



The Washington Indian Civil Rights Commission's constituency is American Indians who live, work or visit the Pacific Northwest. We seek to empower American Indians to stand up for and resolve historical inequities in a way that is respectful, culturally appropriate, relevant and absolute.

WICRC is lead by and for First Nations People, and envisions a just society in which we are treated with honor, fairness and respect.

**Our Mission** is to uphold our individual civil rights through education and advocacy to prevent and overcome injustices against us.

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- American Civil Liberties Union**
- U.S. Dept of Justice- Community Relations Services**
- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**
- U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) - Fair Housing Unit**
- U.S. Dept of Education-Office for Civil Rights**
- WA State Human Rights Commission**
- Seattle Human Rights Commission**
- Seattle Office of Civil Rights**
- CANDES-City of Seattle Native American Employees**

Community-to-Government Dialogue Panelist:

- Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn**
- Seattle Police Chief John Diaz**
- Seattle Councilman Bruce Harrell**
- Seattle Councilman Tim Burgess**
- State Senator Claudia Kauffman**
- Retired Tribal Police Officer Ben Cornell**
- ACLU**
- Community Elder-Abe Johnny**

## Know Your Rights! A People's Council on Social Justice Forum



Washington Indian Civil Rights Commission



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**SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 23, 2011**



## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS PUBLIC FORUM

The Washington Indian Civil Rights Commission will facilitate an educational public forum on human and civil rights, civil liberties & police accountability in Seattle, Saturday April 23, 2011 at the Burke Museum from 11:00-5:30 pm.

The People's Council on Social Justice forum presenters will be:

US Department of Justice

ACLU

US Department of Education  
(Office for Civil Rights)

Equal Employment Opportunity  
Commission

HUD, Fair Housing Unit

Washington State Human Rights  
Commission

Seattle Human Rights

Commission

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## What You Will Learn:

At the forum participants will learn what constitutes discrimination according to the federal/state and local laws against discrimination. Each agency will discuss their individual intake process for filing a discrimination complaint, describe how a complaint must meet standards for the agency to investigate the complaint, walk you through their investigative process once a complaint has been filed & has been determined it meets the standards. Participants will also learn how to properly document concerns of discrimination as it is happening, and will learn what our individual responsibility is to prove we are being discriminated against.

The ACLU will educate us on our civil liberties, and will teach us what the differences are between civil rights, human rights and civil liberties. They will also discuss police accountability from a legal perspective.

Seattle Office of Civil Rights will present the Race & Social Justice Initiative (RSJI). RSJI is a citywide effort to end institutionalized racism and race-based disparities in City Government. The RSJI envisions a city where racial disparities have been eliminated and racial equity achieved.

Seating is limited! Please RSVP to: Deborah Lee at: [siouxlee65@hotmail.com](mailto:siouxlee65@hotmail.com)

## Public Comment Session

### Community-to-Government Dialogue

At 2:30-5:30 pm, we will open the floor to have a community-to-government dialogue. Participants of the forum will have an exchange of questions and answers with Police Chief John Diaz, Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn, Council Members Bruce Harrell & Tim Burgess, Senator Kauffman, ACLU and Respected Urban Indian Elders about how city officials can rebuild trust between the community and the respected city departments, and to discuss where do we go from here, plus much more. Our goal is for the community and the panelist to share thoughts on how we peacefully and respectfully move forward towards positive change of the systems that are currently in place but seemingly difficult for citizens to obtain justice.

The objective of this forum is to educate the community on our human/civil rights and civil liberties. To know what resources are available to us if our rights & liberties have been violated. Learn how to navigate through the various government systems if we file a complaint, and to have a respectful community-to-government dialogue between community members & city officials.

Refreshments & a Pizza lunch will be provided.

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