

Councilman Andy Joseph, Jr. started his 9th two-year term and 17th year on the Colville Business Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation of Washington State. Councilman Joseph is a Nespelem District Representative. Mr. Joseph has served on his Council's Health & Human Services Committee for 16 years.

Since 2004, Council Joseph has served as the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation Delegate to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB). He formerly served as Chairman of NPAIHB in 2009 – 2019. As Chair of NPAIHB, Councilman Joseph represented the Portland Area on the Board of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), where he served as an NIHB Member-at-Large and Portland Area Representative. Additionally, Councilman Joseph served as the voting delegate of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Councilman Joseph represented NIHB on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Tribal Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC). In Washington, Councilman Joseph is still currently the Chair of the Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations.

Councilman Joseph is also actively engaged in various Indian Health Service (IHS) Tribal Workgroups and serves as the representative for the Portland Area Tribes. Councilman Joseph has been a Co-Chair of the IHS National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup (Workgroup) for the last 6 years. Every year, the Workgroup diligently works to synthesize the priorities identified by the Tribes in each of the 12 IHS Areas into a cohesive message outlining Tribal funding priorities nationally. Councilman Joseph also serves as the Co-Chair for the National IHS Contract Support Costs (CSC) Workgroup. The CSC Workgroup meets to further the federal government's administration of CSC within the IHS. Councilman Joseph serves as the Portland Area Representative for the IHS Purchased and Referred Care (PRC) Workgroup. The purpose of the Director's Workgroup on Improving PRC (Workgroup) is to provide recommendations to the Indian Health Service (IHS) Director on strategies to improve and reform the Agency's PRC Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board program. Councilman Joseph formerly served on the IHS Facilities Advisory Appropriations Board (FAAB) and Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) Tribal Advisory Group (TAG).

Councilman Joseph was born in Portland, Oregon on September 23, 1959. When Councilman Joseph's parents were relocated during the Relocation Act; he moved home to the Colville Reservation in the Spring of 1968. In 1970, his Father ran for Tribal Council - with his Grand Aunt Lucy Covington. Also, in 1970, his Tribe won the battle against Termination of the Colville Reservation. From 1977-1979 Councilman Joseph served in the U.S. Army 2nd of the 75th Airborne Ranger Battalion. He has been happily married to Lori Lynn since December 18, 1983 and has 5 children and 3 grandchildren. Councilman Joseph comes from the blood of many Chiefs and has been mentored by his Father who served on the Tribal Council for 17 years; his mother and her parents, Gorge and Celestine Friedlander. Gorge served on Tribal Council, as well as his sister, Lucy Covington. Councilman Joseph was inspired by Tribal leaders such as Mel Tonasket and Shirley Palmer.