

Evans Spino Sr.



Tony Suppah

My people, I thank my brothers Kirby Heath and Sacred Heart Suppah for the nomination, which I accepted. Year after year, the people state there need to be some changes. I'd like to be part of that change. I know I'm very capable to serve and work on your behalf toward some positive changes.

Truly believing, the voice needs to be given back to the people. This has been forgotten today - who elects the Council - to serve each of them. The outside world is always watching Indian Country. So we cannot defeat ourselves with our indifferences, by tribal separation. We need to unite and be one strong voice again, as a district, as a tribe.

We need to set our priorities and deal with them, tribal, state and federal issues. All that we have today, we have to fight to keep. Our treaty rights, sovereignty, resources and jurisdiction. There are many efforts in modern times to delete and challenge sovereign immunity, trust responsibility and treaty rights. Most recently, bills have been introduced in Congress that seek to limit the ability of tribes to govern themselves and give authority to states over the tribes.

No major changes have been enacted. However, our ancestors and elders stated there is nothing more important to Indian governments and people than our sovereignty. It keeps the states from interfering with that right, while allowing Congress to override an Indian nation's authority.

Being a self government (Tribal Council) means to oversee what happens to our people on a day to day basis, and what happens to them in the future. To be able to make decisions or recommendations "with the people's input" to protect our rights, the land, air, water and

so on.

Our elders remind us of the importance of the long view. To look ahead not just at today to see things in the much broader perspective of generations that are yet to come. There's a popular saying in Indian Country, that each generation must provide for the seven generations that follow it. We must find resources, as our elders have done for us.

Our elders are important. Our young people are important, that's our future. The students of today are our warriors of tomorrow. If we can take what our young people have to offer us, with their knowledge of today, and take the knowledge of yesterday, and combine those two things. We have something to hand to our young people's children and their children's children.

Times change, our culture, tradition, languages, remain the same. That's how we survive with daily prayer and guidance by the Creator.

There have been so many issues of concern brought out by the people these past few years that I feel and believe need to be dealt with. Also, to have more information and meetings to keep the people updated on what's happening. These are what I'm referring to:

Tribal preference, married into the tribe, other Indians, for their employment. Living expense, raises, way overdue. Casino's budget. Break down on annual budget report. Our own schools, not built on private land. Treaty rights (fishing). Tax exemption. Indian Child Welfare Act, keeping our children on the rez. Local contracting for tribal businesses. Supporting youth programs and employment. Retirement. More housing for elders. Salary adjustments.

I'm asking for your support and votes, to be your Council representative. Tony "Big Rat" Suppah.

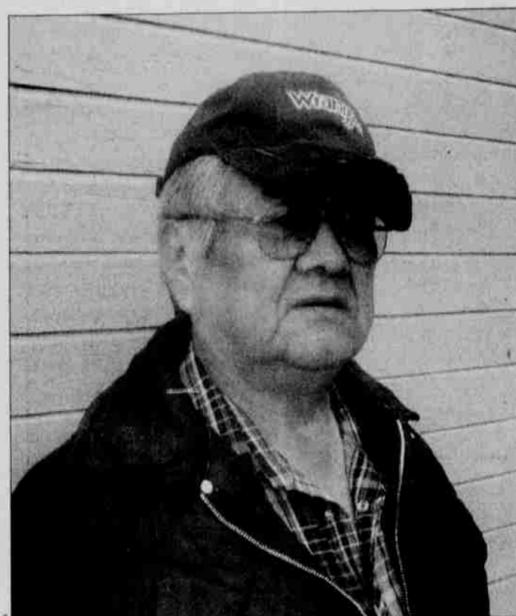


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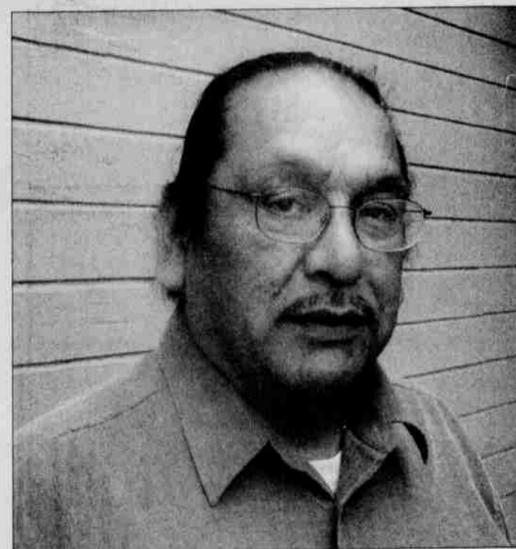
It's up to my district members to tell me what they want. I've yet to campaign and I'm

not going to start now.

You know who I am and the values I stand for.



Earl Squiemphen



Ron Suppah

I want to thank you for the trust you've placed in me.

We have to use our best judgment and try to do our best.

We can't be micromanaging every day.

I encourage everyone to vote because that's the way your voice can be heard.

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