

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

Tribal Members

My name is **Bensell Breon**. I served on the Council from 1991 until 1997, during which time the Health Clinic was opened and expanded, we built and opened a new Administration Building, built more Tribal Housing and built and opened Chinook Winds in Lincoln City. The Government to Government agreement signed with the state in 1996 is now beneficial to our tribe. Tribal Court has expanded and is getting more money in the budget. The Tribal Cop is now a reality, Tribal Members can now get assistance in starting their own business, the water agreement with the city provides water for the Tribe and land purchases such as the Dickenson property are providing more Tribal Housing.

We have achieved a lot of progress in the 22-year rebirth of our Tribe. We still need to look at improving Health Care, Schooling and Job Training Opportunities for Tribal Members, Helping Tribal Members and the Tribe start a successful business to prepare for when gambling runs out, securing more land, getting our hatchery operating and in particular protecting Tribal Sovereignty at all levels.

One thing of special importance is seeing that Tribal Members and our children learn our culture and language.

In my opinion, Tribal Government does not owe me a living. What Tribal Government must do is set up opportunities and programs that help us, the Tribal Members, improve our own lives, so that we do not endure extreme hardship and suffering.

A little about myself for those of you who do not know me. I have been a logger, an Oregon School Teacher, a ranch hand and range rider, and for the past 20 years my wife and I have owned our own ranch.

My training and experiences and my business knowledge will help me again successfully serve my tribe if I am elected. The most important thing of all is that Tribal members vote for someone.

Thank you,
Bensell Breon

Keith Taylor

Member of the
Confederated
Tribes of Siletz
Indians
of Oregon
Candidate For
Tribal Council
Year 2000 And
Beyond



I have for the past twenty years, demonstrated a commitment to the "people" of our tribe through my involvement in council meetings, volunteer participation in pow-wow committee(s), the tribal law enforcement ad hoc committee and tribal court.

I have been an advocate of fair treatment and equal opportunity for members of our tribe as well as those employed with the tribe. I have always tried to stand up for the "people," to ensure we are free to live, as we will, in harmony.

We have made significant progress, since restoration and I believe that we can continue to move forward to ensure a stable future for our children's children and beyond.

I am a descendant of Chief George Harney and the son of Ms. Aggie (Baker) Pilgrim. I firmly believe we must incorporate the wisdom of elders to maintain our link to our past and we must invest in our children to provide the bridge to our future.

Your support for my candidacy as a member of the Tribal Council is requested, in the year 2000 and beyond.

With Respect,
Keith Taylor