

Native America 101:

What the
Council of State Community
Development Agencies
Should Know about
Engaging and Collaborating
with Tribal Entities

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GREAT BASIN in 1800s

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NEVADA UTAH

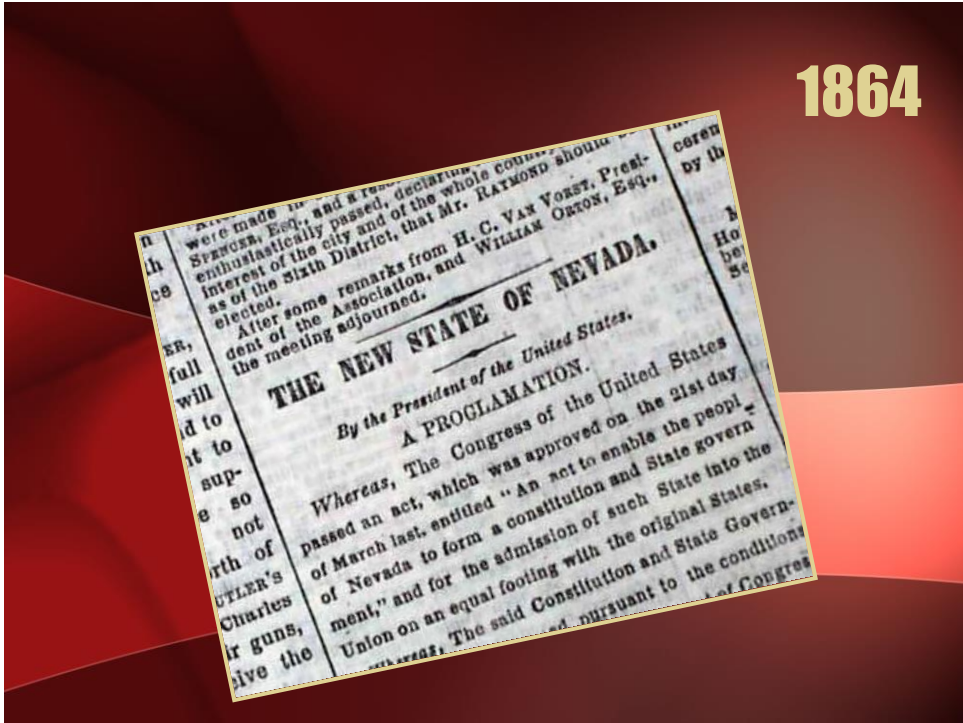
CALIFORNIA ARIZONA

Fort Mohave

- Great Basin
- Western Shoshone
- Southern Paiute
- Northern Paiute
- Washoe

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NEVADA'S
INDIAN TERRITORY



Washi-šiw
Washoe

Numu
Northern Paiute

Newe
Western Shoshone

Nuwuvi
Southern Paiute

Pipa Aha Macav
Fort Mojave

State of Nevada
Federally Recognized Tribes

- 1 Duck Valley Shoshone-Paiute Tribe
- 2 Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
- 3 Ely Shoshone Tribe
- 4 Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe
- 5 Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe
- 6 Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
- 7 Confederated Tribes of Goshutes
- 8 Las Vegas Paiute Tribe
- 9 Lovelock Paiute Tribe
- 10 Moapa Band of Paiutes
- 11 Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
- 12 Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- 13 Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
- 14 Timbisha Shoshone Tribe
- 15 Walker River Paiute Tribe
- 16 Winnemucca Colony Council
- 17 Yerington Paiute Tribe
- 18 Yomba Shoshone Tribe
- 19 Te-Mock Shoshone Tribe
- 20 Battle Mountain Band Council
- 21 Elko Band Council
- 22 South Fork Band Council
- 23 Wells Band Council
- 24 Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California
- 25 Carson Colony Community Council
- 26 Dresslerville Community Council
- 27 Stewart Community Council
- 28 Woodfords Community Council

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✓ Number of Sovereign Tribal Nations, Tribes, Nations, Bands, Colonies, Pueblos, Rancherias, Villages, Reservations

INDIAN COUNTRY

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- ✓ Number of Sovereign Tribal Nations Bands, Colonies, or Reservations



GREAT BASIN



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FACTS

- ✓ Self Identified American Indians in U.S.
2.791 million / 341.7 million
- ✓ Self Identified American Indians in Nevada
111,000+
>75,000 Urban Indians in Nevada
- ✓ 26/28 Tribal Nations are rural
8 Frontier Nations
- ✓ American Indians have dual citizenship
Tribal and United States
- ✓ All American Indians residing in the state,
on or off Tribal lands/reservations, are
citizens of Nevada



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MYTHS

- ✓ That was decades ago...
- ✓ Indians look a certain way...
- ✓ How Indian are you?
- ✓ All Indians are rich...
- ✓ All Indians have casinos...
- ✓ Indians don't pay taxes...



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ONE SIZE DOES *NOT* FIT ALL

- ✓ Different:
 - Cultures
 - Languages
 - Essential Services
 - Customs
 - Priorities
 - Needs



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HOUSING

- ✓ DNAA Found Unanimous Housing Need
- ✓ Waiting Period Average 10 Years
- ✓ Multi generational homes
- ✓ Definition of Homeless



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- ✓ Tribes will not allow their resources to respond outside of their jurisdictional boundaries because of cultural and legal issues.



Myth

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- ✓Pride in our culture
- ✓Pride in the American Flag
- ✓Pride in being U.S citizens
- ✓Pride in contribution to U.S. military
- ✓Very spiritual
- ✓Love for environment and natural resources
- ✓Great Respect for Elders



Tribal Truth

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TODAY'S TAKE AWAY

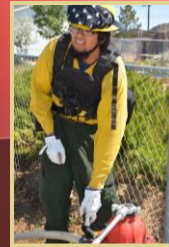
- ✓ Listen, observe, more than you talk ...
- ✓ Wait for response from tribal member.....do not try to fill the silence void...
- ✓ May have to earn trust ...
- ✓ Do not go right into business. Create a connection through casual conversation, then be clear about your purpose...
- ✓ Know how a Tribe refers to itself: Nation, Reservation, Colony, Band, Community Council...
- ✓ Be cautious about asking for data specific to the tribe...



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TODAY'S TAKE AWAY

- ✓ Speaking loudly may be interpreted as arrogant or disrespectful...
- ✓ Prolonged eye contact may be inappropriate...
- ✓ Native laughter or humor is coping mechanism...
- ✓ Practice patience when speaking with and listening to elders and elected representatives...



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QUESTIONS?

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