

Wasco Chieftainship nominees

~ John Smieuk Katchia Sr. ~

My Name is John Smieuk Katchia Sr., a full blood Warm Springs-Wasco-Paiute enrolled member of the confederated tribes of warm Springs.

I have lived and worked on our reservation all my life. I am married and have three sons and two daughters.

My father is Cyrus Katchia, and my paternal grandparents are Bill Katchia and Eliza Manse Katchia. My paternal great grandparents are Wasco Chief Daniel Katchia and Catherine Tool-pah Katchia.

My mother is Prosanna Tohet Williams, and maternal grandparents are Alex tohet and Blanche Tuckta Tohet. My maternal great-grandparents are jimmy Tohet and Eliza Tohet (Eliza's father was sheY'Kie, Treaty signer. Other family member signers include Tips, Kaeth, Ownups, Mission John Smieuk, and Kushkella.

I've been raised with traditional and cultural teachings from my parents and grandparents, and practice our hunting and fishing treaty rights as often as I can.

A part of the teaching I've learned is that I have a place in our tribe and on this reservation, in which I have been and will continue to be servant of my people as employee, coach, member of parent clubs and as a husband, father, grandfather, brother, son and grandson. As a child, my grandfather, late Alex Tohet, always empha-



sized to never ask of things from your tribe, but to provide for your tribe what you can. This has always been my way of life. I made the decision to seek election as your Wasco Chief for many reasons, some of which I am listing:

Housing: We need to provide better living conditions for tribal members, at an affordable cost. We need to encourage home ownership by seeking financial assistance to meet the housing needs for our people. There will always be a need to provide rental units, but they should be well maintained so that they're safe and sanitary for families to raise their children in.

Employment: It seems that we've always had a high unemployment rate. But we can address some of it by setting up funds tribal members to work so they can pay for their housings and other living expenses.

We should set up funding in the annual tribal budget of \$100,00 here and there to provide employment for tribal members, while completing project work that's been setting on the back burners due to lack of funds. This could provide temporary or short-term employment for 100 people or so, depending on the projects and need, as the funding available. Our cannabis initiative hopefully will be able to fund this venture.

Education and rehabilitation: Along with addressing employment needs, we need to provide avenues for our tribal members to acquire educational and training needs. It could be as a means of rehabilitation for those that are in need of it, and advancement for those to acquire improved knowledge and skills. Our education and training funds should not be restricted to just GED, higher education or job training, but to allow expanded use. TERO is an avenue to maximise working opportunity for our people.

Law Enforcement: We've experienced a dramatic increase in the criminal rate on our reservation, and too many times there's nothing done to bring justice to our people who have had crimes done against them. We need to provide a safer community to raise our children and grandchildren, while working toward a better place for our future generations.

I believe in maintaining honesty, integrity and ethics in all phases of life and especially in the business of our tribe and reservation, and will uphold these beliefs all my life. As your Wasco Chief and as fellow tribal member, I will promise to always keep our people's interests in the forefront. It would be an honor and privilege to serve the Wasco people. I am prepared for whatever is necessary to fulfill the position of the Wasco Chief.

John Katchia Sr.

~ Danny Martinez ~

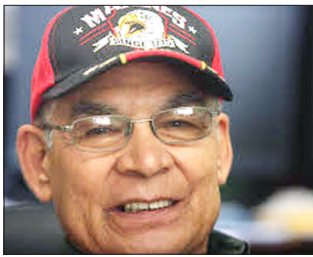
My name is Danny Martinez. My mother was Henrietta Kalama Johnson. Her mother was rose Kuckup, and her father was Henry Kalama. Rose Kuckup's parents were Annie Skitus and Perry Kuckup. Henry Kalama's parents were Lillie Pitt and Peter Kalama.

I am a traditional fisherman and have a scaffold located under the Bridge of the Gods. I am also a hunter and a traditional dancer. I served in the Marines during the Vietnam era.

My family shares the Wasco heritage. I have been taught to honor our elders and veterans with the dignity they deserve, preserving our culture and proud history for the future generations. I am running for Wasco Chief.

If elected as your tribal chief, I am dedicated to serving the Warm Springs Tribes with unwavering commitment, transparency and honesty. For over 50 years, I have been a productive citizen and leader in the community, serving in various leadership roles and professionally at director-level positions in safety and emergency services.

I am committed to exercising the sovereignty of the tribe and providing essential services for its citizens, including building infrastructure, maintaining services, and promoting social, economic and cultural development. My extensive experience with government contracts, large budgets, and employee development



makes me uniquely qualified to lead the tribe towards a brighter future.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, we have made significant strides in recent years, building sustainable programs for families, elders and children, and nurturing our youth while enriching the tribe's wealth. I have advocated for education, business, safety and protection for our tribe.

As your tribal chief, I am committed to keeping your families safe through my known safety programs, protecting their well-being, and keeping them together. I recognize that health is still a concern for many, and I am committed to supporting our elderly with assistance for their care while building up services within the tribe and with our partners.

Alcohol and drugs have adversely affected our community. I believe we need to wage a war on drugs through a multi-tiered approach that includes increased community treatment and rehabilitative services, and increased accountability for those who contribute to the problem.

I also believe in the importance of building up our youth and fostering their sense of community. I support the concept of the Warm Springs Youth Council, to teach our youth about tribal sovereignty and our proud Native American history. Our youth are our future leaders. They should have a voice, and our full support.

Economic development is a top priority for me. I will advocate for the Economic Development Committee to be placed under the umbrella of the enterprise to provide strength for our tribe, jobs for its citizens, and potential growth beyond gaming solutions.

I will prioritize and advocate cultural knowledge from our elders. I always have and will advocate for elder assistance programs, tribal job opportunities, citizen business start-ups, and citizen low-income housing assistance. We will make a concerted effort to provide our youth with additional secondary education assistance and college or vocational grants.

I will provide a transparent and open government that benefits all Warm Springs citizens professionally, fairly and honestly. I will bring dignity, integrity, work ethic and an open mind to the role.

As your Tribal Chief, I am committed to serving my people with the utmost dedication and respect. I value the cultural heritage, language, and the pursuit of expanding our tribal traditions and history so that we may maintain our identity in the modern world. Together, we can build a brighter future for the Warm Springs Tribe.

Danny Martinez.

Youth Canoe Journey 2024

Hosted by the Puyallup Tribe

Dates: July 31st – August 5th
Age: 13 - 18

While we will NOT be participating in the Power Paddle to Puyallup Youth Canoe Journey. We will attend the Landing Ceremony along with participating in the various activities that will be present during the event.

The Culture and Heritage Department will provide transportation, meals, and Tents, it is a chaperoned event for the participants.



Want to learn more about the event, location, or volunteering opportunities? Visit the Puyallup Tribe Culture Departments Facebook page: [@PuyallupCanoeFamily](#)

If interested, Please contact for necessary paperwork to secure spot
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~ The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs ~



ROOTS AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP



This opportunity represents a partnership between the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Jefferson County School District 509J and Central Oregon Community College.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Provides an opportunity to earn both high school and college credit while gaining hands-on skills
- Courses offered at no cost to students
- Courses taught by COCC instructor at the War Pony Training Center in Warm Springs
- Transportation to and from the facility is provided by the 509J school district
- Open to both Madras High School (MHS) and Bridges High School (BHS) students

2024-2025 SCHEDULE

Semester 1:
Monday – Friday, 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Semester 2:
Monday – Friday, 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

**Some online coursework during the week will be required*

GET INVOLVED

Interested students should connect with their high school counselor.

