

Candidates tackle tough issues at historic Native forum

On a day of promises and acknowledgements of past wrongs, presidential candidates speaking at a historic political forum at Sioux City, Iowa offered differing solutions to the many problems facing Indian Country.

Some of the boldest promises came from New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, one of 10 total Democratic candidates who participated in the first ever Frank LaMere Native American Presidential Forum, held in August in Sioux City at the Orpheum Theatre.

"There are some of these moments in our history that are particularly painful because there's not even a hint of justice, and the case of Leonard Peltier is one of them," de Blasio said via Skype to the nearly 200 people gathered for Tuesday's forum. "And I will do anything I can to support you in seeking that clemency."

De Blasio was responding to a passionate plea for justice from Julian Bear Runner, president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, who decried his own arrest at Standing Rock for criminal trespass while taking part in demonstrations there and asked de Blasio for help in freeing Peltier.

The mayor's promise to free Peltier, who is serving two life terms in prison in connection with a fatal American Indian Movement clash with federal authorities on the Pine Ridge Reservation, home to Bear Runner's tribal community, in 1975, was one of many



Victoria Kitcheyan, a council member for the Winnebago Tribe and chairperson of the National Indian Health Board, asks Democratic presidential candidate John Delaney about Indian health care at the Frank LaMere Native American Presidential Forum in Sioux City, Iowa, on August, 2019.

calls for justice for the wrongs committed against Native people by presidential candidates.

Two Native advocacy organizations, Four Directions and the Native Organizers Alliance, hosted the forum, which was the first of the 2020 presidential cycle to focus on Indian issues and the first of its kind in more than a decade.

The forum was named for the late Winnebago activist Frank LaMere, who died in June after a brief bout with cancer. LaMere was a nationally recognized Democratic Party and Native civil rights activist.

The forum featured 10 Democratic candidates for president: de Blasio of New York City; Elizabeth Warren, the U.S. Senator from Massachusetts; Amy Klobuchar, the U.S. Senator from Minnesota; Bernie Sanders, the U.S. Senator from Vermont;

best-selling author Marianne Williamson; Steve Bullock, the governor of Montana; Julián Castro, a former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; John Delaney, a former U.S. Congressman from Maryland; Kamala Harris, the U.S. Senator from California; and Joe Sestak, a former U.S. Congressman from Pennsylvania

Independent candidate Mark Charles, a citizen of the Navajo Nation, also attended the forum.

On Tuesday, Sanders promised to support rescinding the 20 Medals of Honor awarded to soldiers who killed women and children at the Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890.

"Medals of Honor are given rarely, and they're given to people who've done very, very important things," he said. "Massa-

cring women and children is not an act of great bravery. It is an act of depravity."

Nearly every candidate who spoke supported rescinding the Medals of Honor granted as a result of Wounded Knee.

Only one candidate, former Maryland Congressman John Delaney, said he would need to research each medal awarded at Wounded Knee to decide whether to rescind all or just some of the medals.

Initially describing the massacre as a "battle," Delaney said he didn't support a blanket apology for Wounded Knee and needed to study the event more to decide whether to rescind any of the medals.

But Delaney also expressed support for combating the disproportionate rate of indigenous women who disappear or are mur-

dered each year.

"There's a long shadow that continues across time based on certain actions," he said. "It's incredibly important to have some sort of reconciliation ... to start getting out of the shadow."

Asked whether he would support fully funding Indian health needs, Delaney said his plan to establish a universal health care system for all Americans would benefit Indian Country as well. But Victoria Kitcheyan, Winnebago tribal council member and chairwoman of the National Indian Health Board, said universal health care would not fix the broken Indian Health Service. In response, Delaney promised to fully fund Indian health needs if elected.

Sanders said, if elected, he would reform Native health care.

"We will reform fundamentally the Indian Health Service so that it will take care of your needs and the needs of all Native American people," he said.

He said fully funding the agency wouldn't cost the country even as much as "one new weapon system for the Pentagon."

He said, as president, he would prevent corporations from damaging lands that belong to Native people and would give tribes a seat at the head of the table, especially on issues of environmental policy.

"The Native American people did not kill thousands and thousands of buffalo because they understood that the buffalo gave them life," he said.

40 under 40

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development in August honored its 2019 Native American 40 under 40 award recipients.

Each year, the National Center recognizes 40 emerging Native American and Alaska Native leaders who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and dedication and made significant contributions in business, their professions, or in their communities.

Alyssa Macy, Chief Operations Officer of the Confederated Tribes, received the award in 2014.

This 2019 class—the eleventh—featured leaders from a wide variety of fields, including tribal and state government, gaming, tribal economic development, business and consulting, academia, health care, the law, theater, marketing, and hospitality. Winners hail from 18 states and Washington, DC.

Over 30 unique tribes and Native affiliations are represented among the winners.

"The 2019 class of our Native American 40 under 40 Award winners is a truly impressive group of amazing young leaders," said Chris James, President and CEO of the National Center.

The list of 2019 recipients can be seen at nativenewsonline.net

In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Please note: All hearings are conducted at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ANNIE FUIAVA, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV122-02. TO: ANNIE FUIAVA, BRUCE HOWTOPAT:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **14th day of OCTOBER, 2019 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs SONYA STORMBRINGER, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV118-07. TO: SONYA STORMBRINGER, KEVIN & PAM HUG & JV PROSECUTION:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **16th day of OCTOBER, 2019 @ 11:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ESSIE LAWSON, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV28-13. TO: ESSIE

LAWSON, REGGIE MEDINA, HEATHER WILLIAMS - STEWART, WILLIAM STEWART & JV PROSECUTION:

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CTWS, Petitioner, vs CHELSEA YAHTIN, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV128-07; JV68-13B; JV82-19; JV83-19. TO: CHELSEA YAHTIN, VERN HEATH, RANDY BOISE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a TRANSFER of JURISDICTIONAL/ DISPOSITIONAL has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **30th day of SEPTEMBER, 2019 @ 1:30 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ANDREW SMITH, Respondent; Case No. JV72,73-17. TO: ANDREW SMITH:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIAN-

SHIP HEARING has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **17th day of OCTOBER, 2019 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ELLEN JACKSON, Respondent; Case No. JV3-19. TO: ELLEN JACKSON:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **7th day of OCTOBER, 2019 @ 11:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ORLANDO TEWEE, Respondent; Case No. RO46-18. TO: ORLANDO TEWEE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a RESTRAINING ORDER MODIFICATION has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **17th day of SEPTEMBER, 2019 @ 10:00 AM**

PROBATE

In the matter of the

estate of Francis A. Suppah, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2017-PR36. Notice is hereby given that Francis A. Suppah, who at the time of his death last known residence was 1706 Foster St., Warm Springs, OR, died on the 4th day of October, 2017 and the court has appointed Valerie Squiemphen as public administrator.

In the matter of the estate of Craig E. Tailfeathers Sr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2019-PR10. Notice is hereby given that Craig E. Tailfeathers Sr., who at the time of his death last known residence was 7540 Highway 3, Warm Springs, OR, died on the 25th day of February, 2019 and the court has appointed Valerie Squiemphen as public administrator.

In the matter of the estate of Foster J. Kalama Sr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2019-PR20. To J'Dean Kalama, Foster Kalama Jr., Marissa Kalama, John Kalama, Titus Kalama, Simeon Kalama, Graceann Kalama: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for September 19, 2019 at 11 a.m.

In the matter of the estate of Jeanette V. Meanus, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2019-PR36. To Winona George, Gilbert Yazzie, Lucinda Jim, Preston Meanus, Albert Charlie Jr., Jennifer Biss, Trevern Yazzie: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **September 30, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.**

In the matter of Melva A. Charley, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2019-PR33. To Martin Brown, Margarette Tapia, Israel Tapia, and Israel Tapia Sr.: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **September 30, 2019 at 11 a.m.**

In the matter of the estate of Patrick Mitchell, W.S., U/A, de-

ceased. Estate no. 2013-PR21. To Carmen Mitchell: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **October 2, 2019 at 11 a.m.**

In the matter of the estate of Jacob J. Berry, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2017-PR25. To Billy Berry-Speakthunder and Wanda Berry: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **October 9, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.**

Administrative Assistant Needed.

We are currently seeking part-time Office Assistant.

Must be dependable, self-motivated and detail oriented. computer skills helpful, \$500 weekly, to join our team.

Please Kindly email rosc65@gmail.com

CRITFC is hiring

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is recruiting for the following position: Cataloging and Metadata Specialist, full-time, regular. Location: Portland.

The Cataloging and Metadata Specialist will assist in the operations of the CRITFC Library, a specialized resource that provides access to data and literature on Columbia River Basin fish and wildlife research. Starting salary range of \$43,289.00 Closing Date: September 15, 2019. Employment application and full job announcement located at:

critfc.org/blog/jobs/cataloging-and-metadata-specialist/