

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I wish to thank my family, extended family and those who voted for me in my unsuccessful bid for re-election to Council.

I congratulate the families who united together to make their vote count.

A very orderly transition of governmental authority took place as the new Council members took their oath of office at the February Council meeting.

Robert Louis Stevenson's quote, "The best things are nearest: breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you," is the philosophy that made being your representative to Council so enjoyable these past three years.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Breon Landis

To the Editor:

In 1995 I was elected chairman of the Fish and Wildlife Committee. The committee decided that one of our primary goals would be to take steps to abolish our "Consent Decree" and to regain our status and recognition as a "Treaty Tribe."

We were aware that this dream would not come true overnight, but we at least expected to take a step forward instead of three steps backwards. During our monthly meetings, we discussed our chances of recognition and we started planning our strategy for our first step. Tribal Attorney, Craig Dorsay was present at some of our committee meetings to assist & advise us.

I addressed the Council with our proposal in 1995. I told them exactly what I thought of our "Consent Decree," advised them of our primary goal, and asked for their permission to proceed with our plan. I was advised that the Committee's plan was good, but that "Gaming" had all priorities at that time.

Later on in the year the committee met again with Mr. Dorsay and decided that we needed to obtain the services of a knowledgeable person to assist with the fact finding documentation of our past treaties. This was after the Gaming center was established. We made a motion to present this proposal to Tribal Council. We were advised that there were no funds available for our proposal.

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz is buying land hand over fist, yet there are no funds available for our Heritage. I don't understand...explain!

Have we lost sight of who we are? Has the almighty dollar become so important that our Heritage no longer means anything? Is someone afraid of something that might happen if we are ever reinstated and recog-

nized as a treaty tribe? Will something terrible happen if we regain that status in these United States of America? The America that once belonged to us!!!

I will continue to make noise until I am heard. We are a Treaty Tribe and we deserve to be recognized as such. If you believe as I do, then stand beside me and make some noise! Speaking Out Loud
George F. Siniscal
(edited for length)

The People Have Spoken,

First of all, I would like to thank all of the members of the Siletz Nation who had confidence enough in me to give me their votes. And for those whose vote I didn't receive, I hope in the years coming of my term to instill that confidence unto you. I also wish to thank all those people who believed in me enough to work for my election, especially Ralene Butler, who was my unofficial campaign manager. Also, a big thanks to the Election Committee. I know this is a very thankless job, but also very important. A lot of time and effort by this body of dedicated people, too, often goes unnoticed. Again, thank you.

Now then, my people, we must go forward. You have probably realized by now that your votes on important issues DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!! You must come to the General Council meetings and vote for your concerns. We the people of the Tribe and the members of the elected Tribal Council must act together to make our Tribe strong. Remember changes are not made overnight. And the people of this Tribe can make the changes by VOTING!!

Sincerely,
C.W Case

Dear Tribal Members,

I am sorry I disappointed you, or the best word is let you down. I will work with the Council on as many issues I can, to make sure our Tribal people will be treated fair.

I received 99 votes, after I announced I would not run for Council. If those voters would like to contact me, we can talk over some of our tribal issues.

I plan to attend tribal functions to let you know I am a fighter not a quitter.

At this time I dropped out of the race for personal reasons.

Thank You,
Pete Downey

Dear Family Members,
Friends, and Campaign
Supporters,

Thank-You! To all those who supported me in the recent Tribal Council election. If not for the hard work of many, I'm sure the outcome would not of been the same. All of you made the difference.

One of my first priorities, as your newly elected councilperson, will be to propose appointing an ad hoc planning committee to develop a more formal process for the General Council to express their ideas and opinions to Tribal Council.

Another important concern I will be addressing is how to achieve a more equitable distribution of services and benefits to all Tribal members regardless of where they live.

I look forward to having your input on these issues.

I can be reached at 777-4831(home) or 761-7279 (message).

Again, Thank-You for your support.

Sincerely,
Geneva "Dolly" Johnson

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The Key for the Elders van and card for the bullpen are kept by Darlene Carkhuff. You must sign an agreement when checking out the van accepting responsibility for it's safe return.