



SNOHOMISH COUNTY APPLICATION FORM Community Services Advisory Council (CSAC)



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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PROFESSIONAL and COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Snohomish Tribe of Indians- 992 Edmonds Way, Box 267. Edmonds, WA 98020. The Tribal website titled Snohomishtribe.org provides a summary of the history of our community since 1855. The summary highlights our continued Tribal presence in the area and our efforts to become a federally recognized Tribe. As a member of the Snohomish Tribe, I have been on the Tribal Council specializing in Fish/Wildlife/Environment portfolios for the past 17 years, beginning in 2006. I am currently the Tribal Vice Chair since 2020 to present.

President of People of the Confluence- 19410 Hwy 99, Suite A #275 Lynnwood 98036. I am one of the founding members of this non-profit organization since 2020 to present. This organization is dedicated to maintaining cultural knowledge of tribal communities for current and future generations through:

- Traditional arts, culture, and ceremonies.
- Strengthening ties between Nations to cohost community events.
- Supporting youth and providing cultural teachings.

A cultural educator and speaker, I have dedicated a great deal of my personal life and career to preserving and passing on the traditional and community knowledge of our Tribe with current and future generations. These efforts have focused on sharing:

- Governance and sovereignty.
- Tribal approaches to medicine and plant use, conversation, and stewardship.
- Traditional storyteller.
- Tribal teachings and ceremonies.
- Education and advocacy of our community needs to local, state, and federal governments.



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A cultural artist and medicine specialist. Similar to my work as an educator, I have integrated my cultural knowledge into artistic and cultural preservation through:

- Traditional wool and cedar weaving.
- Building traditional botanical gardens at Edmonds, Seattle School, Duwamish Tribal community.
- Access to traditional foods, food sources, and Tribal food sovereignty.
- Create traditional clothing and art displays in Duwamish Cultural Museum and Whitby Historical Society Museum
- Providing arts and cultural teaching sessions at Lake Washington Technical College, University of Washington Indigenous Wellness, Oceania – Salish Sea, City of Lynnwood, and City of Edmonds.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School Attended: **Woodway Secondary – Edmonds**

College Attended: **Edmonds College**

Degree(s) Earned: **Associated Arts Degree**

BOARD SERVICE

Please list all other boards/commissions/councils on which you **currently** serve:

See above.

- I helped with the Snohomish County Low Income Community Needs Assessment and helping to coordinate efforts to ensuring local Tribal communities and members have an opportunity to participate in the needs assessment.
- I worked with the Facilitator/Trainer to provide Tribal Sovereignty training to the Snohomish County Human Services staff. This training was designed to provide county staff will better understanding of the distinct legal status of Tribal communities as sovereign Nations. In building that knowledge, it is hoped better communications and partnership opportunities would occur as a result of the training to ensure the needs of communities are included into county services and programming.



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VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list your current & past volunteer involvement & note if you were an officer/held a position of authority.

See above.

Reason/interest for wanting to serve?

As a Tribal member having direct generational lineage to the lands of Snohomish County, we have an ancient connection to the area and ensuring the wellness needs of all local residents are met. This responsibility is directly tied to our responsibilities and stewards of these lands and I continue to maintain this responsibility in all ways that I can. In joining the CSAC, I am wanting to ensure Indigenous and People of Color have a guiding role in supporting the county to identify and advance poverty reduction efforts. I also bring a wealth of community knowledge to this group and wanting to build strong partnerships between the County and Tribal communities.

What would you like to accomplish as a result of your participation on the CSAC?

Would like to contribute to building and supporting healthy communities, eliminating suffering in Snohomish County, and working in partnership to address community needs.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the policy of the CSAC that persons shall not be discriminated against membership on the Council because of race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation or ability. The CSAC actively encourages members of diverse communities to apply.

The CSAC values diversity and will reasonably assist participants who are disabled. Please tell us what accommodations are needed to fully participate on the CSAC:

I am legally blind so reading emails or correspondence is difficult and time consuming as I am only able to read 3 words at a time. If materials can be provided in a narrative manner this would be incredibly helpful to me. Where needed, having someone help complete County specific forms or other required documents would appreciated.



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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

*I, **Pamela Seamonster**, agree to immediately notify the CSAC executive committee in writing of any real or perceived conflict of interest that may occur while serving on the CSAC. A conflict of interest exists when an individual's objective ability or independence of judgment in the performance of their official duties is impaired, or when the individual or individual's immediate family or business would derive financial gain as a result of the individual's position with the CSAC.*

Time Commitment and Expectations of All CSAC Members

1. A commitment to work on the identified needs from the Community Needs Assessment.
2. A willingness and ability to commit an estimated three (3) hours a month to CSAC meetings, activities and preparations.
3. Attendance to all regularly scheduled meetings.
4. If you are employed, your work schedule must allow you to commit the time to regularly attend the monthly CSAC meetings. All meetings are held during business hours.
5. A willingness and ability to attend two (2) all-day meetings during the year 1) Rate and review Request For Proposal applications and 2) Annual planning meeting.

COUNCIL DESIGNATION

The CSAC is required to include in its membership a specified ratio of persons who are low-income (or their representatives), elected officials (or their representatives) and community members. Please indicate which of these categories you believe you would represent:

- ☐ **Low-Income (or Representative)**
- ☒ Elected Official (or Representative)
- ☐ Community Member

Please mail or email completed applications to:

Jennifer King, Human Services Specialists II
Snohomish County Human Services Department
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 305
Everett, WA 98201
Jennifer.king@snoco.org 425-312-0874

See us at <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/521/Community-Services-Advisory-Council>



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I, **Pamela Seamonster**, certify that the information provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and agree to uphold the Conflict of Interest and Time Commitment and Expectations of the Community Services Advisory Council.

*P. Seamonster, (Tanya Baniak, County Staff helped complete and type the application)
Feb. 21, 2024*

