

# Tribal Council election 2019 - Candidates

## Leona Ike - Agency District

Our tribe will need us, the people, to stand together. Negativity and voting, or lack thereof, has played a role in the current state of our Tribe. We need to have hope and brush aside the negativity of individuals or groups so our Tribe will be able to move forward.

Voting is an important voice, our young people hold the voting majority: We need you to advance our community. I often think of our past elders who are long gone, each and every one of us carry their spirit in our spirit and we need to recognize that strength. Your vote is part of that strength. Participate in voting and help lead us to better tomorrows. Our past elders always lead with hope, always hope. Hope gives vision, vision gives us goals, goals then can be reached.

Addiction: We need to find why, with such a big alcohol and drug program, Why our people still struggle. Families and homes are impacted, including my own. Outreach is essential to a suc-



cessful program. Transportation is important for clients, and that needs to be an added focus to our treatment programs. Our courts need improved vision to improve success of those who struggle with addiction.

There also must be fairness in compensating our working tribal membership. Many are the working poor, payday to payday. We need to insure wage fairness for our people. Lack of fairness can contribute to hopelessness, negativity and frustration. We need to be able not to have to choose between food and the light bill. Our children, grandchildren and elders suffer and it tears at the heart of the working poor.

In our history we had

continued executive leadership when our tribe thrived. It wasn't until leadership politicized these appointments that our Tribe begin to flounder. Lewis Pitt, Charles Jackson, Vern Jackson and Ken Smith were long term public servants, and the result of that: Our Tribe was the strongest Tribe in Indian Country.

Since Ken Smith we have had more than a dozen executive leaders and three years is not enough time to grasp a vision to improve quality of government that enhances tribal livelihood. Instead, the imbalance has caused imbalance in our community—poverty, addiction, water issues, housing issues, incarceration, lack of quality infrastructure, etc.

Your vote and continued participation can alleviate and assist in turning these issues around.

May our Creator always guide each and every one all of us.

**Leona Ike**

## Anita Jackson - Agency District

I am a Tribal Council candidate for the Agency District and ask for your vote on April 4, 2019. I grew up on our reservation and worked for the Tribes at Kah-Nee-Ta, Legal Aide, Tribal Court, Public Safety, and the Warm Springs Gaming Commission.

For many years now, we as a nation and individually, have experienced declines in every area of life and our government has not been able to either slow down or stop the decline. We cannot survive, let alone thrive, under the current conditions. We must come together as one Nation, with common goals and plans, commit to put differences aside, and to work together to save ourselves and our Home for our future generations. We are descendants of strong

People and our Ancestors faced even greater challenges in their day. Our Ancestors worked together for our benefit and the benefit of future generations. We can save ourselves, we can save our future, and we can once again thrive as a Nation but it will take dedication and new leadership.

If I am elected to serve as your representative on Tribal Council, I pledge the following:

To support tribal culture and traditions, our Native languages, and our unwritten laws, and rely on them as the foundation of our government.

To protect the sovereignty of our People and ensure our Treaty reserved rights are protected.

To do all in my power to ensure our Tribe does not allow favoritism, nepotism, protectionism, or black-balling, but rather serves all of

us equally and fairly.

Tribal-wide issues such as employment, housing, health services, education and substance-abuse prevention will be my priority; to strengthen the Tribal Member Preference Employment Policy and Tribal TERO Policy so it applies to all Tribal Departments and Enterprises.

I love my People and Reservation. We are a Great Nation with so many blessings from the Creator. We are here today because of the hard work, vision and sacrifices of our Ancestors, and we owe the same to our present and future generations. Let's love each other, find the best in each other, and be nice to each other as has been our teachings since time immemorial.

**Anita Jackson**

## Randy Smith - Agency District

Good day my people, I would like to share some personal history as a candidate to represent the Agency/Warm Springs members, both those living today and those generations that will inevitably follow.

I am 69 years in age, I have resided in Warm Springs my entire life and am especially proud of the fact that my generation was the benefactors of brilliant Tribal leadership. Although the Chiefs and elected Representatives back in the day were not formally educated, they had a clear picture of our Treaty and traditions, and the intuitiveness to comprehend the importance of formal education and the important role it would play in improving the lives of the membership, as well as protecting our Sovereignty, Treaty Rights, and the future of the following generations.

Tribal leadership of that era I believe based all of the business decisions upon the "oral traditions of our Treaty." They shared a mutual commitment to the entire membership regardless of district, and had the inherent ability to uti-



lize the "common sense" that our elders emphasized. As a child, I recall these leaders carrying briefcases, which I believed to be very odd at the time, the late 1950s, but today I realize that they were educating themselves to preserve our Treaty Rights.

Another strong attribute was not only did these leaders emphasize higher education to their children and the membership, but when these individuals returned home they listened to recommendations. They accepted and acted upon these recommendations, if there was no apparent threat to the oral teachings and the Treaty, as passed down by the elders.

This is my rose model that I would bring to the table if elected as your/our representative. One individual alone cannot restore the hopes and dreams of

the young adults, children and future generations. Unity within Council chambers is paramount: Without it the future of our children will be dismal and void of anything positive.

I was provided numerous opportunities growing up. I experienced the pride of being enrolled with the Warm Springs Reservation, which was nationally and internationally renowned as the most "progressive Tribe in the nation." It is this exact model that other successful tribes of today followed to improve the lives of their membership, a combining of both oral teachings and contemporary business decisions that not only provided the membership today, but also for future generations.

Our elders may not have been very educated, but they held our oral and Traditional Teachings in the highest regards. They had a common sense to not only grasp but comprehend the realities of the day in accordance to the teachings that were passed down.

Thank you,  
**Randy Smith**

## Marcia Soliz - Agency District Write-In Candidate

I am seeking one of the Tribe's most important and biggest jobs on the reservation, Tribal Council representative. Each representative should reflect on needs and consider the totality of the membership.

Using strategic thinking and following the Constitution and other key documents when items are discussed and decisions made is necessary. Being that, a representative is the most challenging undertaking.

We need people with experience, developed knowledge, maturity, people who have empathy, that have a demonstrated actions of helping our people and Tribe.

We need people on Council that are credible, trustworthy, and can speak with knowledge and confidence about



many things, because they need to be an advocate and ambassador for the Tribe and its people at the community level, state, regional and national levels. We need to reduce and alleviate crisis response.

I believe the composition of a leader is situation awareness, experience and memory, leadership values and character.

Leadership has different levels: Follower, leader of people, leader of leaders, and leader of organizations.

At minimum there are five responsibilities: briefing, debriefing, communicating hazards and good news to others, acknowledge and understand messages from others, and to ask if you don't know. Principles of leadership are duty, respect and integrity. What are you for in an effective leader? Our People Are The Most Important 'Resource' because without them we won't have much. There's room for everyone to contribute to and gain success.

I have the ability, experience and strength to be an effective leader for you. This is an opportunity to put worthy leadership in place. Please Vote, and I humbly ask you to Write Me In on the ballot as one of your Agency votes. Thank you,

**Marcia Soliz**

## Taw 'TJ' Foltz - Simnasho District

Taw 'TJ' Foltz received his AAOT in Education from Central Oregon Community College, and is currently working as a Prevention Coordinator in Warm Springs.

He is a strong advocate for a drug and alcohol free community.

He has coached different sports for several years in the local community, and has been a part of various community coalitions. These include

the Native Aspirations Coalition, and Let's Talk Diversity.

His professional interests focus on the well being of the community, and helping train prevention personnel.

His current projects include creating training material for new and current prevention coordinators.

In addition, he is attending OSU-Cascades, majoring in Human Development and Family Science with an emphasis on Hu-

man Services.

He was recently honored by being named to the Dean's List while attending Central Oregon Community College. He has had the honor of making this list twice while attending this institution.

When he is not attending school or focusing on work, Taw enjoys watching his children play sports or participating in sports himself.

## Cassie Katchia - Agency District

Hello Tribal Members, I'm Catherine 'Cassie' Katchia.

My mother passed away over 22 years ago. But she worked hard until her passing. She was the traditional cultural specialist, and lifetime Agency Longhouse member.

My father was Cy Katchia. He worked in different areas, ending his employment in BIA Roads. He had several appointments to the

Land Use and Water boards. He passed in 2007.

I graduated from Madras High School in 1975. I attended Central Oregon Community College, earning over 110 credits.

I began work for Accounting as an accounts payable aid, moved to full-time staff Accountant, and worked Accounts Receivable, Payroll, Cash Management.

I administered federal contracts and grants, state grants, local agreements. I

was elevated to Accounting Supervisor, then to Special Projects with IHS/Confederated Tribes Joint Venture.

I was appointed by Tribal Council to represent the Tribe, to work with other Northwest tribes on a methodology for Area Shares.

I was requested to be technical support for the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee (DSTAC).

**Cassie Katchia**