

Agency District Candidates

Carlos Calica



Niix Pachway Inmi Nymumail First and foremost I thank my creator for the life I have been given as well the blessings of life I have in my children. My name is Carlos Calica and I have been nominated to run for the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council. My family I come from we have been leaders for our people both in politics and in our longhouses, with Washut, Wasliki, and Medicine Dance. I follow three of these four to the path of the Creator proudly.

A little of my family background: My mother atwai Gloria Mitchell, and father Charles Jody Calica. Maternal grandparents are atwai Arthur Tewee Mitchell, and atwai Bernice Tohet Mitchell, maternal great grandparents are atwai Louis Mitchell and atwai Meta Tewee, maternal great grandparents atwai Alex Tohet and atwai Blanche Tuckta Tohet; and my paternal grandparents are atwai Joseph Barncahia Calica and atwai Inez Sumpter Calica, paternal great grandparents atwai Fred Sumpter and atwai Mary Henning Sumpter. My ancestry goes back to Tuckta, Moody, Sidwalter bloodlines.

I have accepted the nomination to run for Tribal Council in hopes of making several changes within our reservation, and the community. One thing I can proudly say is I have been of continual service and dedication to my people before the nomination process has commenced. I donate my time to helping families in the longhouse, in the community with the elders and the children. We coordinate and volunteer for many activities in the communities and events.

Our people have been hit with some real crucial times as we were once a wealthy tribe with promising enterprises and revenues that gave us a future to look forward to. As time went by we failed to continue to pursue profitable ventures to continue bringing the needed revenues to our tribe and organization. Population has increased in the last 30 years, and we have been facing downward de-

cline in our ability to bring a secure future for the people, our children and future generations.

We have failed as community members to help others and our own families with the alcohol and drug abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse, crimes against one another. We don't have much to offer the children anymore, and that should be our focus instead of the adults running the kids out of the Community Center. That Center is for the children First! Let it be used on the weekends as an open gym for basketball, sports camps, drills, the social hall for our kids that express thru art and dance. Now it is just there from 4-6 p.m. for the kids, and they get kicked off the court due to adult basketball.

The way we were raised as older adults to the children now is so different, and we weren't given a choice to not follow our culture and traditions. We were taught to go and participate and learn the ways of other religions and now our children and families don't follow or believe in our unwritten laws (Tamanwit) that we are to live by. I want to gain the confidence of the people of the Agency District and the community, and not be nominated by family or depend on family to get a seat on Council. I am one who is not going to put false hopes and promises to the people in order to get a vote.

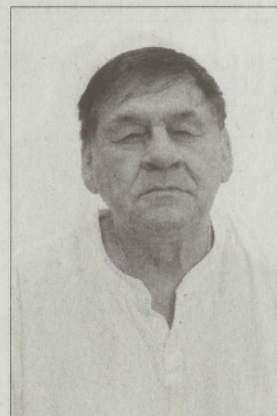
In the years so many people made promises of change and told us what we wanted to hear on paper, and I can say a few lived by their word. But one voice will not make change, and I hope the right leadership can be elected to lead our people in a good direction and secure future. Family favoritism needs to be set aside and we need to come together and vote for people who will put their people first. Family will always be family even if they are not voted

into Council, and I hate to make that sound bad or disrespect anyone with my thoughts or actions. But we are at a time when we need individuals who are willing to give their heart and dedication to their people. Look closely and deliberately at the path we are one, and then ask ourselves this crucial question: Does this path have a Heart, Body and Spirit? If it does, then it is a good path, if it doesn't, it is of no use. In our lives and in our songs it talks about the heart, body and spirit, as we all are given, and the way we live our lives is the same way of the songs we sing and live by.

How many of our incumbents in each district follow or even participate in our Culture and Traditions? One thing I always say is we are rich in Culture only if only all of our leadership and membership would come and believe in our Religion that has been given to us by the one above who has given us life. I am of service to children, elders, community on a daily basis and am proud to say I am Warm Springs, Wasco and Paiute. Leadership needs to be by example and the Tribal Council and Management need to make the needed cuts from the Top Down! As well as eliminating the tribal attorneys and hiring staff attorneys of which we have qualified members to serve in that capacity. Areas outside the reservation have opened up numerous business ventures which we could have done and brought jobs to warm Springs. Facebook opened data center #7, and Apple purchased land to operate a data center, all in Prineville. We could have done the same on lease, provided jobs and partial ownership in those companies. We could have a travel center to accommodate trucks and numerous travelers that pass thru our reservation, selling gas at a true rate instead of the gouging prices we pay. If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, then you are a leader.

T k w a p w i l u k

Wissy Smith



Greetings, Tribal Members.

My name is Wissie Robert Smith. I am honored to be nominated to run for the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council. I am enrolled Wasco/Warm Springs and my Indian name is Xuptawit. My parents were the late Alfred and Lucinda (Scott) Smith. My wife is the late Patricia Smith, who passed in 1990. My children are: Aldredine, Ava and Glendon Smith and grandchildren: Keccia and Koedy Florendo.

In 1967, I began work in the woods under the supervision of my brother, late Russell Smith, of Russell Smith Logging. Then 1969-1980, I worked for the late Zane Jackson, who served on Tribal Council and operated an independent logging business. In 1981 to present, I started my own as an independent logging contractor. Over the years my business has expanded to road ripping, snow plowing, wild land fire rehab, road building, culvert work, and brush piling. This expansion has also led to sub-contracting with the following tribal member logging companies: Brunoe Logging, Tom Cat Logging and Alfred Smith Jr. Logging. My current hir-

ing status and practice 100 percent Tribal Members. For employment status, I believe in practicing seniority. I also plan to maintain these practices.

Tribal Council's primary duty is to ensure all of the tribe's assets are protected and maintained. At the same time, Council has an obligation to ensure input from tribal membership is included in the decision-making process. My first goal will be to ensure all matters are dealt with according to the constitution and by-laws. Next, target issues that subsist within the reservation which include: travel (is travel necessary, feasible, cost-effective?), tribal spending \$25,000-plus shall be handled by popular referendum, enforcement of 8363 tribal member preference, cultural preservation, sensible, effective protection of our

natural resources, expanded housing for tribal members, animal control, job creation and the list continues.

My family has a history of leadership within the tribe. My father, Alfred Smith Sr., served as Wasco Chief, at the same time was head of hunting and fishing (see Wasco Meeting Minutes dated October 13, 1988), served as Tribal Court Judge for the Tribal Court, and served on the Ninth Tribal Council. My sister, late Rita Squiemphen, served on Tribal Council for seven terms. More recently, my brother Alfred Smith Jr. obtained the Wasco Chieftainship. Alfred also operates a successful business.

Hard work, common sense, honesty, business sense and experience and being fair are qualities I bring to the table. I encourage all tribal members 21 years and older to exercise your right to vote. Let your voice be heard. The talking is done. I'm ready to do something—take action. Are you ready for change? Vote Wissie Smith for Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council!

Thank you for your time. Respectfully,
Wissie Smith.

Jonathan Smith



Hello, my name is Jonathan W. Smith and I am a nominee for Tribal Council in the Agency District. I am the son of Janice Smith and William Leonard, although I was raised by my grandparents Milan Smith Sr. and Elizabeth David. I would like to thank Mary Tohet for her nomination and I am honored and privileged to be considered for the office.

Except for the three years working for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, I have lived my entire life here on the Warm Springs Reservation. During my time here I have worked and occupied a variety of capacities for our tribal government. I have learned a lot about our tribal department personnel and the people who manage them.

Having been hired as blue collar worker, to being an assistant manager for a \$6 million fisheries facility, I have witnessed a lot of good things and positive developments in the Tribal Natural Resources Department. From digging a ditch in the production plant to supervising the entire wet side at Warm Springs Composite Products, I have witnessed the company go from the brink of closing its doors indefinitely, to currently being a world class fire-proof material producer for some of the world's largest skyscrapers.

Working as a Forestry Technician who was trained in engineering, pre-sales, sales, to being hired in the

woods as a knot bumper, equipment operator, sawyer in my younger years as a logger. Then being hired to clean the boiler, operate heavy equipment, clean and operate stationary machinery at Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, to then starting major changes in business operations, enterprise direction and management many years later as a board of directors member. From working as a Ford Family Foundation Leadership Program student to being Chairman of the On-Reservation Fish and Wildlife Committee, I have seen the good and bad of our political system and also the threats to our Treaty sovereignty, and culture.

I will not list all the things I have completed in my short life that I believe may help our tribe to continue to be prosperous, self-sustaining, self-efficient, sovereign, and economically viable force in the coming century, but I do want to please ask for your consideration and support to represent you as an Agency District Tribal Council Member.

The stakes couldn't be any higher right now. We have a

terrible economic condition that could possibly result in the tribe taking a slow downward plunge towards a negative economic and social disposition, if we continue on our current path. Some people think things are okay and the system is fine the way it is—I am not one of these people!

If we work together, we can solve a lot of these issues. We need people who can lead by example, focus direction, develop plans, navigate the political environment, and to build a political coalition to make sure the plans are completed for the benefit of the people as a whole. We need someone who has demonstrated they can do all this and can also communicate with our local community to be engaged along every phase of the planning process.

Now is the time we start thinking of the future, our children, and their children. It's time we start thinking about how we should be taking care of one another and stewards of the land we utilize for future generations. It's time to enhance and protect our reserved aboriginal rights as a tribe.

I believe we can do it. We are the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and we can do anything we set our minds to. Please vote for **Jonathan W. Smith** in the Agency District and we can get busy.

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