

Agency District Candidates

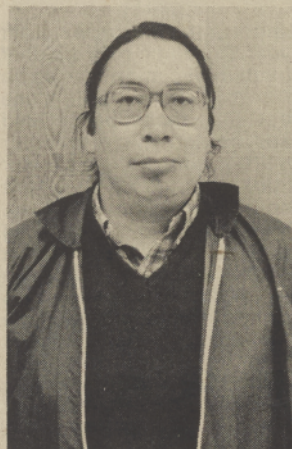
Louie Pitt, Jr.

"The only effective way of Indian reservations to develop is through tribal governments which are responsive and accountable to their members."

**Ronald Reagan,
Indian Policy Statement
January 24, 1983**

More major decisions are being made by the people on a local level throughout the United States. Indian reservations have always fought for this type of control and it is my position that whether the Warm Springs Tribal Council likes it or not they are going to have to face the local Indian/Shareholder/Neighbor more often and discuss the issues, thereby expressing care and concern for the tribal people they represent.

What has gotten us to these big budget times we live in today? Simply put, true care for the tribal people by the past leadership. They left us rich in resources (cultural, human and natural); they deserve credit for what we have today. The Tribal Council, in my opinion, on the reservation is 100 percent accountable to the Tribal Members; because of the physical impossibilities of all 2,400+ of us traveling to Washington, D.C., Spokane or Portland, etc.,



they are our representatives and still are fully accountable when off reservation. Absolute power, whether implied when the Tribal Council form of government was "federally recognized," or taken from the tribal membership, is inconsistent with a government for the benefit of the people. The Supreme Court and Congress held tribal tradition and custom special, in that they, "...did not intend that the equal protection and due process principles of the Constitution disrupt settled tribal customs and traditions."—

Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez. I am saying Indian leaders that are true leaders, whether in 1855 or

tomorrow, have a tradition well laid out to care, listen, and share openly, the knowledge that helps us better understand what is happening in our government.

This is our land, our government, our future and it can be what we want it to be. The recent growth of power by the corporation which pushes aside the needs and welfare of the people has to stop. I feel strongly that we should start getting more benefits from our tribal resources, before corporate raises or remodeling the mill, Kah-Nee-Ta, or increasing the payroll to the local big shots. Let us, you and me, discuss and decide what we want here at home, whether it be a Learning Center, Parks, Playgrounds, Museum, Job Training, Better Education, Treaty Rights or whatever, stopping the balance-the-budget-at-all-costs business philosophy.

Do I offer strong leadership? I feel strong leadership as bragged about by the present leaders is exactly what we do not need. The followers make the leader. The tribal member must not only shout out about his rights, but must realize the inherited responsibility we have as sons, daughters, fathers, mothers: to gather

information, weigh the information then make decisions telling your leaders how you feel. To question your leaders and managers is a way to make our government stronger, more importantly, to wait until you get an answer is the key to a responsive and accountable government. The work we have ahead of us to better our lives is not from term to term, election to election, or annual budget meeting to the next, but is a lifetime endeavor. Let us pray we leave our children a legacy that can compare to the one passed on to us.

Some of the issues that need to be addressed and discussed immediately are: Individual rights within the tribal structure, policy protection of employees, Indian preference in employment, short term management thinking, short term political thinking, Treaty Rights—(sharing the knowledge) utilization of natural resources and benefits to the tribal people, tribal court-separation of powers and the Martinez decision (very critical in Indian country), law enforcement, education—(listen to the people), job opportunity is not enough—invest in people.

Please feel free to give me a call at 553-1678 (home) or 553-1161 ext. 258 (message) to speak your mind.



Daisy Ike

I was born and raised in Warm Springs. I am Wasco-Warm Springs and my religion is Washut.

My mom was the late Lavena Towash. My dad was the late Benjamin Dick. However, my step-dad Ernest Hunt and my mom raised me.

I am a direct descendant of Chief Taysemt who represented the Dog River band of Wascos of the lower Deschutes River and signed the Treaty of 1855.

I have two sisters, Marilyn Lawrence and Doris Ann Suppah.

I have six children; Fred L. Ike Jr. who works for the BIA in Toppenish, Washington and is working toward degrees in Forestry and

math; Lucas Ike who is attending Haskell University in Kansas, he wants to work in the social services field; Leona Ike who is attending night school working toward an accounting degree; Lovie Ike who just graduated from boot camp in South Carolina and is looking toward a career as a nurse; Lena Ike, a junior at Chemawa, is looking at a career working with children and Tyrone Ike, a sophomore at Madras, is hoping for a career in the sports field. I also have four grandchildren; Lara and Dawn Ike, Jonathan Ike and Mario Smith.

I attended the Warm Springs school and went two years to Madras high school. I received my G.E.D. in 1972 from the Yakima Valley College. In 1971-72 I received 17 credits in family counseling and worked one-on-one with young people. It was then I had my first contact with the family courts. In 1974 I moved home and in 1977 I started training with the American Indian Lawyers Training program. By 1980, I had completed courses in domestic law, civil law, criminal law, federal law pertaining to Indian Country and tribal law of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

I practiced law here at Warm Springs as well as on the Yakima reservation. I also had legal experience within Washington, Idaho, California, Utah, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona and British Columbia.

I am a member in the following associations: American Indian Lawyers Association, National Indian Cattlemen's Association, National Congress of American Indians, National Juvenile and Judges Association, National Indian Bar Association. I have been a member of the Warm Springs Law and Order Committee for the past six years.

My goal for the Tribes is to maintain sovereignty, to protect and conduct our tribal affairs to benefit all our people. I stress that communications with our people is a must. I feel there is a need for General Council meetings to inform our people of important information and not just meetings because an issue needs to be voted on, or after the fact.

I believe local business needs to be taken care of first, as there are a lot of local problems that need to be dealt with. This alone is a big job for anyone on the Tribal Council.

Education for our young people is so very important. It is for them we have prepared any possibilities of a career locally or where ever our young people choose to live. It is also for our young that we desperately need to preserve our sovereignty, our resources and dignity of being an Indian. I hurt when I see our young people struggling on small grants, we need to help them, give them incentive—For our young people are our tomorrows and our most important resource. We need to show them we care, for they are the ones that will have the responsibilities to see that our grandchildren and their grandchildren have a place of which to be proud in the future. We should know the preservation of our resources are needed for our tomorrows. Let's all strive for goals of a better tomorrow for all.

Should I gain a seat on the Tribal Council, I would strive for Tribal sovereignty—education for our young—more tribal employment of tribal members—definitely more communication with the people is a must—equal treatment for all our people. We must strive for unity if we are to progress in today's world.