Glad to be here and to recreate

Today I want to take a few minutes to tell you about where I've seen as a junior councilman in the

But first, I'm going to tell you where we stand.

The council has made great strides in order to have some objectives over the last several years.

[?] constituted the Native America's pride. Was brought to the [?] celebration

I've seen it grow from single day to weeks, mainly uh they could brought in Charles Bennett the second to [?] and Native Americans love it [?] without it be aware, folks.

uh, we've also developed a newsletter and we've produced a biannual report that key legislators, state and local government, [?] and tribes about Council activities. This newsletter has received input from council and at times from members of the various tribes.

And it should serve for and to keep you aware of the fact that we're the public council to enhance your positions as members of the various tribes.

We also, the Council also supports Native American bands and brands.

The Council has worked to educate the Commonwealth school children about the role Native Americans played in the history of our state and nation. While augmenting educational exhibits at the state fair, by inviting school children to attend any festivals and events

...And by participating in the development of the new Powhatan Gallery at Jamestown Festival Park.

The council has also worked to create and maintain good state and tribe relations.
In many states Indian people have to struggle to be heard by their state government, but not so in Virginia. Virginians have enjoyed a relationship with mutual respect and openness with state officials.

I believe this relationship is best symbolized by the tribute the Governor made to the Indian people last Thanksgiving Day.
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