



## City Council

### Signing of an Accord between the Squaxin Island Tribe and the City of Olympia

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#### **Title**

Signing of an Accord between the Squaxin Island Tribe and the City of Olympia

#### **Recommended Action**

##### **Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

##### **City Manager Recommendation:**

Sign an Accord between the Squaxin Island Tribe and the City of Olympia.

#### **Report**

##### **Issue:**

Signing an Accord between the Squaxin Island Tribe and the City of Olympia.

##### **Staff Contact:**

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##### **Presenter(s):**

Squaxin Island Tribal Council and the City of Olympia.

#### **Background and Analysis:**

The Squaxin Island Tribe and the City of Olympia have worked collaboratively for years to create a strong and enduring government-to-government relationship. This relationship is fundamental to our ability to work collaboratively on items of mutual interest. For example, the City and the Tribe have conferred and cooperated on a number of critical issues such as the development of water rights, conservation stewardship agreements, shoreline and habitat restoration projects, and more.

The resigning of an accord between the Squaxin Island Tribe and the City of Olympia reaffirms our continuing efforts to communicate, consult, and cooperate on infrastructure projects, natural resource efforts, and educational and cultural opportunities.

The signing ceremony will include drumming, signing, and prayer. After the signing the City will raise the Squaxin Island Tribe Flag over City Hall and there will be an unveiling of a land acknowledgment plaque.

The agenda for the event is as follows:

- 12:00 - 12:05 p.m.   Song by Squaxin Drummers/Singers
- 12:05 - 12:10 p.m.   Prayer
- 12:10 - 12:15 p.m.   Land Acknowledgement and Remarks on Behalf of City of Olympia - Mayor Cheryl Selby
- 12:15 - 12:20 p.m.   Remarks on Behalf of the Squaxin Island Tribe - Chair Kris Peters
- 12:20 - 12:25 p.m.   Remarks by Squaxin Island Leaders/City Councilmembers
- 12:25 - 12:30 p.m.   Sharing of Songs by Squaxin Drummers/Singers
- 12:30 - 12:35 p.m.   Signing of the Accord
- 12:35 - 12:40 p.m.   Raising of the Squaxin Flag
- 12:40 - 12:45 p.m.   Closing Remarks by Mayor Selby
- 12:45 p.m.   Unveiling of Land Acknowledgement plaque/ for Council Adjourn for lunch

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

The Community has a great interest in the City of Olympia honoring and acknowledging the indigenous people who have stewarded this land since time immemorial and who still inhabit the area today, the Steh-Chass Band of Indigenous people of the Squaxin Island Tribe.

**Options:**

Sign the Accord between the Squaxin Island Tribe and the City of Olympia.

**Financial Impact:**

There is no financial impact.

**Attachments:**

Accord