



### **Seattle calls on local agencies to comply with treaty and consult with Puyallup Tribe**

**TACOMA, Wash.**—Puyallup tribal leadership today applauded the City of Seattle for passing a resolution calling for meaningful consultation with the Tribe on Puget Sound Energy’s liquefied gas (LNG) plant.

The resolution, which passed 7-0, was drafted by Councilmember Debora Juarez and calls on Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) to improve tribal consultation procedures and urges collaboration between regional, city and tribal leaders to address climate change. Councilmember Sally Bagshaw and Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda were absent from council today due to travel.

Puyallup Tribal Councilmember Annette Bryan, Councilmember David Bean and Councilmember James Rideout all testified in favor of the amended resolution during a Civic Development, Public Assets, and Native Communities committee meeting last week.

“We thank the City of Seattle and Mayor Jenny Durkan for standing with us against this dangerous facility that threatens our culture and livelihood,” said Puyallup Chairman Bill Sterud. “Seattle City Council has done the right thing—we hope the City of Tacoma will show the same courage and follow in their footsteps.”

The resolution, is the second major win for the Tribe following a Jan. 24 decision from PSCAA to require a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to analyze the LNG plant’s greenhouse gas emissions. Earlier this month, 14 Northwest Tribes sent an open letter to Gov. Jay Inslee to halt construction of the LNG plant and honor the tribal consultation process.

“I am proud to support the Puyallup Tribal Council in their concerns for the proposed LNG plant in Tacoma,” Councilmember Juarez said. “In a historic move, I invited the Puyallup Tribal Council to join me at the committee table and engage in a government-

to-government dialogue on the LNG project. After careful crafting and consensus building with the Puyallup Tribe and I am honored the Seattle City Council has passed a resolution in response to the LNG facility that pays respect to the Puyallup Tribe's sovereignty and urges PSCAA to improve its tribal consultation practices and make deeper investments in clean energy."

The Puyallup Tribe is calling on the City of Tacoma, Department of Ecology, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and PSCAA to demand PSE cease construction until the full environmental review of the project is completed and all permit requirements are satisfied.

"We continue to call upon the Army Corps of Engineers to step in as the federal trustee responsible for protecting the Puyallup Tribe's trust- and treaty-protected resources, which this facility directly threatens," Chairman Sterud said.

"Since time immemorial, these lands and waters have sustained our people—it is our duty to protect them for the longevity and health of future generations. We will not allow a company to poison our homeland for profit."

The entire resolution is available here:

<http://seattle.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3312987&GUID=9E2EED9A-05A1-41E7-ABCF-2BD8637FC34C&Options=&Search=&FullText=1>

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