



**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
**SFTHC COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

1. U.S. Bank Account Proceeds. The US Bank officials informed the Tlingit & Haida General Counsel of former Community Council officials who are responsible for denying to the Community Council access to US Bank accounts and led to closure of these accounts. US Bank account statements evidenced that account funds were withdrawn without authorization in 2022 in the amount of \$9,819.36, principally for the purchase of cash cards from Safeway, which are the subject of ongoing investigations by Tlingit & Haida. These accounts were closed by US Bank and the account proceeds conveyed to the former Community Council officer via nonrecoverable cashier's checks in the amount of \$36,000+. US Bank is currently unwilling to cancel and re-issue to the Community Council these checks without Tlingit & Haida indemnification for US Bank in the event these checks are paid, while Tlingit & Haida is demanding immediate payment.

2. SFTH Community Constitution. The Community voted 44 yes and 2 no to approve the amendment to the Community Constitution proposed by the Community Council as certified by the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) dated January 24, 2024 and ratified by the Tlingit & Haida Executive Council dated January 26, 2024.  
(a) Draft Resolution No. 24-01 Oath of Office. The proposed Community Council Resolution No. 24-01 would adopt an Oath of Office for all elected and appointed officers of the Community to ensure compliance with all previously adopted internal controls, Council guidelines, and rules of order under the Community and Tlingit & Haida constitutions.

3. T&H ARPA SFTH Community-Directed Relief Program. Tlingit & Haida directed an allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community-Directed Relief Program funds in the amount of \$2,422,426. Tlingit & Haida by letter dated January 17, 2024 informed the Community Council of the expenditure of \$641,426 and a remaining balance of \$1,781,000.

The Program funds must be obligated by Tlingit & Haida by March 31, 2024. The Community Council previously discussed dedicating the remaining Program funds to acquisition by Tlingit & Haida of a Tlingit & Haida program office in California for the benefit of the Community, and for use by the SFTH Community for its Community activities.

(a) Draft Resolution No. 24-02 Acquisition of Tlingit & Haida California Office. The proposed Community Council resolution No. 24-02 would request the Tlingit & Haida apply the remainder of the SFTH Community-Directed Relief Program funds to the purchase of a property(ies) for delivery of Tlingit & Haida programs and services to SFTH Community members either in-person or virtually, would establish space for SFTH Community events, and would enable the application of lease rent funded by the Federal government towards the continued maintenance and improvements of the facility under the "105(l)" program. The Community Council requests review of the candidate acquisition(s) and recommendation for selection. The draft resolution requests the evaluation criteria for properties include, at a minimum:

- A northern California office location within the 100 mile radius of San Francisco wherein enrollment with the SFTHC Community is mandatory;
- A second office location in the southern California region should funds allow provided the northern California office is funded;
- High speed broadband services – broadband services to conduct business online.
- Parking – adequate parking at the facility and public parking nearby is a key consideration.
- Road access – reliable and safe road access from major streets and highways.
- Security – external locks and area lighting.
- Meeting area – a large meeting area within the facility for a large gathering.
- Kitchen facilities – kitchen facilities for food preparation and storage.
- International airport access.