



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: *Suzanne Sailto*

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:

Suzanne is a Snoqualmie Tribal member and former Councilmember. She has had the opportunity to live and travel the world with her father who served 20+ years in the military, as well as through her current capacity as a leader and member of the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe.

Suzanne graduated from Lakes High School and Ever-Increasing Word Ministries. She has three sons and two daughters-in-law and is blessed with four grandchildren, which are her world. She enjoys spending time with her family, travelling to different sporting events as well as canoe journey, powwows, and for work. Suzanne participates in the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and National Congress of American Indians to stay apprised on tribal legislation across Indian Country. She volunteers her time on boards including the Snoqualmie Ridge YMCA, Encompass in Snoqualmie, Elder Council for Chief Seattle Club, and Seaboard member of Snoqualmie Casino.

Suzanne has been fortunate to be a part of major accomplishments for her Tribe such as acquiring Salish Lodge, purchasing 8th Generation, and a land purchase of Snoqualmie Ancestral Lands for use by tribal members. She enjoys being of service to her Nation and giving back to local communities and other Tribes. The reward in being of service to others is being able to see the smiles and receive hugs knowing she could be of a part of helping the local community.

Appointing Authority Signature:

Date Signed: July 13, 2026

Appointing Authority Printed Name and Title:

Dan Strauss, Seattle City Councilmember

Suzanne Sailto



PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dedicated and community-focused professional with extensive experience in tribal governance, housing services, administrative support, and social service programs. Skilled in policy implementation, applicant screening, records management, resident orientation, and office administration. Proven ability to build strong relationships with diverse populations while supporting community wellness, compliance, and organizational success. Recognized for leadership, professionalism, and commitment to serving Tribal communities.

CORE QUALIFICATIONS

- Housing & Social Services
- Administrative Support & Office Coordination
- Tribal Governance & Community Advocacy
- Policy Implementation & Compliance
- Applicant Screening & Resident Orientation
- Documentation & Records Management
- Conflict Resolution & Problem Solving
- Budget Oversight & Resource Coordination
- Communication & Relationship Building
- Confidentiality & Ethical Standards

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Administrative Assistant

Puyallup Tribe – Puyallup, WA

Current Position

- Provide administrative and organizational support in a fast-paced professional environment.
- Manage records, scheduling, correspondence, and confidential documentation.
- Coordinate communication between departments, staff, and community members.
- Support daily operations while maintaining professionalism, accuracy, and efficiency.
- Assist with reports, meeting preparation, and office procedures.

Board Member

Snoqualmie Tribal Council – Snoqualmie, WA

May 2016 – May 2024

- Developed and implemented policies supporting Tribal member welfare, including housing and community initiatives.
- Collaborated with council members to review applications, select program participants, and maintain accurate waitlists.
- Drafted resolutions, agreements, and policy documents in compliance with tribal regulations and governance standards.
- Provided orientation and guidance to community members regarding program requirements, responsibilities, and available resources.
- Supported community outreach efforts and advocated for programs benefiting Tribal members and families.

Resident Aide

Tulalip Tribe – Tulalip, WA

February 2015 – May 2016

- Assisted residents with accessing community services and resolving concerns to promote a stable living environment.
- Conducted needs assessments and coordinated services with healthcare providers and community agencies.
- Maintained accurate, confidential records of client interactions, services, and support plans.
- Helped residents navigate available resources and support programs.

Senior Care Provider

Muckleshoot Tribe – Auburn, WA

January 2013 – January 2015

- Assisted clients with daily living activities while promoting independence, dignity, and quality of life.
- Communicated regularly with families and care teams to ensure continuity of care and support services.
- Documented health and social service needs and connected clients with appropriate community resources.

EDUCATION

Pre-Ministerial Studies

Ever Increasing Word Training Center – Darrow, LA

Completed: May 2017

High School Diploma

Lakes High School – Lakewood, WA

Graduated: June 1983

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

- Indigenous Advisory Council Member
- Former Board Member, YMCA Snoqualmie
- Former Board Member, Encompass Snoqualmie
- Former Council Member, Behavioral Health Advisory Council

REFERENCES

Available upon request

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