



# Indigenous Advisory Council Annual Report 2023

The Indigenous Advisory Council is a culturally grounded public commission that acts as a trusted advocate, advisor, and connector among City partners on issues impacting Tribal and urban Native communities.

## 2023 Highlights

- Heard from **City and community partners** on community-led approaches to cultural placemaking and collective organizing and explored City services and programming that impact Native communities.
- Developed and presented a **3-year strategic plan and annual workplan** to Seattle City Council and Mayor's Office to share the collective vision of the Indigenous Advisory Council with City and community partners.
- Co-sponsored a **public talk on Indigenous approaches to public transit** to stimulate a civic dialogue on planning and design that reflects Native cultures, values, languages, and stories in public spaces.
- Collaborated to host the inaugural **Tribal Nations Summit** in support of regional relationship building with Tribal Nations and engagement with City partners on issues impacting Tribal and urban Native communities.
- Advised on **administrative and legislative policies** to ensure Tribal and urban Native priorities are elevated among City partners.
- Monitored **City budget** for potential impacts to Tribal and urban Native communities.

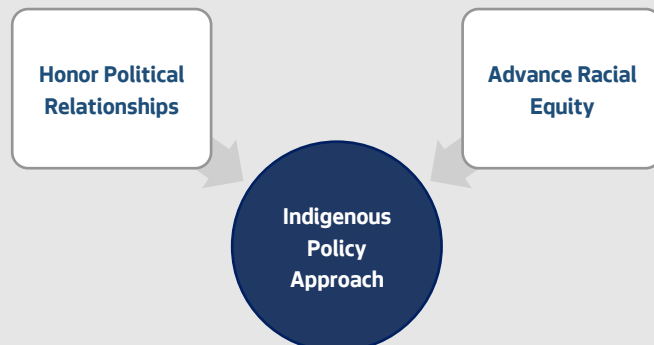
### Mission

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

### Vision

Tribal and urban Native communities guide transformational relationships with government and community partners that are rooted in reciprocity, repair, and shared power.

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.



# Collaborative Partnerships

The Indigenous Advisory Council values collaborative partnerships among City partners that build the collective power of Native communities and seek to inform equitable policy and systems changes.

## Building City-Tribal Relationships

The Indigenous Advisory Council collaborated with the Office of Intergovernmental Relations to host the inaugural City of Seattle | Tribal Nations Summit. The summit sought to build and strengthen regional inter-governmental relationships through dialogue and education. As public commissioners, the Indigenous Advisory Council elevated issues impacting Tribal and urban Native communities among City leaders.

## Cultivating Indigenous Planning and Design

The Indigenous Advisory Council partnered with the Office of the Seattle City Council President and the Design Commission to host a civic dialogue on Indigenous approaches to public transit planning and design. This event engaged planners, engineers, architects, artists, and community representatives to collectively vision how Native cultures and values can inform public spaces through building design, ecological restoration, and cultural placemaking.

