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A Native Community Vision for 2028

A report that celebrates progress and maps the priority needs of King County's Native community.

OVERVIEW OF GOALS:

- ▶ Demonstrate a shared vision of collective Native abundance, where all our people are housed, healthy, safe, self-reliant, and respected for the ways we contribute to the community.
- ▶ Provides key outcomes by 2028.
- ▶ Provides partners with steps to take in order to reach our collective goals.

Native Power Over the Years, since 2014

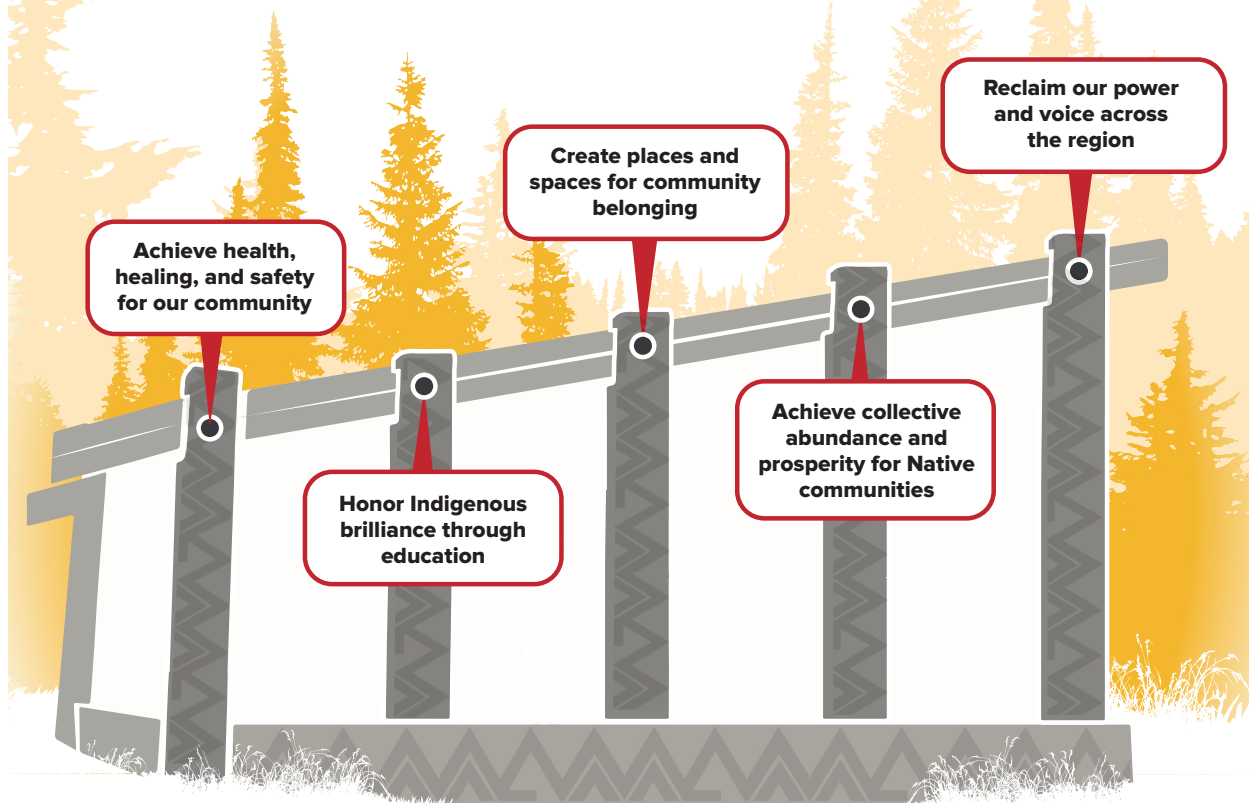
A Native Community Vision for 2028 is the continuation and extension of United Way of King County's A Vision for the Urban Indian Community, published in 2014.

A Shared Community Vision

“We envision a Seattle/King County urban Indian community united in spirit and practice, fully embracing the ancient wisdom and healing that has sustained us for generations. We envision collective Native abundance, where all our people are housed, healthy, safe, self-reliant, and respected for the ways we contribute to community. Finally, we envision many gathering places across the region to celebrate the beauty, resilience, power, brilliance, and sacredness of our being.”

STRATEGIC PILLARS

Specific actions were identified by Native leaders to move the community closer to their shared vision. These actions were clustered into the following five major strategic pillars and corresponding key outcomes which will serve as the roadmap for the 2028 plan.



KEY OUTCOMES BY 2028

1. Health, Healing & Safety:

- ▶ We will see healing, recovery, wellness, and self-love normalized across our community.
- ▶ The health of our community will rest upon the foundation of healthy moms and babies.
- ▶ Our community will be recognized, included, respected, and consulted in moving the health and wellness of this region forward.

2. Indigenous Brilliance & Education:

- ▶ Public institutions of higher education across the state will provide tuition-free enrollment to federally recognized tribal members and their descendants who seek associates, bachelors, masters, and doctorate degrees.
- ▶ A self-sustaining task force on Indian education will assist and guide public institutions in the state to achieve this strategic pillar.
- ▶ Native Americans will meet and exceed the average educational attainment of all populations in the state.

3. Spaces for Community Belonging:

- ▶ The original coastal Salish names and translations will become common and recognized across the region in local and regional signage. Names of significant places will be recognized in coastal Salish or Lushootseed.
- ▶ Places and spaces will be set aside for traditional Indigenous activities such as water/beach transportation, dock access, medicine gathering, food sovereignty, and ceremonies.
- ▶ Native families and individuals across King County will have nearby access to Native community centers for gathering, celebrating, and receiving services.

4. Abundance and Prosperity:

- ▶ We will achieve equity for Native American programming and grantmaking from both philanthropic and public funding sources.
- ▶ We will see the socioeconomic condition of the Native American population equitable to or better than that of the general population.
- ▶ We will see the elimination of Native people/families who are without shelter or housing.

5. Build Native Power:

- ▶ Native leaders and experts will be seated at every table of power, policy, planning, and decision-making that impacts our Native communities across this region.
- ▶ Our communities will be recognized, counted, engaged and consulted prior to policy decisions or actions that impact the lives of our individuals and families.
- ▶ Indigenous knowledge and world views will be valued and sought after as governments and leaders address climate change and its impacts on our shared environment across the region.