

# ~ The Tribal Council candidates ~

## Caroline M. Cruz ~ Agency District

Hello everyone! I want to thank Jackie Minson for nominating me, and Rosemary 'Mushy' Alarcon for seconding. My Ancestry – I am the...



Johnson Still, Ernestine Archer, and Perthina Martinez.

### Education

- Bachelors of Science from Eastern Oregon State College, majoring in Community Planning and Sociology.
- Certificate of Public Management from Willamette University.
- Certified Prevention Specialist.

### My commitment to my tribe runs deep

• I have dedicated my entire career for the benefit of our tribe:

• I love our community, and if selected I will use my experience to bring direction and leadership to further the current and future needs of the community including: Bringing jobs, advocating for livable wages, and affordable housing.

• I like to think outside of the box, We can find a way to do what is needed together. As a Tribal Council member, I will continue to use my voice at the state and national level to set aside dollars for tribal causes making tribes a priority for funding.

• In my 16 plus years as General Manager of Health and Human Services, through my relentless pur-

suit of funding and grants, I have secured millions of dollars for our tribe. This allowed our Health and Human Services workforce to grow from 60 to over 200.

• The impact of my team's efforts resulted in numerous benefits for the community, including housing and roof repairs, assistance with past rents and mortgages, a homeless shelter, remodeling of the old school cafeteria, campus pavilion and new bleachers at the community wellness center.

### I take immense pride in my commitment to our community.

### Career and experience

My varied careers shaped who I am. In my beginnings as a fieldworker. I wanted to better the life and future for myself and our tribe. Then at 19, I became a widow and a single mom.

I have worked with youth, have been a telephone operator, a deputy Sheriff, and in prevention and mental health. I proudly contributed as a primary author of 'Tribal Based Practices,' resulting in millions of dollars directed at all nine of our federal recognized Oregon tribes.

Thank you, **Caroline Cruz.**

## Dennis J. White III ~ Agency District

My name is Dennis J. White III. My wife is Arlissa White, and we have 11 children and six grandchildren.

My parents are Charlene Stacona White and Dennis J. White Jr. My paternal grandparents are the late Bertha and Dennis J. White Sr.

My maternal grandparents are the late Marcelene and Curtis Stacona; and maternal great grandparents are the late Matilda 'Tilly' Parker Stacona and Charlie Stacona.

I am seeking your support as I run for Tribal Council.

I am deeply committed to honoring our Tribal Sovereignty and upholding the values in our Tribal Constitution. As your representative, I will



work tirelessly to ensure that our voice remains strong and respected within our community and beyond.

I have over 28 years of work experience on the reservation, 23 of that within Public Safety, one year at tribal administration and four years at Warm Springs Construction.

I have proudly served in various roles, including Police Officer, Fish and Game

Officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Chief of Police, Construction laborer, Probate, Property Management, IMPACTS, director of Police Services and Public Safety general manager.

I have worked closely within the community building relationships, resolving issues, ensuring public safety and providing support to those in need.

First and foremost, I want the membership to get out and vote, it's important for our voices to be heard. We need to exercise our rights by selecting our tribal representation.

*Every vote counts, I hope I have your support as an Agency District representative.*

**Dennis J. White III.**

### My family

I am married to Papo (Heriberto) Cruz. We have two daughters, Annette Archer Chastain and Venesa Cruz Kremer, and we have four grandchildren, Alexandria and Colten Chastain, and Leila and Amaya Kremer.

I come from a family of 14 children. Franco, Henry, Danny, Dennis, Carl and Paul Martinez are my brothers. Rosemary (Mushy) Alarcon, Rosella Hanrahan and Francine Stevenson are my sisters.

It is with heavy heart that I acknowledge the loss of four sisters: Vicky Still Hellon, Margaret

## Jonathan W. Smith Sr. ~ Agency District

Jonathan W. Smith Sr. is currently the Chairman of the Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

He is the son of Janice M. Smith and William Leonard. He was raised by his grandfather, Milan Smith and Elizabeth David. Councilman Smith is half Warm Springs Tribe and half Wasco Tribe.

He graduated from Madras High School in 1990 and has worked in several capacities within the tribal organization.

Before joining Tribal Council, he has served his community in several capacities of leadership with local boards and committees. They include the Warm Springs Forest Industries Board of Directors, the Warm Springs Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance Commission, Warm Springs Community Action Team Board of Directors, the Warm Springs Fish and



Wildlife Committee (starting in 2004); the Land Use Planning Committee from 2013-2021. Councilman Smith has also served on the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

Jonathan has also served his community by being a ceremonial hunter and ceremonial fisherman who provides these resources for ceremonies conducted by the tribe.

Before his first term on Council, in 2022 Jonathan campaigned on protecting tribal treaty rights, sovereignty and and culture, developing a balanced economic development strat-

egy, addressing tribal infrastructure needs, and transparent business operations.

As the Chairman of the Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, he mentions:

We are fighting to preserve our rights, culture, and sovereignty in all our historical lands.

We have developed a vision regarding sustainable balanced economic development.

We are developing a long-term strategy to address our infrastructure needs for the community.

We have worked with the tribal enterprises to develop published annual plans and have public meetings with the community.

We are honored to serve our community and plan on moving forward with positive momentum. Please feel free to stop in and visit with us. **Jonathan W. Smith Sr.**

## Tribal Council candidates ~ Agency District

Cyrille Mitchell ~

Ladonna Picard Squiemphen ~

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