

Aims and Objectives

Council FIRE is committed to stand with other organizations who share our goals to:

- increase voter registration, voter education and greater participation by Native populations in the political process,
- demand proper care and respect for our military veterans
- lead economic, social and legislative efforts that will provide proper education and training that opens the path toward good jobs,
- Fight for equality and protections for all people, regardless of national origin, sex, religion, age, race or sexual orientation.

Our approach has been to do the right thing—because it is the right thing.



- First Nations babies are three times more likely to die from Sudden Infant Syndrome.
- 38% of Native women will be victims of domestic violence – one in three will be raped!
- Native youth suicide rates are three times the national average – the No. 2 killer among Natives under the age of 24,
- 27% of Native families live below the poverty level – the national average is 10%.
- Nearly 50% of Native students drop out of high school; of those who graduate, only 17% go to college – the national average is 62%
- Native workers earn little more than half the pay of the average American – less per capita than any other race.
- Natives are nearly five times as likely to die from liver disease, three times as likely to die of tuberculosis or diabetes., and twice as likely to die from an assault.
- Native American life expectancy is 4.2 years less than the overall US population.

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Labor Unions have long been the most powerful voice for those who are neglected and ignored. Council FIRE is a continuation of those efforts.

Constituency groups already exist to provide a bridge to diverse communities, strengthening partnerships to enhance the standard of living for all workers and their families, and ensuring that organized labor hears and responds to the concerns of the communities represented. There has never been a united Labor group that addresses the issues of those who were here first—until now.

Council FIRE stands ready, please join us.

**Lifting Our Voice
to Demand Respect, Dignity
and Prosperity for All!**

**If one sector of our
society is left behind,
we are all
less than we could be**

Council FIRE supports the rights of first nations' people to protect their traditions and histories, to achieve their full potential and to fully participate in building a bright future with all people who share these lands today. We believe that those who were here first are deserving of respect, and call on you to add your voice in demanding fairness and dignity for all people.

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and encourage others to join**

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Council for First Inhabitants Rights and Equality

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You can also join through our website.

Council FIRE began from within the labor movement, which has been at the forefront of the fight for good jobs, education, healthcare and human rights for over a century. Until now, there has not been a coordinated effort to use this voice to lift the causes of those who were here first. Council FIRE is dedicated to changing that.

We started in the Machinists' Union, and have been joined by other groups who are also dedicated to the mission of fairness and justice to all people. We have grown to be recognized by LCLAA, ILCA, seven state Labor Federations of the AFL-CIO, and numerous Central Labor Councils.

First Nations people deserve to be heard — stand with us to help make the future better for all.

Everyone deserves respect and dignity. The Council for First Inhabitants Rights and Equality demands that those who were here first are not forgotten.