Seattle’s Gang of Four (community activists Bernie Whitebear, Larry Gossett, Roberto Maestas, and Bob Santos) changed the face of the city in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s by bringing four ethnic communities together in battle against city, county, and state power-brokers and powers-that-be over civil rights, employment, fishing rights, gentrification and more. The four leaders learned that working together provided greater results than working apart. This is a story of a powerful political alliance and lifelong friendships forged through protests rallies, marches, political struggles and other acts of civil disobedience. “We got very good at occupying buildings,” remarked one of the Gang.

Join us for a reading with activist and co-author, Bob Santos, whom will share his perspectives on how a Native American, Asian American, African American, and Latino American came together to fight for their communities, neighborhoods and their people. Bob has spent most of his life in the International District of Seattle. He grew up in the N.P. Hotel with his widowed father, Sammy Santos, a professional prizefighter. He was hired in 1972 to lead the International District Improvement Association (Inter*Im). During his tenure at Inter*Im, Santos organized property owners, businesses, residents and activists from the Asian American community to preserve the neighborhood and build new housing and social services.

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