

Agency District Candidates



Tina Aguilar

My name is Justine D. Aguilar, most people know me by Tina. I was raised by my grandparents Rose Kuckup and Henry Kalama Sr. My mother was Shirley Kalama Katchia (she was married to Cy Katchia), my father was Delton Switzler (married to Maxine Winishut Switzler), both parents and grandparents are now deceased.

As long as I could remember, my grandparents taught me to know who our people were, how we were related, how we came from the Columbia River, the way we were sent to live on this land. I've never forgotten how hard it was living with alcohol in the home and how important education was and still is. How one has to work to get ahead in life.

I was employed by the tribes since 1975 until I resigned Sep-

tember 2002. I've seen and heard a lot from family, friends and co-workers throughout the years. What our reservation needs is change. Change for the good. It won't be overnight but we need hard working Tribal Council members that have a vision for the people. I am but one person, but I will do my best to support what would be in the best interest for our reservation and the tribal members. There are so many issues that need to be addressed but it'll take time to work on them. A few I have heard are: Senior citizens, employment, and children programs. I could go on and on about these issues but we all know it begins with the leadership of our tribes. It won't be easy but there needs to be a change.

and Gamble, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, Kah-Nee-Ta and the tribal organization.

During the past six years I have been honored to serve as your representative to the 21st and 22nd Tribal Council. The other council members gave me an additional honor by selecting me as Tribal Vice Chairman for both terms. When Chairman Olney Patt Jr. was hired as the executive director for Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, the Tribal Council honored me again by selecting me to be the Chairman for the balance of the 22nd Tribal Council. I have tried to work hard to earn that trust.

Now I am writing to you because Ted Brunoe nominated me at the Agency District nominations to be a candidate for the 23rd Tribal Council and I have accepted. I am writing to ask for your vote so that I can continue to serve you as your representative.

The challenges we face as a people are as great today as at any time in our history. What I have learned as a member of the Council is that we can meet these challenges if we have open and responsive tribal government, manage our limited natural resources wisely, protect our sovereignty and work hard to increase tribal resources and economic opportunities for our members.

That's why I am proud that more members than ever have been attending the Chairman's Round Table meetings I started. Many tribal members have told me that these meetings are an effective way to keep informed about what Tribal Council is doing. I'd like to see these round table discussions continue and expand.

While our tribal revenues have continued to decline because of federal policies, which punish Indian Country, I have worked with the Tribal Council and staff to manage our resources using reserves to ease

the painful cuts in services. There is only one way to solve this problem and that is to increase tribal revenue through tough negotiation with PGE and the State of Oregon.

I am pleased that our negotiations with PGE have been successfully completed and this means that Tribal Council has concluded negotiations with PGE for establishing an ownership interest for the Pelton/Round Butte generating facilities. Tribal Council has entered into power sales agreements with PGE that generate revenue for us. This secures a revenue stream vital to supporting tribal government services.

The financing was completed through the sale of revenue bonds, which was completed in October of 2003. To accomplish this we had to get Congressional legislation passed that was completed in 2001. We now own 33 percent of the Pelton project.

Together, I know we can manage our resources wisely to build a balanced tribal economy and well-funded social programs to address the pressing needs we know exist.

So while challenges are all around us, I am optimistic about our future. Today as in the past, we need leaders who are honest, humble and hard working—we need leaders with experience in Tribal Council matters... leaders who can work in unity with others, but who are not afraid to vigorously promote our people's interests.

I encourage all eligible voters to take the time to review the candidates and vote keeping in mind the challenges and opportunities we face as a people. I thank you for allowing me to represent you in the 22nd Council, and I would be most humble to serve the people in the 23rd Council.

It'ukdi Wigwa Naika Ilksuxkilds (good day my relatives).

Garland Brunoe.



start moving forward again and in doing so create a positive future for the future generations. This is what our past leaders did for us and we must do the same while we are here. This means creating an environment where opportunities for employment exist and high quality of life standards are the norm. I believe it truly is as simple as leadership developing a plan and then implementing that plan so as to move our nation and people in a positive direction.

What needs to be done?

My concern now is, How will our nation continue a positive local economy? This is of great importance as this is what allows our people today and the future the ability to maintain a good quality of life. You may or may not know our tribal revenues are diminishing and this is starting to cause job loss, reduced community programs and services, small business to struggle and as a final result lost opportunities for our people. This trend must be addressed and a plan put in place to move us in a positive direction. This will take time, but if leaders will work together and analyze what assets and resources are available, a plan can be generated that the people can approve and the implementation process started. Each year we do nothing makes the situation more difficult. As always education of our youth is important and we must remain committed to their growth and development. If we do not, our younger generation will have no choice but to go other places to secure their future. This is happening in many other communities around us. I firmly believe our nation possesses many resources that will keep our future alive and well. Education, training and the desire for lifelong work must remain a reality. With these thoughts in

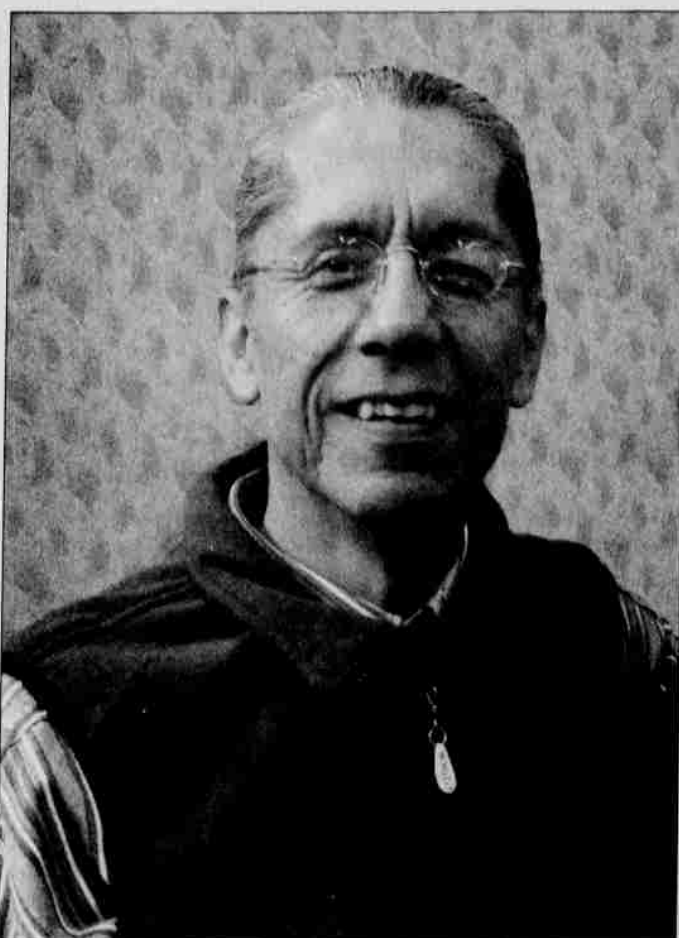
mind I believe we can work together and make good things happen.

I really believe we as a nation must concentrate on our financial situation. However, I believe that our nation has stopped being a leader among other nations and we tend to follow or remain separate. This causes negative results for our nation as others take the lead into court battles or with Congress that eventually have negative results on our treaty rights. We must be willing to participate and lead when possible in regional and national organizations and associations. As a sovereign nation we have some real strengths in our treaty that other Indian nations do not possess. Again, this is a great tribute to our past leaders.

Why support Mike Clements?

I have demonstrated the ability to work with others to produce positive results. I have the ability to take lead roles or be a team player that can work toward defined outcomes. I will devote the time necessary to get the homeland into a positive position before going off to attend to other matters. I believe we as a people know what needs to be done, which is just taking the time to work together to develop a doable plan. I would like to serve on the Tribal Council and help make a better place to live. I would appreciate your support. Talk to me and let me know your concerns. With the greatest respect and honor for my people and nation, Mike Clements.

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Garland Brunoe

Dear tribal members,

My name is Garland Brunoe; my Indian name is Sto-wy. I am Wasco of the Dog River Band. My father was Urban Brunoe and my mother Mary Brunoe. My grandfather was Jerry Brunoe who was Chairman of

the Tribal Council when the Constitution and By-Laws of our people were established. My father served on Tribal Council in 1956-59. I completed my education from Southern Oregon College with a degree in Business. I worked for Proctor

Mike Clements

My name is Mike Clements. My desire is to serve the Warm Springs people once again on Tribal Council. I am a resident of the Agency District and had the honor of serving on Tribal Council from 1980 to 1986. After my second term the opportunity to advance in management presented itself and I decided at that time that was best for my family.

Why do I want to serve again?

Where have we heard the phrase, "It's the economy stupid," or "We want jobs! Jobs! Jobs!" It is said time and time again but nobody seems to hear the message. I believe the Agency District must elect leadership that will work with Tribal Council representatives from other districts to move our nation forward in the area of economic development. I believe we can do this so our nation can

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