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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Eighty-Third Annual Tribal Assembly
April 18-20, 2018
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 18-16

Title: Authorization to Explore Partnerships to Advocate for Dedicated American Indian and Alaska Native Housing in Seattle

By: Seattle Tlingit & Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 30,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, one of Tlingit & Haida's largest communities of tribal citizens is located in the greater Seattle area and King County; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida's Seattle population is the second largest tribal community utilizing the health and human services of the Seattle Indian Health Board (SIHB); and

WHEREAS, the lack of housing options, housing insecurity and homelessness together are one of the most pressing health issues for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) living in the greater Seattle area and King County; and

WHEREAS, AI/AN's are 2% of the overall population in Seattle, they are 7 times more likely to be homeless than any other ethnic group; and

WHEREAS, the SIHB is creating up to 100 units of housing with a redesign of the SIHB facility and have a desire to house only AI/ANs in the new units; and

WHEREAS, a strategic goal of the SIHB is to honor tribal sovereignty and strengthen tribal autonomy by advocating and supporting healthcare policies that protect the federal trust responsibility for the health outcomes for all AI/ANs; and

WHEREAS, unlike tribes, the SIHB cannot access Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) dollars to house a targeted AI/AN community because the SIHB is not a tribe or tribal organization; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has made it a policy to honor tribal sovereignty and has funds and administrative capabilities to support making the SIHB's new housing units dedicated to the AI/AN population;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Third Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 18-20, 2018, hereby authorizes Tlingit & Haida to explore partnerships in the greater Seattle area and King County to advocate for dedicated AI/AN housing within the City of Seattle; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Third Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 18-20, 2018, hereby directs the Tribe to specifically explore a partnership with the Seattle Indian Health Board for the above stated purpose.

ADOPTED this 20th day of April 2018, by the Eighty-Third Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe