

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

Please remember to vote!
You may vote absentee
by mailing in your ballot.
OR
You may vote in person on
Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001
Siletz Tribal Community Center
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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General Council members have been totally ignored. I would like to see the General Council meetings more productive and informative for the membership. For example, full up-to-date financial reports on the tribe and Chinook Winds Casino should be available at each meeting. Full disclosure of any proposals or actions affecting the membership as a whole, especially proposed constitutional amendments, should take place at each meeting.

Although the membership voted overwhelmingly at the February 1999 General Council meeting to have electronic voting conducted by an independent source, there has been no action taken by the Tribal Council to assure that our voting process is fair and honest. And, most recently, the proposed constitutional amendments were not even discussed at General Council meetings, even though the Tribal Council developed these particular amendments over a year ago and ignored the proposed amendments developed through community meetings.

The Constitution Committee had held numerous community meetings for over a year. The primary focus of tribal member

input was to assure Tribal Council accountability to the membership, just the opposite outcome if the recent proposed amendments had passed. Committee-hosted community meetings was only the first step in the process. The next step should have been to have full discussions at General Council meetings on the committee's recommendations prior to a vote of the people. Yet again, the membership was ignored.

Upon direction of the Tribal Council, the tribal chief of police has been on duty **and armed** at the last two General Council meetings. I believe this threatening presence is wrong! After all, General Council meetings are for the membership. No one should be fearful of personal harm when attending meetings that are rightfully provided for within our Constitution.

I feel very strongly that it is the duty of Tribal Council members to make decisions that benefit the entire membership, not just a select few or even themselves personally. I commit to you that I will listen to your concerns and do everything possible to assure you that my actions will be in the best interest of our tribe now and in the future.

Thank you for your support.
Respectfully,
Pat Duncan

Hello Everyone,

The past three years have been good for the Siletz Tribe.

We have gotten our Planning, Grant Writer, and Economic Development staff up and running smoothly. Other positions within the Siletz office and health clinic have been filled; some have been vacant for awhile.

The Chinook Winds Casino celebrated its fifth anniversary. The solstices and pow-wows have been well attended.

The only disruption this year has been the Notice of Violation with the Tribal Council or AKA Board of Directors for the casino. There have been no violations, but the struggle still goes on. The Internet and perhaps some disgruntled ex-Tribal Council recallees have access through the National Indian Gaming Commission, so the report has gone nationwide. Our legal staff has come up with a name of a previous tribal chairman who has been involved. There are others, many family members of the five recalled persons. Over 200 tribes have supported the Siletz Council. A present Council member has access to all of the confidential information and we know that is shared.

Tribal Council elections are coming up in February 2001. I am a candidate for that election and would deeply appreciate your vote of support.

I have been on the Council for a few years, back to Restoration, and I feel I have done the best possible. I have been honest and have a good reputation in Indian country, which includes national and state organizations. My goal has always been to do the best for our tribe.

Think it over and cast your ballot with your heart instead of the rumors you read or hear.

My home phone number is 541-444-2691. If you have a question or concerns, please call.

Thank You Respectively,
Mary A. "Dolly" Fisher



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Important Dates for this Year's Elections

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| Jan. 6, 2001 | Candidates Fair - Keizer City Hall, Keizer, Oregon, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. |
| Jan. 29, 2001 | No more mail-in ballots will be sent out |
| Feb. 3, 2001 | Election Day |