

Francesca Murnan Biography

Bio

Francesca Murnan (she/her) is Shawnee and an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation. Born and raised in southeast Kansas, Francesca spent her childhood learning to quilt, cook, and craft with her grandparents, great grandparents, and great-great grandparents. As a member of Seattle's urban Native community for over a decade, Francesca works with tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations to advance Indigenous equity through culturally relevant and community driven policy approaches.

Abstract

Francesca serves the staff liaison to the City of Seattle's Indigenous Advisory Council. The nine members of the Indigenous Advisory Council will advise the Mayor, City Council, and City departments on policies, budgets, programs, services, and projects directly affecting Indigenous populations including American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian people. This effort builds and strengthens Indigenous representation and Indigenous knowledge in public policy processes by promoting and advancing priorities and solutions identified by and for Indigenous communities.