 Other Appointing Authority-appointed:

Roster as of [6/15/26]

Position Number	Position Title	Appointee Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	*Term Number	Appointed By
1	Tribal Member-WA	Donny Stevenson	8/1/25	7/31/27	3	City Council
2	Tribal Member-WA	Jay Mills	8/1/26	7/31/28	3	City Council
3	Tribal Member-Any	Jeremy Takala	8/1/26	7/31/28	3	Mayor
4	Indigenous Youth	Tia Yazzie	8/1/25	7/31/27	1	Mayor
5	Indigenous Elder	Suzanne Sailto	8/1/26	7/31/28	3	City Council
6	Urban Native Org	Esther Lucero	8/1/25	7/31/27	3	City Council
7	Urban Native Org	Derrick Belgarde	8/1/26	7/31/28	3	City Council
8	Urban Native Org	Eddie Sherman	8/1/25	7/31/27	1	Mayor
9	Urban Native Org	Jaci S. McCormack	8/1/26	7/31/28	3	Mayor

Self-identified diversity chart

Appointing Authority	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-Binary	N/A	Asian	Black/African American	American Indian/Alaska Native	White/non-Hispanic	Hispanic/Latinx	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial	N/A
Mayor	2	2						4						
Council	3	2						5						
Other														
Total	5	4						9						

City Council districts represented

Council District	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	N/A
Total								9