

STATEMENTS

□ Les Houck

Hi, my name is Les Houck. I am the son of DeWalt and Arvella (Hudson) Houck. I was born in McMinnville on Dec. 5, 1945. I attended Agency School until 7th grade and finished elementary and high school in Brookings, Oregon. I then moved to Eugene to attend Lane Community College and



majored in accounting and computer programming.

My employment history includes:

- Program director for Indians Title III 303 comprehensive training and employment act.
 - Program director for Indian Program on alcohol and drug awareness at a detox and residential center.
 - Heavy equipment operator for Wildish Sand and Gravel in Eugene — 25 years of progressive responsibility in the construction industry.
- Other related experiences:
- Former Tribal Council member.
 - Advisor to Lane County's Equal Opportunity Commission.
 - Director of the Chicano — Native American Affairs Center.
 - Assisted Robert Bojercas on American Indian Policy Review Commission.

In seeking your support for election to Council, I would like you to know that my focus would be on health and wellness programs for the Elders, health and education for our children, housing, and accountability for Council members and Tribal staff. It is so very important for the Tribe to continue diversification, so that future generations will have something to cover existing programs. Should casino revenue ever fail to cover those needs, I would urge the voting membership to carefully consider the candidates for Tribal Council. Choose those whom you feel capable of handling all aspects of Tribal business on a fair and impartial basis. Remember, these are the people you choose to control all Tribal programs and operations. They in fact have a great influence on the future of the Tribe.

In closing I would be honored to serve every member should I be elected. I would do my best to treat every member with fairness and respect, so that the Tribe will continue to prosper for generations to come. May you walk in Indian Pride and beauty my tillcum. ■

□ Shelley Hanson

Hello fellow Tribal members. My name is Shelley Hanson. Gertrude Mercier, the little girl in the casino statue, is my great grandmother. My maternal grandparents are Frank and Marion Forster; my parents are Wayne and Sharon Hanson. I am passionate about the Tribe and its activities. Our growth has been phenomenal and something I am proud of.



As you look at Tribal Council candidates, it's important to look at the experience and ability of each candidate, as well as the beliefs and values that we contribute to the Tribal community. Here are some of the ideals that I represent, as well as my qualifications for office.

Values and ideals:

- Communication with members. I have participated in the community forums where members have an opportunity to give direct feedback to the Tribal Council on future programs and services. The *Smoke Signals* is an effective communication tool, and something we can all be proud of. As technology changes, there are new, innovative ways to communicate as a community. If elected, I would like to look at ways that we as a community can better understand and use technology to communicate and share ideas.

- Long-term financial strength for our Tribe. Our current per capita payments are successful. They contribute to Tribal households while allowing our Tribal government to build up investment funds to ensure long-term financial stability. I want to see this balance of services and savings continue.

- Making a contribution to our Tribal community. I have been involved in committees and task forces that affect: housing, health services, education as well as the pow-wow. Each of us has an opportunity to guide our Tribal future and I would like to see those opportunities remain.

- Offering programs that allow each of us as Tribal members to chart our personal course of success. Whether it is education or housing assistance, I want to ensure that we have flexible programs that meet the needs of the majority of our Tribal membership.

- Education for all ages. From pre-school through higher education, I want to see Grand Ronde Tribal members have access to any type of educational program that allows them to become the "best and the brightest" or pursue a hobby or dream that could some day become a life-sustaining career.

- Accountability in Tribal government. As employees working for a company or agency we have some accountability, and as Tribal Council members we should too. The Tribal Council Ethics Ordinance ensures that Council members do not use or abuse their position. This is an important process to ensure that each elected official does his/her job in an effective manner. If elected, I support this ordinance and the processes outlined within it.

My qualifications for office:

- Education — I have a Master's degree in business as well as two undergraduate degrees. When I talk about believing in Education, it is because I have used our systems and see the value of education.

- Experience — I have been an employee of the Tribe for over 13 years in Accounting, Small Business, and now at Spirit Mountain Development Corporation. I understand the nature of the decisions that our Tribal Council faces, and feel capable of making informed decisions.

- Leadership — My experience includes business management, business ownership, as well as public speaking and teaching. This experience has

continued

taught me the value of communication in the decision-making process. I see our Tribal members feeling left out of decisions. If elected, I will explore new ways of involving Tribal members in decisions affecting their future.

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□ Marcia Bolton

Fellow Tribal members, let me introduce myself. My name is Marcia A. Bolton. My father is William L. Rife and my grandmother was Alice Jeffers.



I would like to explain why I'm am running for Council. Two primary motives focus on issues surrounding health and education and the distribution of Tribal funds.

Concerns have been voiced on a widespread basis among Tribal members regarding the last Grand Ronde General Council meeting. Many have questioned the way the money was going to be spent. It is very difficult to justify spending limited funds on rumble strips instead of addressing the urgent medical needs (such as braces for children) of Tribal members.

There is also a large degree of mistrust towards the accountability of the present Council members. The people need to feel assured about who is making the decisions regarding where the money is assigned and verification of dollars reaching those needs.

When medical benefits are being denied Tribal members in need, I feel it is my duty to serve my fellow members and restore the trust in the Council back into the Tribal community. ■

□ Albert Jeffers

My name is Albert Jeffers. I have a strong desire to serve on the Council. I truly believe that I have the honesty and commitment to make a considerable difference. As Council member, I will strive to bring equality to our people by dividing the state into nine different and distinct precincts with nine separately elected representatives. I would also like to see more decision making powers given to the General Council members elected. I would like to see the service area expanded to all ceded areas. This would help to serve a wider majority of the populace. I also believe that as a Council member, I would be able to increase our hunting and fishing rights. If elected to the Council, I promise to do my best to protect the rights of the people and strive to make a difference as a committed, caring, involved Council member. ■



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