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Dear Tribal Members:

My name is James H. McCormick and I am running For Tribal Council. Yesterday, December 7, 1996, I attended the Candidates Fair at Chinook Winds in Lincoln City, Oregon.

One of the members asked, "how much revenue monies would the Tribe have if all the federal grants and loans were taken away?" After a brief discussion, there would be no money. I'm not sure at this time how accurate this answer was. If this is true then I honestly feel the future of our Tribe is headed in the wrong direction. During this meeting it was also stated the Siletz Tribe is now self governed. In my opinion this is just a "title".

Because as long as the Tribe's programs are run on government grants or subsidizes they are required to follow the rules and regulations set up by the government.

I believe our Tribal Council has done a good job up to this point, however there are some new approaches that could help the Tribe become more successful. I feel the Tribal Council once elected should put their own personal feelings aside and work together as a team to better serve the Tribe as a whole.

If I am elected to the Tribal Council one of my main goals would be to help our Tribe to become self sufficient on their own business revenue. The gaming facility should be one of the Council's first priorities. In my opinion this could be the number one way the Tribe could become self sufficient from its own revenue.

When this happens then the Tribal Council could make up our own polices and guidelines for helping our tribal programs. Then we will no longer have to rely so heavily on the government grants and the regulations which go along with them.

Comments have been

made to me that we are having problems in our gaming center. If this is true, the Tribal Council should be taking immediate action to solve these problems.

We have one of the most beautiful and well designed gaming centers that I have ever been in. This is not just in my opinion, different people I work with have said our gaming center is one of the nicest they have ever seen and visited.

Because of the time lines and the length allowed in the Newsletter, I can't address all of the goals I would like to work on.

I would like to have your vote and support in the up coming election.

Sincerely,

James H. McCormick

Dear Tribal Members:

I wish to thank my family and many friends, including former co-workers, for encouraging me to be a candidate for Tribal Council - and I am asking for your support in the upcoming election.

Our Tribal Council has taken us through some harrowing times and brought us many triumphs, and I acknowledge their perseverance, courage, and strength.

I strongly support our Tribal goals: Educational, health, and housing benefits, for all Tribal members, regardless of location and an enhanced Elders program; economic development, land acquisition, and natural and cultural resource management. I would like to see our Tribe take a strong lead in environmental protection and enhancement - clean rivers and streams, hatchery development, protection of our ocean and coastal resources, and timber management. STEDCO has excellent development plans for our Tribe, and many of us have pinned our hopes on the star we call Chinook Winds, yet it seems our financial resources are being

drained away, although paying for our gaming center is a priority, mismanagement is not.

Through my work experience with the US Forest Service, BIA, OSU, and Tribe,

including serving on the Education and Sacred Lands Preservation Committees, I am knowledgeable of many programs: Natural and cultural resources - including fisheries programs, hatchery construction and operation, timber management (yes, I've even cruised timber), educational programs, health programs, and gaming management.

I have a Bachelor of Science Degree from Oregon State University, and I am in the middle of a Master's in Public Administration degree program which I undertook while working full time. I am doing this for my personal development and so that I may better serve my Tribe. The term "lifelong learning" really applies to us all.

I wish for the Council to regain the trust of the General Council and proceed with integrity and honorable actions towards all of our Tribal Members. Facts should not be bent to fit the theory. Tribal Members should again actively participate in Tribal government. The Tribal Council should be responsive and responsible to the people they represent. The answer "I don't know... I didn't know" cannot work any longer. Accountability and consideration is the hue and cry I hear from many Tribal members - It may be your concern, too. If you are one of those Tribal members asking for accountability and want someone with business sense (and common sense), to stand behind you, beside you, or up for you, vote for me in our next Tribal Council election.

I believe our Tribal goals can be achieved through cooperation and

unity because I believe in you - the Tribal Members, you are our most important resource. Remember we all have old dreams, now is the time for new voices.

A Tribal Voice,
Beverly Youngman

DEAR EDITOR:

At the recent Candidates Fair, it was stated by one of the candidates that the Siletz Tribe was terminated by 23 tribal members out of an enrollment of 700.

I have a very different recollection of this happening.

I attended all tribal meetings prior to termination and at every meeting the hall was filled to capacity, even overflowing at times. There was a lot of interest at the time.

At these meetings, all of the business and decisions were decided by the General Council and as I remember it, almost every one voted.

It was the policy of the Federal Government, at the time, to eliminate all small tribes.

I therefore believe it is only fair for me to state this as all former Tribal Council Members and most Tribal Members who would remember, have passed on, and cannot respond.

Sincerely,
Gladys M. Bolton

