

## NCAI's 2019 Mid Year Conference YOUTH AGENDA

### Monday, June 24

8:30-9:00 **NCAI YOUTH COMMISSION ORIENTATION (all youth welcome)**

*Room: Central Pacific*

9:00 **Youth Attend Task Force Sessions and Consultations**

9:00-4:00 **NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women**

*Room: Cascade 4*

The Violence Against Women Task Force serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against Native women. This meeting will focus on updates regarding the implementation of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, and will also discuss strategy surrounding continued advocacy efforts including protecting our Alaska Native sisters, international women's issues, and funding for critical programs.

9:00-5:00 **Bureau of Indian Education - Johnson-O'Malley Listening Session\***

*Room: Southern Pacific D*

The Bureau of Indian Education will conduct a listening session on the topic of the regulatory definition of 'eligible Indian student' and how the JOM funding formula and funding process may be clarified and revised. Please contact [Angela.Barnett1@BIE.edu](mailto:Angela.Barnett1@BIE.edu) for more information.

9:00-12:00 **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Task Force**

*Room: Cascade 5*

The NCAI Tribal TANF Task Force will discuss Administrative and legislative priorities with the goal of improving the function of TANF programs at the tribal level. The TANF Task Force has consistently supported goals to increase tribes' authority to administer their own family support and work readiness programs to serve tribal children and families.

9:00-12:00 **Addiction Task Force**

*Room: Cascade 3*

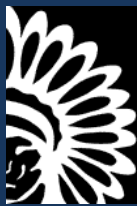
At NCAI's 2016 Annual Convention, a session on the opioid epidemic stirred discussion among tribal leaders that underscored the importance of continually addressing substance abuse issues.

9:00-12:00 **Tribal Transportation Task Force**

*Room: Cascade 1*

Safe and well-maintained transportation infrastructure increases quality of life and economic opportunity in tribal communities. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) included an important expansion of tribal self-governance authority to the Department of Transportation (DOT) and included other provisions to address Indian Country's transportation infrastructure needs. Though the FAST Act was an important step forward, improvements are still necessary to ensure programs at DOT uphold the federal government's treaty and trust obligations to tribal nations. The FAST Act is set to expire in September 2020, and Congress is already working on the next surface transportation reauthorization bill. The purpose of this meeting is to build a unified advocacy approach to ensure the

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next surface transportation reauthorization bill promotes safety and prosperity in tribal communities and upholds the government-to-government relationship between tribal nations and the United States.

9:00-12:00 **Large Land Base Tribal Nations Caucus**

*Room: Cascade 2*

The purpose of the Large Land Base Tribal Nations Caucus is to strengthen the ability of NCAI to advocate for the unique issues of the large land base tribes and to foster unity and cooperation among tribes to preserve tribal sovereignty, lands, culture, and quality of life for all. The Caucus will govern its own proceedings consistent with this purpose.

9:00-11:30 **Intellectual Property Rights in Biomedical Research – NIH Consultation\***

*Room: Sierra 1*

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Tribal Research Office invites tribes to provide input on NIH policies on intellectual property rights in biomedical research

**Speakers:**

David R. Wilson, PhD, Director, NIH Tribal Health Research Office

Mark Rohrbaugh PhD, JD, Special Advisor for Technology Transfer, NIH Office of Science Policy

9:30-12:30 **Consultation on National Register of Historic Places\***

*Room: Southern Pacific B*

The National Park Service is hosting a consultation with tribal leaders on the proposed rule regarding the National Register of Historic Places. The rule would implement the 2016 Amendments to the NHPA, extend the timeline for the Keeper to respond to appeals, and ensure that if owners of a majority of the land area in a proposed historic district object to listing, the proposed district will not be listed over their objection.

1:30-5:00 **All of Us Research Program – NIH Consultation\***

*Room: Sierra 1*

The National Institute of Health (NIH) invites tribes to provide input on the All of Us Research Program, which aims to recruit a million diverse participants to create a dataset available to researchers to conduct research to help reduce health disparities and advance precision medicine.

**Speaker:**

Eric Dishman, Director, NIH All of Us Research Program

12:00-1:00 **New Member Orientation**

*Room: Sierra 2*

All members and officers are invited to this welcome session for new members of NCAI and a briefing on membership, committees, voting, and process.

**Presenters:**

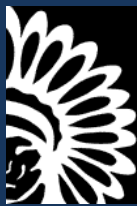
Juanita Ahtone, Chair, Resolutions Committee, National Congress of American Indians

Yvonne Oberly, Chair, Rules and Credentials, National Congress of American Indians

Ed Thomas, Parliamentarian, National Congress of American Indians

Robert Holden, National Congress of American Indians

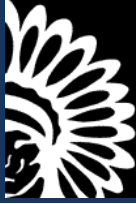
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- 1:00-4:00      **Federal Recognition Task Force**  
*Room: Cascade 1*  
The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all tribes, both federally and non-federally recognized, on any recommended changes to policies, procedures, or strategic plans in the federal recognition process. The Task Force will continue work on implementation of the current proposals from the Department of the Interior to modify the federal acknowledgment process.
- 1:00-4:00      **Two-Spirit Task Force**  
*Room: Cascade 5*  
The role of NCAI's Two Spirit Task Force is to assist in the coordination, collaboration, and outreach to Indian Country on Two Spirit issues and to develop and share approaches and solutions to policy issues that affect Two Spirit/LGBTQ community members in a manner consistent with Indian self-determination.
- 1:00-4:00      **Census Tribal Liaison Training**  
*Room: Cascade 3*  
Tribal Liaison Training will provide a basic overview of the Decennial 2020 Census /i.e. "Census 101," the role of the Tribal Liaison in providing education and motivation around participation in the census in their tribal community, the benefits of Tribal Complete Count Committees (TCCC), and how to get started with forming your own TCCC. Staff will provide a Census Solutions Workshop to brainstorm effective strategies on how best to incorporate a census awareness campaign in urban and tribal reservation areas.
- 1:00-4:00      **Border Tribes Caucus**  
*Room: Cascade 2*  
All tribes situated along U.S. borders are invited to attend the Border Tribes Caucus. The Caucus is intended to be a convening space for tribes along the U.S.-Canada border, as well as the U.S.-Mexico border, to give updates and discuss issues, such as border crossing concerns and travel visas concerns. In addition, attendees are invited to discuss strategies for addressing such issues, such as unified outreach to federal officials, developing standing NCAI resolutions on specific issues, or other approaches. We hope you will join this important discussion and we look forward to seeing you.
- 1:00-4:00      **Climate Action Task Force**  
*Room: Sierra 2*  
At the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Executive Council Winter Session in February 2019, NCAI President Jefferson Keel announced the establishment of the NCAI Climate Action Task Force (CATF). The working mission of the Task Force is to "document, inform, and support the climate action efforts of tribal nations and Native organizations, and identify and advocate for policies and funding designed to empower their ability to engage in effective, sustainable climate action." At this inaugural meeting of the Task Force, CATF's Co-Chairs will work with participants to refine and finalize CATF's draft mission and key functions, and also will lead a discussion about Indian Country's policy priorities for climate action at both the national and international levels, and how NCAI can advance with its partners to advance those priorities.

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### **Climate Action Task Force Co-Chairs:**

Melanie Bahnke, President and CEO, Kawerak, Inc.  
Brian Cladoosby, Chairman, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community  
Beverly Cook, Tribal Chief, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe  
Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor, Gila River Indian Community

1:00-4:00

### **Updates to Tribal Energy Resource Agreement (TERA) Regulations – Listening Session\***

*Room: Southern Pacific B*

The Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs will lead this tribal listening session to discuss proposed changes to its Tribal Energy Resource Agreement (TERA) regulations to reduce application requirements and streamline the approval process.

4:00-5:00

### **Youth Commission Returns from Task Force Meetings – Group Report Out**

*Room: Central Pacific*

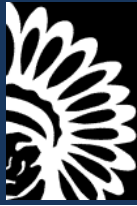
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### **Welcome**

*Room: Sierra 345*

Join us to kick off the welcome to the 2019 Mid Year Conference! Come enjoy great food and great company! This event is sponsored by the Local Planning Committee.

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8:00-8:20 **Youth Commission Morning Gathering (all youth welcome)**  
*Room: Central Pacific*

**8:30-12:00 First General Assembly** *Nugget 1*

8:30 **Call to Order**  
Jefferson Keel, President, National Congress of American Indians

**Presentation of the Colors**  
**Honor Song**

8:45 **Invocation**

8:50 **Welcome**  
Arlan D. Melendez, Chairman, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

9:00 **Welcome from Local Official**

9:10 **Rules of the Convention**  
Yvonne Oberly, Chair, NCAI Rules & Credentials Committee

**Resolutions Process Report**  
Juanita Ahtone, Chair, NCAI Resolutions Committee

9:20 **President's Report**  
Jefferson Keel, President, National Congress of American Indians

10:00 Youth excuse themselves from general assembly and report to Central Pacific Room

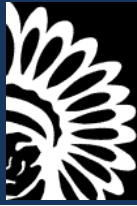
10:15-11:15 **Youth Commission Session: College and Career Readiness**  
*Room: Central Pacific*  
Presenter: Teresa Melendez, College Success Coordinator, American Indian College Fund

11:15-Noon **Youth Commission Session: Tribal Resolutions**  
*Room: Central Pacific*

12:00 **Lunch Recess**

1:30-4:00 **Youth Commission splits up into Breakout Sessions:**

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### **Tribal Nations Leading the Way: Existing and Emerging Opportunities for Tribal Control of Federal Programs**

*Room: Cascade 1*

Tribal control over federal programs has proven to be one of the most successful ways to ensure services are tailored to the needs of tribal citizens and build the capacity of tribal governments. Tribal nations must have enhanced opportunities to exercise the option to take over federal programs that serve their communities. Currently, Congress is considering legislation to improve the Department of the Interior Self-Governance program, a tribal-federal negotiated rulemaking committee is working to stand up a Self-Governance program at the Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture is taking the first steps to implement 2018 Farm Bill provisions that authorized Self-Determination contracting for tribal forest protection and the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. The purpose of this session is to provide tribal leaders an update on improvements and expansions to Self-Determination and Self-Governance programming and ensure tribal nations have the information necessary to decide whether taking control of federal programs makes sense for their communities.

**Moderator:** Jay Spaan, Executive Director, Self-Governance Communication & Education Tribal Consortium

**Presenters:**

W. Ron Allen, Chairman, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Melanie Fourkiller, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Self-Governance, Choctaw Nation

### **Cannabis and Tribal Sovereignty**

*Room: Cascade 2*

Currently, 33 states and the District of Columbia have passed legislation to legalize marijuana in some form. There are over 400 tribal nations in those states. As marijuana legalization continues to gain a national foothold, tribes will need clarity for their path forward. Thus far during the 116th Congress, there has been at least one marijuana bill introduced in the Senate and four in the House, including H.R. 1416, the Tribal Marijuana Sovereignty Act. This breakout session will discuss the jurisdictional interplay between states and tribes in this area, and provide the relevant legislative updates.

**Moderator:** Arlen Melendez, Chairman, Reno Sparks Indian Colony

**Presenters:**

Joshua Clause, Principal, Clause Law

Representative from the Suquamish Tribe, *invited*

Marla McDade Williams, Director, Northern Nevada Office, Strategies 360

### **Tribal Youth and Juvenile Justice: Developing Tribal and State Partnerships**

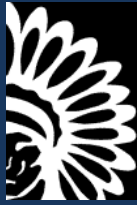
*Room: Cascade 4*

When American Indian and Alaska Native youth are in state juvenile justice systems that are not equipped to meet their cultural needs they are re-traumatized rather than healed. This breakout will focus on the current state of tribal juvenile justice, how tribal nations can develop partnerships with States to help tribal youth, and changes in federal policy.

**Presenters:**

Nick J Costales, Deputy Director of Field Services, New Mexico

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Kelbie Kennedy, Policy Counsel, National Congress of American Indians

Gwynne Evans-Lomayesva, Researcher, Policy Research Center, National Congress of American Indians

Addie C. Rolnick, Professor of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law

Chief Judge Michelle Brown-Yazzie, Mescalero Apache Tribal Court

### **Tribal TANF Best Practices and Successes**

*Room: Cascade 5*

There are 80 Tribal TANF Programs throughout the country, and there are many examples of best practices that have led to client successes. This session will showcase examples of how programs have developed effective ways to assist clients in overcoming barriers and become successful. Presentations and discussion will include career development and employment services, youth services, vocational training and the use of culture to enhance success. In addition you will hear from clients and how they used the Tribal TANF programs and services to reach self-sufficiency and move from dependence on TANF to independence for themselves and their families.

#### **Presenters:**

Tilford P. Denver, Chairman, Owens Valley Paiute-Shoshone Board of Trustees, Vice-Chairman, Bishop Paiute Tribal Council

Jeff Schueller, Executive Director, California Tribal TANF Partnership

Ryan Howard, Executive Director, Owens Valley Career Develop Center Tribal TANF

Gordon Forrester, Executive Director, Washoe Native TANF Program

Leslie Colegrove, Executive Director, Hoopa Valley Tribal TANF Program

### **Federal Actions Affecting Tribal Lands in Nevada and Implications for Indian Country**

*Room: Sierra 1*

The Tribal Lands Working Group (TLWG) is broadly tasked with tracking and soliciting input on how to address various issues affecting tribal lands. During this session, the TLWG will discuss recent federal actions affecting tribal nations in Nevada. This session will also discuss NCAI's infrastructure permitting project, which is intended to improve private developers' understanding and respect for tribal interests where there are potential impacts to off-reservation tribal resources.

#### **Presenters:**

Fawn Douglas, Board of Directors, Friends of Gold Butte

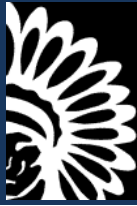
Laurie Thom, Chairman, Yerington Paiute Tribe

### **The Battle to Protect Native Children: the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and How Your Tribal Nation Can Make an Impact**

*Room: Sierra 2*

During this past year, American Indian and Alaska Native children and families endured one of the largest coordinated attacks at the federal district and circuit levels. While the battle has raged in the courts, the public narrative of the issues surrounding Native children and ICWA will have an impact on the outcome of the case. In this breakout session speakers

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will provide a brief update on the case and the legal steps ahead. Speakers will also roll out the ongoing tribal communication strategy, highlight communication tools developed for tribal nations, and detail how your Nation can make an impact today.

### **Presenters:**

Erin C. Dougherty Lynch, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

Amory Zschach, Strategic Communications Manager, National Indian Child Welfare Association

Ricki McCarroll, Founder & Principal Consultant, NUNA Consulting Group

### **Broadband and Radio Opportunities: Bridging the Digital Divide**

*Room: Sierra 3*

The ability to communicate and share ideas is fundamental to the health, safety, education, and economic well-being of tribal communities. Better access to telecommunications promotes vibrant economies while preserving cultural traditions and ways of life through enhancing our ability to communicate. New and existing programs continue to increase Native ownership of, representation in, and access to telecommunications. Additionally, bipartisan support for an infrastructure package can provide opportunities for the creation of new tribal programs and enhancement of existing programs. This breakout session will provide tribal leaders an overview of telecommunications programs, funding, training, and technical assistance opportunities available to bridge the digital divide in Indian Country.

### **Presenters:**

Geoffrey Blackwell, Chief Strategy Officer and General Counsel, AMERIND Risk

Matthew Rantanen, Director of Technology, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association

Gregory Guice, Senior Vice President, Federal Public Affairs, McGuireWoods Consulting, LLC

### **ACA Health Insurance Marketplaces: Best Practices to Gain Access to Premium Tax Credits and Comprehensive Protections from Out of Pocket Costs**

*Room: Cascade 3*

Enrollment in CMS programs benefits AI/AN individuals, their families, and their communities. Enrollment helps reduce health disparities and improves health status by providing AI/ANs with greater access to preventive and specialty care. The purpose of this session is to guide tribal leaders through the benefits of AI/AN Marketplace enrollment and how to gain access to premium tax credits and comprehensive protections from out-of-pocket costs. Participants will learn through best practices and several case studies.

### **Presenters:**

Kristen Bitsuie, Tribal Health Reform Outreach and Education Program Associate, National Indian Health Board

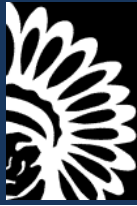
Doneg McDonough, CEO, Health System Analytics

### **Indian Country Counts: Census 2020**

*Room: Sierra 5*

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Being included in the 2020 Census is just as important as registering our people to vote and getting them to the polls on Election Day. We know that accurate data is necessary for forward thinking policy development. It is critical that the 2020 Census captures an accurate picture of Indian Country, as it lays the groundwork for a decade of policymaking, from 2020 to 2030. This session will talk about why the Census is important, answer questions in responding to the census, and how to get involved.

**Moderator:** Ahniwake Rose, Deputy Director, National Congress of American Indians

**Presenter:**

Natalie Landreth, Senior Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

4:15-6:15

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS**

*closed to press*

*Subcommittees can meet jointly if they would like.*

Disabilities– *Redwood 8*

Elders – *Redwood 8*

Economic Development, Finance & Employment – *Cascade 2*

Education – *South Pacific D*

Energy & Mineral Policy – *Sierra 5*

Environmental Protection & Land Use – *Cascade 3*

Health – *South Pacific F*

Housing – *South Pacific C*

Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns – *Cascade 4*

Indian Child & Family Welfare – *Sierra 2*

Jurisdiction & Tribal Government – *Cascade 1*

Public Safety & Justice – *South Pacific AG*

Taxation – *Sierra 4*

Technology & Telecommunications – *Sierra 3*

Transportation & Infrastructure – *South Pacific B*

Tribal Gaming – *Cascade 5*

Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture – *Sierra 1*

Veterans – *South Pacific E*

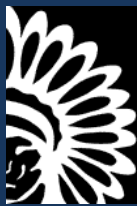
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**The Social**

*Room: Chalet Terrace*

The Social is the perfect event to unwind after a hard days work. There will be live music provided by DJ EmceeOne, giveaways, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Bring your appetite and dancing shoes because it's going to be a lot of fun.

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### Wednesday, June 26

6:45           **Sunrise Ceremony**  
The NCAI Sunrise Ceremony will be held as a part of the observances and ceremonies during the National Days of Prayer to Protect Native American Sacred Places. The public is invited to attend NCAI's respectful observance to honor sacred places, sacred beings and sacred waters, and all those who care for them and protect them from harm.

8:00-8:20       **Youth Commission Morning Gathering (all youth welcome)**  
*Room: Central Pacific*

#### 8:30-12:00      **Second General Assembly** **Nugget 2**

8:30           **Call to Order**  
Aaron Payment, First Vice-President, National Congress of American Indians

#### **Invocation**

8:40           **Welcome**  
Serrell Smokey, Chairman, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

### **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum**

#### **Data and Research: Tribes Taking Action**

Many tribes are taking action with data and research to help strategically impact the future of their communities. This session will explore various areas where tribes are having impact.

8:45           **NCAI Policy Research Center Director Update**  
Yvette Roubideaux, MD MPH, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center

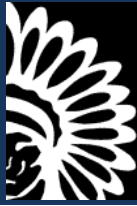
9:00           **Tribal Leader Overview**  
W. Ron Allen, Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe; NCAI Treasurer

9:15           **Census 2020: Get Out the Count for Indian Country**  
Dee Alexander, Tribal Affairs Coordinator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Census Bureau  
Amadeo Shije, Partnership Coordinator (Tribal), Denver Regional Office, U.S. Census Bureau  
Asa K. Washines, Tribal Affairs Consultant, More Equitable Democracy

9:45           **Tribal Leader Discussion**

10:00          **Diabetes in American Indians and Alaska Natives: Are We Making Progress?**

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Yvette Roubideaux, MD MPH, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center

**10:30 Tribal Leader Discussion**

**11:00 Genetic Research: Tribes Taking Action**

Jamie Henio, Navajo Nation Council Delegate, 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council, Co-chair of the Navajo Nation Genetic Research Policy Development Working Group

Walter Phelps, former Navajo Nation Council Delegate, 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council, Co-chair of the Navajo Nation Genetic Research Policy Development Working Group

Dr. Franklin Sage, Director, Diné Policy Institute

**11:30 Tribal Leader Discussion**

**9:00-12:00 Youth Commission Working Session: Youth Work on Youth Policy Projects**

*Room: Central Pacific*

**12:00 Lunch Recess**

**1:00 – 2:30 NCAI Youth Commission Panel Discussion**

*Room: Central Pacific*

Panel: Sophie Tiger, NCAI Youth Commission Officer, Rory Wheeler, NCAI Youth Commission Officer, Michael Charles CNAI Fellow, & Rani Williams Wilma Mankiller Fellow

**2:45-3:15 Youth Commission Q&A: What Youth Are Experiencing in their Communities**

*Room: Central Pacific*

**3:15-4:15 Youth Commission Discussion: Achieving Goals Through Adversity**

*Room: Central Pacific*

Panelist: Nicholas Courtney, Policy Analyst, NCAI, Marcus Guinn

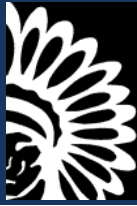
**4:15 Youth End of Day Gathering**

*Room: Central Pacific*

**6:30-8:30 Cultural Night**

*Room: Sierra 345*

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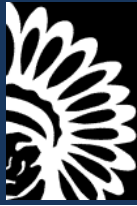
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8:00-8:20 **Youth Commission Morning Gathering (all youth welcome)**  
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8:30-12:00	Third General Assembly	Nugget 1
8:30	<b>Call to Order</b> Juana Majel Dixon, Secretary, National Congress of American Indians	
	<b>Invocation</b>	
8:45	<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Update</b>	
9:00	<b>Achieving Racial and Economic Equity: The Value of Cross-Community Collaboration for Census 2020 and Beyond</b> This panel session will synthesize and share the value and power of collaboration between Native American, African American, Latino, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander American communities in collectively advancing racial and economic equity, specifically through the joint work of the W.K. Kellogg Racial Equity Anchors. It will share how the Anchors are working together to ensure a complete count of people in Census 2020, and how cross-community collaboration can empower each community's ability to educate the general public and policymakers about the wisdom and need for pro-equity policies.  Clint Odom, SVP for Policy/Executive Director, Washington Bureau, National Urban League Kathy Ko Chin, President and CEO, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum Judith Browne Dianis, Executive Director, Advancement Project Glen Harris, President, Race Forward Reverend Alvin Herring, Executive Director, Faith in Action Derrick Johnson, President and CEO, NAACP Clarissa Martinez, Deputy Vice President, UnidosUS K. Sabeel Rahman, President, Demos Ahnwake Rose, Acting Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians	
10:00	<b>Immigration and Children Update</b>	
10:15	<b>Tribal Supreme Court Project Update</b>	
10:30	<b>Washington Football Team</b> Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	
10:40	<b>Committee Reports</b> Economic, Finance & Community Development Committee Human Resources Committee	

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Litigation & Governance Committee  
Land & Natural Resources Committee  
Veterans Committee

12:15

**Retire Colors**  
**Closing Invocation**

12:30

**Adjourn 2019 Mid Year Conference**

**10:00 – Noon** **NCAI Youth Commission Wrap Up**  
*Room: Central Pacific*

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