



Floyd J. Calica

I would like to thank Chesley Yahtin Jr. and Lois Squimphen for the nomination. I also want to send a special thanks to Earl and Rita Squimphen and many others for your confidence and support. I would like to share with all of you a few of my views and opinions on how a councilman should conduct himself and serve the people:

Communication – It is very vital for the people to be aware of what's going on in the Council chambers. I believe the Council should be finely tuned into what the people want and expect. An open heart and open ears denote a sincere leader. I would like to see at least one public meeting a month to hear the people and give them reports. I also would like to see a time block set aside on the daily agenda for anyone to come in and talk. It shouldn't matter how old you are, anyone should be able to come in and talk to the Council.

Accountability – This means to me from the top down. As leaders, Council should set the example for the rest of us. I believe this would produce a snowball effect down to the front line employees. Accountability also needs to be fair and equal to all. Laws and rules were made for one reason; to be enforced fairly to all.

Daily Operations of Organization and Enterprises – Why must Council continue to rely on outside consultants and resources? We have our own tribal members who have been working here for years. I have confidence they know how to run things the best. Our people have a lot of knowledge and experience; let's start to tap into that and invest in our own people. I stand firmly with Affirmative Action/tribal member preference.

I have been smoke-free and alcohol/drug-free my entire life. I am married to my wife, Juanita, and we have a four-year-old son named Joseph. I believe in investing, protecting and nurturing our most valuable resource, our children. It is they who will take the tribes into the future, but have been long overlooked and not heard. I would take their concerns to heart and bring them into Council. I also would like to see the Junior Tribal Council come back for the kids.

Being the youngest nominee, in itself, is a unique quality; I can bring fresh ideas and a new voice. The tribes have a lot of issues present and future. We must work together as a team to face these issues. In the old days, our leaders got along and looked after the future. I have faith we can do it. We just have to put forth a little effort. We need to continue to seek more revenues and, at the same time, look at our present budget. I believe we should let the people decide where to build the casino.

I want to bring a positive fresh new voice to the Council for all people – especially the younger ones. I have faith we can all overcome the difficulties ahead of us if we stay fast to our old ways of thinking. Open, honest, fair and leading by example.

We have many good candidates this year and I encourage all voters to come out and vote for the candidate of your choice.



Olney Patt Jr.

My name is Olney Patt Jr. and I am a candidate for Tribal Council from the Simnasho District. The 21st Tribal Council (1998-2001) accomplished a number of goals during its term, including the construction of High Lookee Lodge, increasing the number of police officers on patrol and in corrections, and finalization of the Pelton/Round Butte settlement agreement that will make the Confederated Tribes the majority owner of the project at the end of the coming license period. Specific to the Simnasho District, Three Warriors Market was opened in 2000.

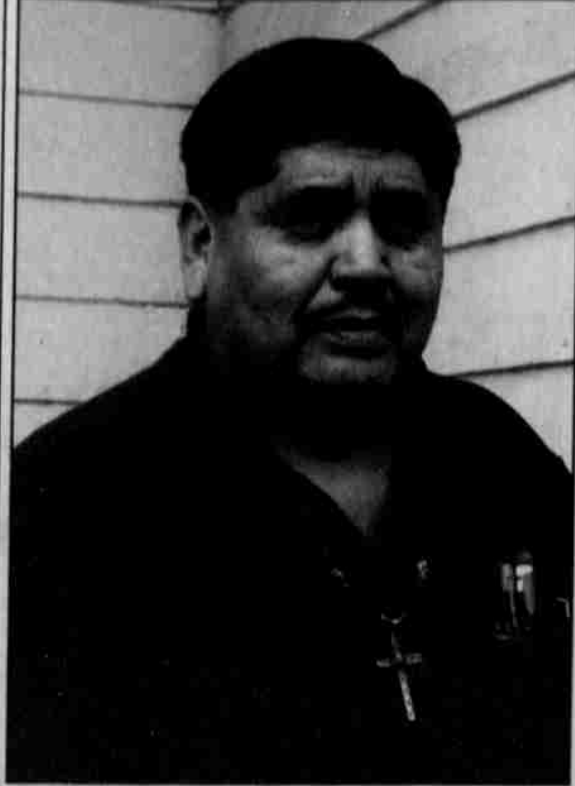
But the purpose of this statement is to look ahead to issues that are yet to be addressed. Here is a short list:

• **Education** – Planning for the new K-5 school should proceed with a goal of opening in September of 2003. Plans should be in the works for a middle school and high school even as construction proceeds on the elementary school. Plans should also be developed for a vocational training center and distance learning.

• **The Tribal Economy** – The reservation lacks the economic vitality to keep people working at long-term jobs with livable salaries/wages. We have employed a number of stop-gap measures over the years, but continue to suffer from tunnel vision when it comes to generating revenue. For instance, we continue to lean heavily on timber even as the market plummets (high log cost, low market prices). What is needed now is a new approach that allows planners to "think outside the box." For several years now we have turned into followers in business development. It is now necessary for us to become leaders.

• **Housing** – We need to gear up our programs to make affordable housing available to tribal members. This is a basic human necessity and should not even be the subject of debate.

Finally, I urge all voters to participate in the upcoming election. When casting your ballot, give some thought on who will be able to make hard decisions. Your interests are not well-represented by someone who is either unprepared or unwilling to make decisions in a timely manner. My record will show that I am a decision-maker, not a spectator.



Tony "Big Rat" Suppah

My people! I, Tony "Big Rat" Suppah, accept the nomination to run for Tribal Council. I had the opportunity to group up around politics, with my dad, Mr. Harold Culpus, who served our people for many years.

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give. I've learned a lot by sitting back, listening, observing, reading and speaking out when necessary on tribal concerns. Majority of our problems stem from poor communication, and can be solved with effective communication, which is a multiplying force within an organization that can raise morale so that everyone benefits.

Also vital in communication is to hear what isn't being said, by the people! Change starts when someone sees the next step. We all know it's human nature to resist change. Times do change, hopefully, the people will agree with their vote at the polls for a new leadership which will be responsive to the needs of the people. Who will communicate, clear, consistent, and compelling messages about the directions and workings of the organization.

Frankly, no organization can be much better than the quality of its communication, which means productivity and profitability. To succeed the key resources are information, knowledge and creativity. You can find these resources within our people, with their input. Somewhere the people got lost in the shuffle. The elected Council and the managers work for the people, this has been forgotten. The peoples voices need to be heard.

It's sad how the power of the green back dollar is used to make decisions within our organization at times not in the best interest of the tribes. Then the people receiving second hand information afterwards, without any input. Observing the annual budgets, watching our resources dwindle, is a very scary feeling.

We need to reorganize as one working towards eliminating the problems within our organization, moving to a positive outlook. We need to protect our resources, we need to protect our existence for those who want to take our rights away.

The present is the only place you can impact the future of the organization. In today's business climate this is not just the key to success, it may be the key to our survival.

I not only use all the knowledge I have, but all I can borrow. That's how we grow, learning from each other. When we work to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves.

It's better to know some of the questions than all the answers. What's needed is a trust relationship between Council, managers and the people. With your vote at the polls, I'd be honored to serve and hear out the people as a council representative. God bless you all. Vote Tony "Big Rat" Suppah – Simnasho District.

Sylvester "Sal" Sahme Sr.

Introduction: In-mix-try-mah (my friends), In-mee-ni-moo (my relatives), Slahx-mah-tush (I am greeting all of you).

I accept the nomination. For the young people that don't know me, let me introduce myself. I grew up on our reservation. I attended the Simnasho School and the Warm Springs Boarding School, graduating from Madras Union High School. I have a Master's Degree in Business Administration. I've worked over thirty years for our Tribal Government in health and the last six years in business and economic development. My parents and grandparents raised me. The teachings of my grandparents is my greatest gift. I learned of Man's Law, Nature's Law and God's Law.

Situation: During our nominations meetings, the words that were spoken in our language alarmed me, "beware of false prophets." At the meeting ex-felons spoke and one was nominated to our highest elected office. I asked my eldest aunt about how these unacceptable acts were dealt with in her parents' day? She said the consequence for these acts was the loss of their voice in any public decisions.

We heard and saw the chaos in how the meeting was conducted. Ordinance 44, a tribal law passed by the chiefs and the Tribal Council, was ignored. The law gives our people the right to choose a chair to conduct the meetings and nominations process. Today the annual budget savings at the end of the year has turned into the Tribal Council's "pork barrel." The Tribal Council budget approval process has no sound justification to how we spend. Our district representatives give little if any written or verbal reports to our people.

Statement: We all know nobody can invoke our old people's will and we cannot go backwards. We can only look ahead on behalf of our children and the unborn. Our oral history tells us that we have to always prepare. This is how we have survived. The living word is greater than the spoken word. As our young say, "walking the talk." This means the chief, the spiritual leader, the language teacher, the educated and the Tribal Council. All of those with advanced knowledge hold greater responsibility. "With an education you become the white man's equal, without it you remain his victim,"...Crow Chief Plenty Coup. Only Na-me-Pupte' (Our Brother) cu Naa-mep-see-te' (the Father of our Brother) can evoke the creator's word.

Closure: In times of chaos we question what is happening. We are forced to examine what is acceptable and not acceptable. We are renewing our mind, body and spirit and preparing for our future. This is for the good or all, especially our unborn future.

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Wah-tichs-nah-k'it (end of a foot print)

Priscilla Frank

Candidate did not file photo or statement for publication.

Ray Tsumpti

Candidate did not file photo or statement for publication.