

Agency District Candidates

Alvis Smith III

Good afternoon, My name is Alvis Smith III, enrollment number 2,073. I have been nominated for an Agency District Tribal Council seat.

I gratefully accepted and believe my experience and background represent and fulfill today's demands for representation as a servant within our Council chambers.

Major needs of our tribe fall into the areas of housing, public buildings, and infrastructure.

I have been a Journeyman Carpenter since September 9, 1993. My experience as a Journeyman has ranged from working on and off the reservation. I helped establish the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) in Arizona on the Tohono O'odham Reservation, 1997. I worked with commercial concrete for Salmen Concrete, 1999; and several years with Kirby Naegelhout Construction, building the old Elementary School gym after the tragic fire, other projects off the reservation, and many local residential projects for housing units.

And most importantly of all this is a field I was born into, and grew up working into, as my dad was also a journeyman and taught me the field starting at a very young age while learning a strong work ethic. I feel in a



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Council position, this is going to be needed.

I have worked for the Public Utilities Department for the past 11 years, and feel my contribution has brought many positive changes. I've observed further change needed which has been limited due to financial needs which are a major issue for all areas within our tribal budget.

One major big problem I feel is that a high percentage of these finances are invested in outside sources to complete limited work due to profit being a major factor. When working with outside sources with no ties to our membership, profit becomes their major factor. I have observed that our leadership has invested their confidence with outsiders instead of listening to our own capable members in my misrepresented field. We already know our needs and what it takes to meet these needs. Why pay for what we already know?

Leadership is a privilege

and honor in Native country. I understand the frustrations our Native nation is experiencing, and communication is the key. Report to the people we serve and do not manage. Work together. Yes, debate is a major part of measuring our options but once we decide and vote as a tribe, we work together, not to tear each other apart just because of the outcome. Disagreement is not hate; it just shows we all have input as long as our common goal is to benefit the membership and not individual agendas. I would rather have my people upset with me for stating the truth rather than mad at me for lying to them stating what they want to hear.

My work history has proven always to serve the tribes at different levels, and my play time also is proven as a full-time coach to our youth for over 20 years.

Other jobs I have held include Army soldier, school district coach, police officer, and scope/grant writer.

I have served our youth as a Policy Council member, parent and coach.

Thank you for nominating me and encouraging all our voters to come out, make a difference and help start to rebuild our beautiful tribe.

Alvis W. Smith III, Agency District nominee.

Cyrille Mitchell

Hello, My fellow Agency District People.

My name is Put-a-si, my English name is Cyrille Mitchell. I am the daughter of Robinson 'Gorkey' and Lori Mitchell. My maternal grandparents are the late Edward and Elizabeth 'Betty' Case; and my paternal grandparents are the late Arthur 'Art' and Bernice Mitchell.

I was raised here on the Warm Springs Reservation and continue to live my life with the beautiful people of our tribe.

I am an alumna of Madras High School, Haskell Indian Nations University, where I played three years of college volleyball; and the University of Wyoming with a BA in Psychology.

I am currently employed with Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Children Protec-



Cyrille Mitchell with the Rootdigger statue.

tive Service as the CPS supervisor, since August 2019.

I was publicly announced a Food Gather for the Agency Longhouse in June of 2007 and was gifted my Putlapa. I also was Miss Warm Springs 2008, which was an honor!

I am running for one of the three seats on the Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council for the Agency District.

I am person who listens with a open door policy.

I am not going to promise anything, as I cannot predict the future, as the term is for three years, but I would like to move forward with answers about our water situation that we battle each year.

I am for moving forward with the Cannabis Project, and I am for getting answers about our child care and the impact it plays in our working community.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to me either on social media or in person. Just know at this time I do work Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and while I am at work I will not be on social media.

Thank you,
Cyrille Mitchell.
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\$1 million to rehab rentals

The Warm Springs Housing Authority has secured a \$1.03 million federal grant from the American Rescue Plan to rehabilitate 11 rental units of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

The \$1.03 million from the Indian Community Development Block Grant program, part of the 2021 American Rescue Plan, is to help the tribes prevent, prepare for and respond to the pandemic.

"Safe and affordable housing is of critical importance on the Warm Springs

Reservation," said Raymond Tsumpti, Tribal Council chairman.

"This grant will improve our ability to continue responding to disproportionately high Covid numbers amongst tribal members," Chairman Tsumpti said.

Oregon's U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley were sponsors of the program.

"Tribal communities in Oregon and nationwide have been hammered by this

public health crisis that's magnified already serious housing challenges for their members," Sen. Wyden said.

"This pandemic has made access to safe and accessible homes all the more important for any community," Sen. Merkley said.

"Tribal communities in Oregon and across the country have been among the communities most impacted by the pandemic, only exacerbating ongoing housing challenges."

Coming up on Tribal Council agenda in April

The following are some of the items coming up on the Tribal Council Agenda for April (subject to change at Council discretion):

Monday, April 4

9 a.m.: Bureau of Indian Affairs update with superintendent Brenda Bremner.

9:30: Office of Special Trustee update with Kevin Moore.

10: Realty items with Greta WhiteElk.

10:30: Legislative update conference calls.

11: Indian Health Service update with clinic CEO Hyllis Dauphinais.

11:30: Covid update with the Response Team.

1:30 p.m.: Tribal attorneys update.

3:30: Water treatment plant update with Barry, Chico and Ellen.

Weekly check-in with Blue Stone Strategy, via Zoom.

Tuesday, April 5 - Enterprise updates

9 a.m.: Power & Water Enterprise update with Jim Manion.

9:30: Timber LLC. update with Michele Stacona.

10: Indian Head Casino update with Jeff Carstensen.

10:30: Warm Springs Ventures update with Jim Souers.

11: High Lookee Lodge update with acting director Lonnie Parsons.

1:30 p.m.: Composite update with Jacob Coochise.

2: Housing update with Danielle Wood.

2:30: Telecom update with Tim York.

3: Credit enterprise update with Lori Fuentes.

3:30: Museum at Warm Springs update with Liz Woody.

4: WSCDO update with Valerie Switzler and Deanie Smith.

Wednesday, April 6 - Committee updates

9 a.m.: Water Board update.

10: Culture and Heritage Committee update.

10:30: Education Committee update.

11: Fish and Wildlife - On Reservation Committee update.

11:30: Fish and Wildlife - Off Reservation Committee update.

1:30 p.m.: Health and Welfare Committee update.

2: Land Use Committee update.

2:30: Range and Ag Committee update.

3: Timber Committee update.

3:30: Early Childhood Education update with Valerie Switzler and Deanie Smith.

Monday, April 11

9 a.m.: Water treatment plant update with Barry, Chico and Ellen.

11: Covid-19 update with the Response Team.

1:30 p.m.: Akana update.

2:30: Tribal member concerns.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12-13: Open agenda.

Monday, April 18

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with Glendon Smith.

9:30: May agenda, review minutes.

10: Draft resolutions.

11: Covid update with the Team.

1:30 p.m.: Legislative update calls.

2:30: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Stats.

3: Water treatment plant update with Barry, Chico and

Ellen.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 19 and 20: Open agendas.

Monday, April 25

9 a.m.: Water treatment plant update.

11: Covid-19 update with the Team.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26-27: Open agendas.

Draft resolutions and ordinances, including attachments or exhibits, are due by the first Friday of each month by 5 p.m. Email gsmith@wstribe.org

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