

# Agency District candidates

## Dan Martinez

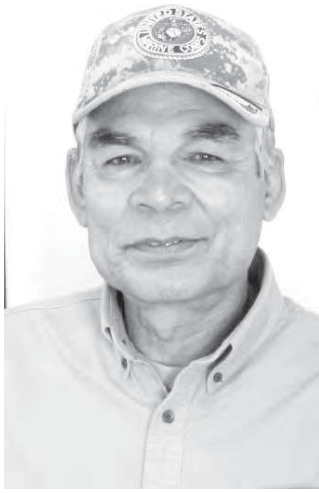
The community of Warm Springs has been my home for 45 years. I have worked 41 years for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, all my adult life except for the years when I served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

I have leadership experience, personal and professional. I was the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Fire Chief for 19 years. This involved emergency management, government-to-government relationships, budgeting, and administrative responsibilities.

Changes I would like to see in Warm Springs over the next 10 years:

Economic development with current and future ventures that result in livable wage jobs for tribal members, restoration of benefits to tribal members, including the elders' Pension, and per capita. We need more retail options, so more money is spent in the local community.

We need a healthy community, with nurturing, drug-free families who can easily access the resources they need to



achieve and support recovery and healthy lifestyles. This includes continued emphasis and support to embrace our traditional ways—fishing, hunting, food gathering, and protecting our natural resources and sovereignty.

We need additional affordable housing, infrastructure development—water and sewer—and new tribal buildings—a courthouse, administration, community center and public safety facilities.

Alcohol, drugs and addiction have negatively affected our community. I am not aware of any family that has not been harmed by addiction. Addiction breaks down families, and keeps people in poverty, including children.

Addiction is one of the

biggest contributors to our struggles, past and present. I believe that our people deserve the best possible treatment resources and recovery supports.

People who are seeking recovery from addiction also need clean/sober housing and employment.

I believe that holding people who commit crimes accountable is important; however, I would like to see the local criminal justice system focus on rehabilitation, and affording people with addiction issues the opportunity to engage in recovery and gain back their dignity.

Regarding employment: Our people need jobs, and jobs that pay a livable wage. When people can support their families and not simply “scrape by,” kids are healthier, the community is healthier, there is less crime, and the local economy improves.

I support tribal member preference in hiring, tribal member successor and apprenticeship programs.

**Dan Martinez**

## Anita Jackson

Greetings fellow tribal members,

My name is Anita Jackson, and I am a candidate for an Agency District Tribal Council position.

Over the past 20 years we as a tribe have experienced a sharp decline in many areas, despite efforts to prevent it. This current Tribal Council worked very hard to halt the decline and to establish a solid base from which we can start to recover. I applaud them for their efforts, and believe that we as a tribe are now in a good position to continue to improve our economy, increase employment with livable wages, and rebuild the tribe to its former greatness.

Our future is in our hands. We need to elect members to Tribal Council who we can rely on to protect our sovereign rights, to work together in the best interests of the membership and our future generations.

I believe we are all equal, and I will do all I can to ensure that every family, every man, woman and child have equal access and opportunity to benefit from our tribal and individual rights and assets. I believe the membership should have meaningful opportunities to participate in our government, and be heard and included in major tribal decisions.

I believe leaders listen first, think and process



information, and then make decisions based on the best information they have. Our leaders must base their actions on what is beneficial to the tribe, rather than a small group or their family and friends.

I believe our leaders have a duty to keep the membership informed, to let the membership know the basis for each decision, to be able to admit mistakes and correct them, and to respond to the membership's questions and concerns. I believe each Council person represents the entire tribe, as well as his or her district.

I believe our leaders should be guided by our traditions, our culture, our unwritten laws that were given to us by the Creator. Education is a lifelong process that in this day and age includes the teachings of our elders, life experiences, and “formal” school-based education. Our elders always stressed the importance of comparing new ideas against our traditions and culture. We live in the twenty-first center but our old ways still provide the guidance we need to ensure a great future.

There are many issues that our leaders must act on immediately. An example is the physical infrastructure of our reservation—it is not adequate to meet our needs, and we must find ways to make the necessary improvements. The federal government has a trust responsibility to uphold our 1855 Treaty rights, and we must hold all the federal agencies accountable, including Interior, Justice, Education and Health, as well as Congress, to ensure there is adequate funding and resources available to fulfill that responsibility. We must utilize the federal court system to uphold our legal rights under our Treaty and under federal law.

We as a tribe need to come together. We cannot afford to leave one person behind! We are resilient but only by working together will we once again reach our full potential as a great and generous tribe, and proudly guide our nation into the future.

I will not make promises to get votes. We have a tough road ahead and hard and difficult decisions will have to be made. I am not afraid to make them. I can promise that I will make the best decisions I can for all our people and our future generations.

I humbly ask for your vote in the upcoming Tribal Council election.

**Anita Jackson**

## Demus Martinez

My experience includes work with the Tribal Court, as an advocate with legal aid, and as a private practice.

A requirement was passing the local bar exam. I gained knowledge of the tribal written and unwritten laws, the Treaty and Constitution and By-Laws, and federal Indian law.

I've worked with Victims of Crime Services, and the Native Aspirations Prevention Coalition, focusing on alcohol and drug, suicide and tobacco prevention.

I believe in volunteer work. For instance recently, I volunteered with the cannabis referendum.

Over the next 10 years on the reservation, I believe the number one priority is employment. I think a realistic goal



would be slashing unemployment by 50 percent.

I would also like to see justice reform, including a new justice facility. To exercise sovereignty you have to have sound justice system, including Corrections.

A third thing would be more small business ownership, helping the community and creating employment. We have many people on

the reservation with great talents who could develop small businesses.

Working with the Prevention Coalition, I know the impact that alcohol and drugs have on the reservation. I've witnessed this personally, and in my family.

Through the Tribal Court, I know that a large percentage of the criminal cases involve alcohol and drug abuse. I believe in prevention starting at a young age.

Working on Tribal Council requires that a person set aside personal interests, and work for a common goal. My work with the court gives me this experience, as negotiations is a requirement in the justice system.

**Demus Martinez**

## Leona Ike Smith

Wife of Kanim Smith Sr., mom to Jonathan R. Smith, Mario L. Smith, and Julius B. Smith Sr.

Grandmother to Tyrell Smith, Joseph Smith Jr., Keshawn Clements-Smith, Kanim Smith III, Julius Smith Jr., Latasha and Ashley Sampson, Tashena Smith and Kisha (Smith).

Stepmom to Aaron, Kanim Jr., Joseph and Angela Smith-Sampson (autwai 2007). Adopted mom to Emily Blackdog



Ponyah, Sioux and Jermaine Williams, Mojave (autwai 2011).

Eldest daughter to Chief of Middle Columbia Fred Ike Sr. (autwai 2003) and medicine society Daisy Ike (autwai 2013). Sister to Fred Jr., Ivan (autwai 1957), Lucas, Tyrone, Tom (autwai 2005), James, Freddie, Nelson, Deana (autwai 1958), Lovie and Lena.

Step-daughter to Wilbur Slockish, Fud Suppah, Loretta Yallup (autwai) and Yvonne Colfax.

## Cameron Smith Lucero

Dear tribal member, Hello, my name is Cameron J. Smith-Lucero. I am one of many proud members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (enrollment no. 4156). My tribal heritage is Wasco and Warm Springs. I'm writing to ask you to vote for me as an Agency District member of Tribal Council.

I am the oldest of four, and the only male. My three younger sisters are Leanne Smith Lucero, Illante Smith and Tai'Anne Smith.

The two last names I have are because I represent both my mother



and father's families. My mother's name is Rachelle Smith, and my father's name is Leander Lucero.

“Why not?” is the biggest question I've asked myself every time I look in the mirror. And my answer is, “I be-

lieve I can help make a change.” I may have only gotten my GED, but I'm also a very honest and humble person who practices what I preach.

Yes, I do have a past, one that I've learned from. Negative choices and mistakes were replaced with positivity and humility here in the present day. And the positive changes I've made I believe can be applied to help make changes in our tribes for the better—and make for a brighter future for our future generations. Lead by example.

**Cameron J. Smith-Lucero.**

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