



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

Letter of Understanding

April 4, 2023

Debbie Sullivan, Mayor
City of Tumwater
555 Israel Road SW
Tumwater, WA 98501

Mayor Sullivan:

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding Between The Squaxin Island Tribe And The City Of Tumwater dated April 4, 2023, the parties understand:

New tribal enterprises within the City of Tumwater will have needs for emergency services provided by the City of Tumwater. The City is a capable provider of those services, specifically law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical.

The Tribe will make a periodic contribution to the City to defray City costs associated with the development of the Tribe's current trust property within the City limits, including but not limited to law enforcement, fire, and emergency response, which will be provided to the property at the same level and quality as provided elsewhere in the community. Although the Tribe believes the economic benefit to the City arising out of the Tribe's presence will exceed any new costs, it is willing to make this good faith contribution to ensure positive government to government relations. The Tribe will therefore make an annual contribution of \$2,500 to the City. The City and Tribe agree that this amount shall be fixed for a period of three years with respect to the Tribe's current trust property, after which time they may discuss a change. The first payment will be made within 45 days of the effective date of this Letter. Thereafter, payment will be made on or before April 30 annually.

The parties acknowledge that there are legal and procedural issues related to the provision of public services, particularly law enforcement. The parties will utilize the framework established in the referenced Memorandum of Understanding to define and memorialize the resolution to those outstanding issues including providing services to additional Tribal properties.

The parties agree to work together to complete a structure to memorialize these issues within 120 days of the signing of this Letter.

Sincerely,

Kristopher Peters
Chair

By my signature below, I am signifying my concurrence with the content of this Letter of Understanding.

Debbie Sullivan
Mayor