

# Agency District Candidates

## Anita Jackson

My name is Anita Jackson; enrolled member of CTWS, of Wasco and Oklahoma Choctaw descent. I was born and raised here in Warm Springs and have lived on the reservation for most of my life.

Education - I attended Madras Elementary until WS Elementary opened, then attended WS Elementary, Madras Jr. High, 2 years at Madras Sr. High, and graduated from St. Helen's Hall (Oregon Episcopal Schools) in 1971. Attended several colleges including Stanford University. Graduated from Oregon State University in 1990 with a B.S. in Liberal Studies (Anthropology and Political Science), and from Arizona State University College of Law in 1993 with a J.D.

Currently I am not working. My work history with the Tribe includes the following jobs: Chief Judge, Juvenile Judge, Public Safety General Manager, Legal Services Director; Surveillance Supervisor for the Warm Springs Gaming Commission; and Convention Coordinator at Kah-Nee-Ta.

The next Tribal Council will face almost unprecedented challenges. Who among us are able to face these challenges and work together to find acceptable solutions?

Most of our past challenges were caused by entities outside of the Tribe. Now we are facing challenges that have, for the most part, been caused by our own decisions to ignore the warnings of our recent (but past) leaders that (1) our natural resource based revenues can no longer sustain us, (2) that we need to reduce our spending, and (3) that we need to develop new and stronger revenue sources.

We are at a crisis point with respect to finances. Our own safety-nets of the Rainy Day Fund, per capita and seniors' pension are expected to dry up in a year or so.

The following issues are what I believe our next Tribal Council will need work on to help bring us through the trying times these next few years will bring and at the same time to ensure a better future for our children, grandchildren and the next generations to come.

### A. Education

1. Education is the most crucial element to our survival and to enriching the coming generations' futures. This does not just mean book-learning; it means life-long learning that includes our languages, culture, traditions, and spirituality, as well as formal education/training for living and working in 21st century America.



2. Our people must have education to run our government for the benefit of the People and to protect our sovereignty; some must have education to successfully develop and run our tribally owned businesses; some must have the education and experience to develop successful businesses of their own; some must have the knowledge and skills to work the many and varied jobs that businesses will provide. Knowing our languages, culture, traditions and spirituality will provide the background against which our government, laws, businesses, and so on are tested so that they will always reflect our own values.

3. Tribal member hiring preference is VITAL and must be followed, and at the same time, education of our tribal members is necessary for Tribal member preference to prevail.

4. Because education is so important, all of the schools that our children attend must be superior and utilize the best possible teaching methods for our children. We can no longer afford to accept substandard education for our children at any level; we, meaning parents, grandparents, family members, tribal leaders, teachers, school counselors and administrators, must work together to make sure our kids have the best opportunities available, and we must demand the best effort from our children. No one entity can do it alone - we must all accept that it is all of our responsibility and develop ways to work together to get the best for and out of our kids.

### B. Revenue and jobs

1. How will we ensure we have enough money to provide the essential services to our People?

2. We need an effective economic development strategy and we need to implement it. We have Tribal members who are qualified to do this! Let's utilize them; they deserve at least as much chance as non-tribal members and non-Indians.

3. Tribal leadership needs to provide meaningful oversight to these tribally owned businesses. Look deep into the financial records - where and/or to whom is the money really going? Can expenses be reduced without hurting the business? Why aren't more tribal members working there? Why aren't more tribal members in supervi-

sory positions?

4. Development of businesses owned and operated by Tribal members. Money has been set aside for this now and in the past. The process to establish a business needs to be streamlined and proper assistance to the prospective business owners needs to be made available. If there are hoops that hinder rather than help the process, get rid of them. Accountability is necessary but part of investing in any business is risk taking. We cannot expect our business owners to prove that their venture will be 100% successful but they should be able to show that there is at least a reasonable expectation that their business will succeed.

### C. Governmental accountability

1. The Tribal Council has a legal and moral responsibility to report to the People on its activities and the State of the Tribe

2. SECTION 9. It shall be the duty of each member of the Tribal Council to make reports to the district from which he is elected concerning the proceedings of the Tribal Council. Article IV By-Laws CTWS

3. To be fully accountable and responsive to the Membership, the Tribal Council must meet this requirement. I pledge to fully comply with this provision of law if I am elected to the Tribal Council. We are all in this together - we the People and we the leaders - it should not be you and us, or us and them. The Council needs the People's feedback and the People need to know the actions of the Council for our government to be of and by the People.

A great deal of thought, talking, prayer, and advise has been taken into consideration in making this decision to run for a seat on the Tribal Council. This is a decision that cannot be taken lightly - our future, our children's future and the future of generations to come hangs in the balance. We as a Tribe need strong leaders with integrity, who are honest, and who are willing to work with others to guide us through all the crises we are facing. We need leaders who are willing to listen to the People and to let the People know what our leadership is doing. We need leaders who are willing to be held accountable for their actions and decisions. We need leaders who are willing to put in the time and effort to ensure that the needs of the People are met. I believe I possess these qualities and ask for your vote on April 4, 2013.

Thank you.  
Anita Jackson

## Dabid Rodriguez

Dear CTWS,

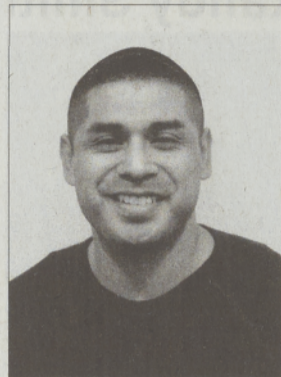
My name is Dabid Rodriguez. My mother is Leminnie Smith and my father is Gilberto (Pablo) Rodriguez. My grandparents who have passed on were Woodrow Smith Sr. and Iris Smith.

I understand the people want change (new blood) when it comes to our tribes' leadership. I couldn't agree more, and we as a community need to do more than a 100-percent effort for change. We have to do what's required. We need to hold our tribal government accountable, limit spending, be open to new ideas/vision, and most important, get our younger generation involved.

If elected, what I plan to do is make the best possible decisions I can with the help and advice of my boss, the people of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The way I see it, the people are going to help me be a better leader while keeping me humble at the same time. I consider myself very approachable and easy to talk to. I'm very open to positive conversations and solutions.

I believe communication is of utmost importance. Social media is great, but there is nothing like meeting with people face to face and witnessing how passionate, angry, or confused someone is over an issue. It puts the human element into the issue in a way social media can't compare to.

As for the economy, we have to be honest with ourselves and see it for what it is. If you have a job, be thankful; and if



you don't, be thankful for what you have. The economy will pick back up again and when it does, I hope those without employment are preparing themselves to be productive members of our tribe. I hope they are studying for their driver's license, getting personal issues in order, and taking care of an alcohol/drug or mental health issue. If anyone out there is doing any of those things, then that's terrific—we need you now more than ever to contribute to our community. I believe that a lot of our problems on the reservation can be dealt with on an individual and family level. Individuals and families happen to be the driving force of our community in my opinion.

We need to become more self sufficient, support our small businesses, and open the door for more economic development. I heard things like a motorsports track and travel center, and I think those are great ideas. Anything that brings revenue back to the tribes I'm all for. All options should be on the table for further discussions.

We as a community are at a junction at this time and need to realize the problems and issues we face can't be solved with money, only good old-fashioned ethics, resil-

ience and humble leadership.

Understand I'm not going to point fingers, place blame, attack another's character, or contribute to personal attacks. The community has nominees willing to take the challenge of the Tribal Council. I don't think anyone past or present who wanted to serve on Tribal Council did so with the intent to do a bad job or disservice to the community.

Each Council had its unique challenges that it inherited from the last Council. The Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council will be no different.

By now you're asking yourself what qualifies me for Tribal Council? I served in the U.S. Navy, worked on the Hot Shot Crew, worked as a Corrections officer, and was an Adolescent Alcohol and Drug Counselor. I'm currently employed as a security officer at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa. Add to that numerous life mistakes and regrets and you get life experience. Service to the community, and accountability with no entitlements or excuses.

I see Tribal Council as a privilege and not a pedestal, as a service not and not an entitlement, and it would be an honor to serve the people of Warm Springs!

With that said, I would like to wish the other nominees good luck, and God Bless the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Respectfully,  
Dabid Rodriguez.

## Notice of the Availability of an Environmental Assessment

The USDA, Rural Development has received an application for financial assistance from the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, Rural Development has approved an Environmental Assessment prepared by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment, and USDA is publishing this notice in accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA review.

The proposed project consists of construction of a new K-8 school in Greeley Heights near the intersection of East Tenino and Chukar roads. The project will comply with all standards and best management practices set forth in the Tribal Integrated Resource Management Plan to avoid any adverse environmental effects. A cultural resource site known to be present in the area will be protected by development and implementation of an Inadvertent

Discovery Plan and further Tribal assessment before construction begins. Archaeological monitors will be present during all earth disturbing activities. The alternatives considered to the proposed project include: remaining at the current school location with its limited space and old infrastructure, other locations in the vicinity of the proposed location that had topography limitations, and a Warm Springs Campus location that has old infrastructure and is zoned commercial.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Attn: State Environmental Coordinator, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd, Suite 801, Portland, OR 97232-1274, or locally at the Tribal Natural Resources Building, 4223 Holliday Street, Warm Springs, OR 97761. For further information contact Charlotte Rollier, State Environmental Coordinator, USDA Rural Development, 503-414-3356. Any person interested in commenting on this proposed project should submit comments to the USDA Portland address above by Friday, April 5, 2013.