

Simnasho District Candidates

Emerson Squiemphen

Niix pachwai:

My name is Emerson Squiemphen. I was born at the old Warm Springs clinic, and pretty much lived my whole life here on the rez.

I would like to say I am very honored to be chosen or nominated to run for Tribal Council. I've always admired our Tribal Council members for they carry a heavy burden. They have always endured and overcome such huge obstacles for the good of our reservation and all the people.

To be on the council, I know one has to be a highly motivated person to take on such responsibility. I believe I can step up my own personal program to always be ready for the unexpected.

I know our reservation faces a lot of issues and most have a negative impact on



the reservation as a whole. We've got to sort them out and find the positive and go forward with it.

One cannot think of personal gain when doing things for the people. We take on a job; we do the best of our ability for the organization.

We really have to work towards reaching our young people. We have to get back to our old way: discipline and re-

spect. It all starts at home. Lessons on drum making, learning Washut songs, art—there are many of these that can take place. Like a fad, it fades out when not done again and again. Get more role models for the kids. Their future and the future of Warm Springs relies on your young. One has to be healthy and strong, alert and sound of mind to deal with the many issues facing our people.

So, with that, I shall say I wish all nominees the best of luck.

Respectfully, **Emerson Squiemphen.**

P.S. A notation I came across: I lived what most people call the good life. I'm happy, but deep inside I always felt that, with the short amount of time we are given to live and love in this world, we spend too much time loving things instead of people.

Aurolyn Stwyer

My name is *Na-k'ishayat*, Aurolyn Renee Stwyer. I've been taught to honor our elders, which is the reason that I have accepted the nomination by Aurelia Stacona. I have particular interest in improving communications with the tribal member stakeholders—with Tribal Council minutes, newspaper updates, two-way communications—as well as a commitment for the cause of the youth, as our population is mainly young *tiinma* people.

I am the mother of two sons, Ty Eaglespeaker, a college student, and Jonathan Watlamet, 5th grader, and one grandson, preschool scholar, Farley Eaglespeaker. As a parent volunteer and a University professor, I have done my best to pass on the advice from my late grandfather 'Lallimaash' Herbert Stwyer Sr., who advised me that the way to advance our people is through education. Although I am highly educated with a bachelor's degree in Accounting, master's degree in business administration, and master's in Human and Organizational Systems, I balance my life through traditional spirituality and practice our way of life. I am a firm believer in our *waashat*



longhouse and serve as a traditional food gatherer. I have raised five sons, honoring them with a cradleboard ceremony, Indian name ceremony, and their first kill ceremony at the Simnasho longhouse, HeHe longhouse, and Priest Rapids longhouse.

As you know, I was the first female tribal member to serve as General Manager of a tribal enterprise, Indian Head Casino. In addition to experience with executive management positions, 12 years of experience with the Tribes' Finance Department, and six years as Adjunct Professor with Heritage University, I have owned a successful family logging business, Mistletoe Corporation and Red Skye, LLC, providing consulting services and also selling the CORT Directions software, a business

that is owned by our tribes. I am one of the authors of the 'Indianpreneurship' book and have taught classes at the Warm Springs Small Business Development Center for over seven years. As a co-founder of the Potlatch Fund, an organization that gives grant money to north-west Indian country, I have experience as a fundraiser.

It is my sincere gratitude to the previous and current tribal council for the appointment to the National Indian Gaming Association board of advisors for business and Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Casino board of directors where my vision supported employment opportunities, training, internships, higher education, and business opportunities for our people.

My qualifications as an energetic, forward thinking, excellent communication skills is a good match to provide strategic leadership and accountability for our tribes. Also, I am in excellent health. If elected, I would give focus on supportive dialogue with the other representatives in the best interests of our tribes.

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Aurolyn Stwyer.

Raymond Tsumpti Sr.

First of all I want to thank Neda Wesley for the nomination and Janice Clements for the second. I respect their confidence in me and to the rest of the district.

I want to especially thank a young person who has the same thinking as her grandfather, that would be Cecelia Collins. Talking with her reminds me of the talks I had with the late Delbert Sr. (Rabbit).

The tribe is struggling right now as far as generating revenue. My concern is that some upcoming projects will test our beliefs in our values that we as people hold high, those that we associate with in hunting, fishing, gathering



roots and berries. Let's be mindful and respectful to our teachings.

Over the years I've been asked to do a lot of things for the membership. I try to follow up on those requests, however,

there are some I have said "no" to and explained why. I'll give an example.

I was asked to be disrespectful to an elder, a family elder at that. I have not spoken to the person who asked this, since myself I would never ask anyone to be disrespectful to an elder, especially a family elder.

Back to the matter at hand. Simnasho has a good list of candidates who are knowledgeable and respected. Deciding which three will be selected will be difficult. I encourage everyone eligible to vote to come out and support their choice of candidates.

I wish all the candidates well in the upcoming elections.

Raymond Tsumpti Sr.

Guy Wallulatam

I feel honored to be nominated as a Simnasho District Candidate. Thank you to Sharlayne Garcia for nominating me, and to Rosemary Scott for seconding.

I feel the basic need of our people is to feel secure in our education and employment opportunities. To feel secure in our justice system, that our laws are being enforced fairly. To feel secure in our health and insurance needs. That our leaders are advocating strongly for a fully funded Indian Health Services (IHS).

Our people want to feel secure that our children and families have a strong education and school system with the 509-j district. They need recreational opportunities also.

We also need to protect our natural resources, land, water, forestlands, and human resources as it relates to our foods, since a lot of our foods come from the land and wildlife.

Working together with the other Tribal Council representatives this can be realized.

Personal Information:

I received a Bachelor of



Arts degree in Psychology from Oregon State University in 1997.

Employment:

1990-present: I have been working at the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center as a children's and adolescent counselor, and then as an adult substance abuse counselor and substance abuse program coordinator.

I got into my sobriety and healing from alcohol and drug abuse during October 1983. This is my main motivation for my current work.

From May 1979 until 1990 I worked as a Brand Inspector in Range Conservation Programs with the Natural Resource Department. I also served on the Range Committee during those years.

During the 1980s I served on the appeals court.

I also worked for the government for a short time for two years at the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery. I trained on the Columbia River at Little White and Willard National Fish Hatcheries.

I worked at Warm Springs Forest Product Industries for two and a half years at the Veneer Plant as tallyman and jitney operator.

For most of my life I was a cattleman, learning from my grandparents, uncles and other livestockmen with the Simnasho District Livestock Association.

Since 1983, as I mentioned earlier, I got back to my grandparents, elders and the rest of my family, who were in the longhouse and started learning and practicing the Washat religion again. It helped me greatly, besides support from my family, to stay away from alcohol and drugs.

Being involved in the Washat religion gave me guidance and laws to follow, to take better care of myself, family and community.

Guy Wallulatam

Earland Suppah

It's an honor just being considered for Tribal Council.

I have lived and worked on the rez most of my life. I see and hear people speak about what this tribe needs.

I feel I can come up with some ideas or suggestions to improve our organization and the tribe.

Earland Suppah.



Write-In Candidate

Evaline Patt

My name is Evaline Patt. I grew up in the Simnasho district, on Schoolie Flat with my parents, the late Amos Simtustus Sr. and Dorothy Thompson Simtustus, with five brothers and two sisters. I presently live near Indian Head Canyon, just outside of KahNeeTa Resort, since June 1970.

Today, I am announcing my candidacy for Tribal Council as a write-in for the Simnasho District. My ancestry lies with the Simnasho District.

I worked for the tribal Accounting Department for twenty-five years. I have a clear understanding of the financial and budget guidelines and the tribal ordinances that govern the funding sources. And I've served as a member of the tribal Education committee for 12 years, learning and knowing the education ordinance, along with other important documents and federal laws that preserve and protect the Confederated Tribes formation and its operations.

Presently, I serve as the Chairperson of the Credit Enterprise board. I've been



a board director since July 1997.

We are in the process of building a new building for the Credit operations to offer more services to the Warm Springs community.

I've worked for the Museum at Warm Springs as an employee since July 2005, and prior to that for Oregon State University as a Project Coordinator and Manager for the Warm Springs Sustainability Project, with my office located at the Museum since August 1998.

Currently, I serve as the Archivist/Project Coordinator for the Museum.

With my career background and my life experiences, I feel I can offer quality, strong ethics and sound management to the governing body of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

With eight of the Tribal Council members being elected by the members of their districts, I feel it obligates them with purposes and responsibilities to meet, keeping in mind the future of the tribes and its tribal members.

Tribal Council members should be accountable for their actions and decisions that they make for the Confederated Tribes.

As the governing body of our tribal organization, there should be trustworthiness and credibility along with honesty to their constituents.

I think there should be more improved communications from Tribal Council to the tribal members, to inform the community of its activities at the local, state and national levels along with hearing reports from the tribal committees.

At this point, I couldn't make promises, but I will work to the best of my ability to bring about recovery and improvements. I will do my best, if elected to Tribal Council.

Evaline Patt

Don't Forget to Vote on April 2.

