

2001 TRIBAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

□ BOB HALLER



Dear Tribal Members,

My name is Bob Haller and I have served on Tribal Council for a total of about six years now. When I was first elected to Tribal Council in 1994, many important decisions faced the Tribe that would affect all of us for the years to come. I was involved with laying the groundwork for such programs as Elders Pension, Tribal Disability Benefits, and Down Payment Grants for ALL Tribal members. I was also a strong advocate for medical benefits for Tribal members, no matter where they live. When I first ran for

Tribal Council, I promised that if the casino were to be successful, I would support per capita payments to Tribal members. I kept my promise and fought the political opposition against per capita distribution. Today, I feel that my decision to support and vote for these programs was in the best interest for the Tribe. I have seen what a positive impact these programs have made on Tribal families who live locally and out of state.

Overall, I can see that the Tribe is on the right track, but I believe that there is still much room for improvement. As our government grows and finds more success, we should increase the benefits to the Tribal membership. Some people avoid making promises, but I promise to continue working hard to protect the Tribes' interest and help improve the quality of life for ALL Tribal members.

I have promoted the idea of a "mentorship program" for Tribal members from the beginning; the Tribe is now seriously considering the concept. I support the implementation of any program that will provide an opportunity for Tribal members to obtain higher paying jobs.

As you know, the Tribe has been making efforts to diversify our financial holdings. We need people on Tribal Council that will ask questions and stay informed so they can provide answers to the Tribal membership. After all, it is your money that we are responsible for.

Since my first day on Tribal Council, I have maintained an open door policy to all Tribal members. I would like to thank everyone, candidates included, for participating in the election. Voting is one of the most important things that a Tribal member can do, it's a chance to voice how you really feel. Give me a call if you have any questions or suggestions after 5 p.m. at 503-879-3792.

Sincerely,
Bob Haller
Roll #226

□ VAL GROUT



Dear Tribal Members,

My name is Val Grout, and I would like to begin by saying I am honored to be a candidate for Tribal Council elections.

First a little family background, my grandparents were John Houck and Frances Porter-Houck, and Abe and Maude Hudson. My parents are Dewalt and Arvella Houck. I feel that I am very blessed to still have my mother who just celebrated her 92nd birthday.

My late husband Pete and I have five children: Sharon, Janell, Richard, Penny and Boon; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

I can't make any big promises, but what I can promise is honesty, integrity and 12 years of experience serving as Tribal Council. As a self-governing Tribe we have regained authority and control over our own affairs to carry out our Tribal government responsibilities for our people – socially, economically, politically and culturally.

I supported the recent Social and Economic Assessment that the Policy and Planning office and the consultants recently completed. This is a way for you all as the members of this Tribe to have a voice in the future of the Tribe. I also think this serves as a very valuable tool for council to use in making decisions for the future.

I also believe that we as a government can be more creative with Tribal monies in the planning programs that will serve all members regardless of where they live. As I have said in the past, Elders, education and health are very important to me, and I'm sure they are to all Tribal members.

I strongly support expediting the full funding of the Tribe's endowments to ensure that these services will be able to sustain these programs indefinitely.

I fully support economic diversity, and I personally feel that we need to build our Tribal homelands economically, as well as looking for other forms of revenue, other than casino revenue.

Some other areas that I will lobby and support are as follows:

- 1.) More programs for non-member spouses and children.
- 2.) I will strive to have more state, federal and private grants to provide services to our social programs and then use the Tribal monies to develop more programs for middle income families.
- 3.) More affordable housing (section 8, Tribal rentals, single family dwellings, etc.).
- 4.) Traditional Native medicines and cultural practices (more information in *Smoke Signals* and also workshops).
- 5.) Primary elections for Tribal Council.
- 6.) Council candidates meet minimum qualifications (background checks, drug and alcohol screen, etc.).
- 7.) Public transportation.

I care about the future of the Tribe and make decisions in the best interest of all Tribal members, with this in mind I would like you to consider me for Tribal Council.

I have set up a toll-free number that you can reach me for questions, concerns or just find out a little more about me. Feel free to call me at 1-866-251-5605.

Thank you,
Val Grout

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