

Seekseequa District

Lee Harvey Tom

Dear Members of the Seekseequa District:

My name is Lee Harley tom. I have been nominated to run as a Tribal Council representative of our district.

I am the son of the late Christine Wewa Tom and Elmer Tom Sr. I was born and raised in Warm Springs, and have lived here my whole life on the Metolius Bench in the Seekseequa District. I built my home there and raised me kids Justin, Li-ana and Kristen there.

I have a long line of history and teaching from my family members serving on prior Warm Springs Tribal Councils. My grandfather, Sam Wewa, served on the very first Tribal Council. My mother Christine Wewa, uncles Melvin Wewa and Wilson Wewa Sr., and my cousin Wilson Wewa Jr., also served as representatives of our district.

I attended the Warm Springs boarding school, Madras junior and senior high schools, and Chilocco Indian School in Oklahoma and Chemawa Indian School. I have an Associate's Degree in Building Technology from Portland Community College.



I furthered my education in the construction field and obtained my Building Inspector Certificate and Home Appraisal Certificate from Chemeketa Community College, and have attended many other classes and training in Small Business Management, Accounting and Leadership.

I started work at a young age in the potato and berry fields, and with the Boys Youth Camp, where were worked for only \$1 an hour. I worked as a laborer behind a shovel; I was a logger (choker setter and timber faller); worked for Warm Springs Forest Products Industries; and I've been a rancher all my life, taking care of my livestock.

The last 25 years I have worked off and on the reservation for the Carpenters

Union Local No. 306, Washington State Union, Southwest Union in Las Vegas. I have been trainer for apprentices; I have been a building inspector, Senior Housing Coordinator, and served on the Land Use Planning and Range and Ag committees for six years. I have been newly selected to serve on the Tribal TERO Commission.

I feel I could use my vast experiences and knowledge in many ways to help the Tribe move in a positive direction. There are many issues right now that need a strong voice for the people to protect our history and the sovereign right of the people, and especially for our youth.

I would be extremely honored if you would vote for me to be one of the Seekseequa representative on the Warm Springs Tribal Council, not only to represent the Seekseequa District but all members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in a respectful and professional manner.

Thank you,
Lee H. Tom

Agency District

Gabriel Walker

Dear Tribal members of Warm Springs,

I'm Gabriel Walker from the Agency District running for the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council. My lineage is from the Wheeler-Greene-Stacona family from my mother's side, Michelle Holliday.

I'm blessed and honored to be nominated for such an important role in our Tribe's democracy. I would like to thank the members from my district for the nomination.

I believe this election is critical to our well-being, livelihood, and the economy in future business ventures. I stand strongly for new direction with a business sense platform to help reach obtainable goals for our tribal economy, and all memberships' livelihood.

We're facing real issues within our tribes, and they need to be addressed. Some examples are:

High percentage of poverty and unemployment;

No new avenues for jobs;

Minimum wage gaps, equal pay for woman, minimal focus on the small business sectors within our economy;

And the overall confidence in our Tribal Council decisions and leadership.

A lot of these concerns are voiced by our



enterprises and creating the small business sector. This translates to jobs, steady growth in wages, and an increase in our minimum wage to a livable standard for our membership.

We can no longer live in poverty. As a future leader in Tribal Council, I will work with others and make those decisions, helping our membership become self-sustaining and out of the status quo "living in poverty" in Indian Country.

I believe in creating a true tribal member job development program—with tribal member preference, and embracing our future leaders to gain experience in all departments and enterprises.

I will stand with our people, and we all need stand together.

I encourage electing and voting that best represents you. Your voice is important and respected.

I'm interested to hear from each of you no matter what tribe you reside in, and I hope the other candidates will do this as well.

I appreciate your support and vote. Together we will fight further more into the future. God bless our tribe and membership.
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Kind Regards,
Gabriel Walker
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tribal membership and are consistent topic within the community. I know and believe it's time to voice our concerns. I will stand with integrity, humble-ness and compassion as a future leader for our nation.

My platform for this Tribal Council term is primarily focused on the culture of our livelihood and economics for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Honor and live by our Treaty, exercise our sovereignty as a nation, and unite the tribes of Warm Springs to stand together, as our ancestors stood traditionally in the past.

I'm strongly advocating doing what is right for our people, our reservation and future generation to come. I stand with every other tribal member to see the future in business development—new

Simnasho District

Evaline Patt

Greetings everyone.

My name is Evaline Patt from the Simnasho District. I grew up in the Northend of the reservation on Schoolie Flats.

My parents are Atwais Amos Simtustus, Sr. and Dorothy Thompson Simtustus. I was second oldest of eight siblings, five brothers and two sisters.

I have had two children, William "Hobo" Patt, who has four children, and Jordan J. Patt, who is now an angel in heaven.

I have served on Tribal Council during this latest term, the Twenty-Sixth Council, and would like to serve again.

I have worked for the tribes in a career as an Accountant, then in the field of Archives, preserving photos, tapes and paper documents regarding the three tribes.

After building two careers, I gained experience and knowledge of the various aspects of the tribal organization. This has been valuable, and I feel most helpful in working as a Tribal Council member.

I have worked for the tribal organization for almost 40 years in various areas, such as Accounting, Kah-Nee-Ta Accounting, and at the Museum at Warm Springs.

I have served on the Education Committee



for 12 years, and the Land Use Planning Committee for three years. I served as a board member for the Credit Enterprise since 1997, and the Warm Springs Housing Authority since 2013.

I knew that Tribal Council as the governing body of the tribal organization, the topics and issues would be wide and the responsibilities would be huge. Going into the Twenty-Sixth Council term there were many challenges with the most critical being the dwindling of revenues.

As I've learned, building revenues is not an overnight deal, and the Twenty-Sixth Council has initiated two programs to generate revenue for the tribes. And change is necessary as time progresses, as long as we continue the path set out for us by the former Council members' vision for self-sufficiency of the Confederated

tribes of Warm Springs.

Continuing with the distinct identities of the three tribes in their traditions, culture and languages, I think will carry us to the future in that way.

I would appreciate your vote for me to serve again on Tribal Council. I am an elder with many years experience working for the tribes, ready to take the responsibilities and face the challenges, keeping in mind our present and future generations. I have good work ethics, and am conscientious of time. I am grateful for my parents teachings, learning honesty, trustworthiness and knowing right from wrong. My parents taught me to have a belief in the Creator.

I will devote my time serving as a Tribal Council member. I appreciate hearing from the people in the community and tribal departments. I think that it is for the people that this tribal organization has formed.

We are rich in the history of where we come from. Our ancestors went through hard times for us, for what we are today. Assist me in working for the survival of our people in the future.

Thank You,
Evaline Patt

Seekseequa District

Vesta Johnson

Nixmgski, I tookti kadux, and how oo oo, my Native name is Chuckwush—my English name is Vesta Johnson. My parents are Delford Johnson and Ginger Smith. One thing each parent taught me was to be proud of who I am—I am very proud of my Paiute and Wasco blood. I am so excited for the potential opportunity to be your voice for the Seekseequa District.

One past Tribal Council person really impressed me with her service to our district—that was atwai Carol Wewa. She shared information with us in the district, and I think that was excellent of her to do, as it kept the door swinging both ways—Information from Council to the people, and the people's voice going back to the chambers. That is the best example I can share of what effective communication looks like.

I have valuable work in finance, counseling, health, real estate, domestic vio-



lence, and successful private business owner sectors. I understand teamwork as I have military service in the U.S. Army, and am a veteran.

Tools I have in my tool box to help do a spectacular job include: an Associates, Bachelors and Masters degrees. I am also currently a law school student. When time permits I will complete my last year as a PhD in Clinical Psychology, and another PhD in Education Psychology. Equally or more important is my education from my elders. One of my favorite teachings is from an elder who taught me that "Everyone has value." I take this teaching to heart.

If elected when I go into the chambers: I will go there carrying your wishes—your dreams, your voice—not mine. I feel there is so much work to be done here in our community that I don't want to travel, unless it is an imperative to create jobs, create business opportunities, or substantially help our people in some way—I want to be in chambers getting it done!

I feel in a public office, the people are the most important, and my goal would be to have at a minimum a district town hall for updates. Together we could make our district, our community and our tribe a viable and successful tribe, as it once was in the past.

It is time for a change. Your voice, not mine, must be heard. I am a goal-oriented person, and when I set my mind to help others—it happens!

Sincerely,
Vesta Johnson.

Agency District candidates:

Wissy Smith.
Terry Squiemphen.
Mike Clements.

Seekseequa District:

Wendell Jim.
Reuben Henry.

Simnasho District:

Raymond 'Captain' Moody
Emerson Squiemphen.
Ron Suppah.