

# 2001 TRIBAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## □ CANDY (GEORGE) ROBERTSON



Dear Fellow Tribal Members;

Hello everyone, I hope this letter finds you in good health and happiness.

First of all, let me say, it is good to be back in the running! I'm Candy (George) Robertson and I am asking for your vote this September for a position on the Tribal Council.

Serving as a council member is a challenging and rewarding experience, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the current and past council members for their service.

I'm happy to know that Kathryn Harrison, Tribal Council Chairperson, will continue to work with the Tribe as a consultant and advisor and I wish her the best in all future endeavors.

I am the daughter of the late Alberta (Riggs) George and granddaughter of the late Lena (Norwest) Bobb. I have four brothers: Allen, Ronnie, Tony and Monte; and one sister, Diana. I am married to Jess Robertson, Sr. and have five children and three stepsons. We have 17 grandchildren. My extraordinary aunt is Verna Larsen and I have many, many cousins I would like to say hello to.

My interest in serving on Tribal Council has always been very strong. I bring 10 solid years of Tribal government knowledge and experience to the candidacy, and hopefully I can put this to work for you as a Tribal Councilperson in the near future. During this 10 years of past service to you, I made decisions based on my values of honesty, integrity, dignity and confidentiality. Most importantly, I will make decisions based on the benefit of the Tribe as a whole, now and for future generations.

The Tribal Council is in the acute position of making tough decisions on a daily basis regarding ALL Tribal programs. In addition, there are various issues, large and small, that require action by the Tribal Council. I assure you that all decisions I make will be made according to the values I mentioned previously.

I want to take this time to touch on something that I consider a very sensitive subject. As Tribal members, we are fortunate to have extended families. As a Tribal Councilperson, I will work with fellow council members as a team to assure that we are not making decisions based on personal or family gain. I find this type of decision making to be counterproductive to our efforts as a Tribe. I believe teamwork and equality are vital to achieving goals and I am committed to this effort.

I intentionally chose not to touch on more specific issues as I will be sending a letter to you in the near future, addressing my perspective on current issues, including: enrollment, economic development, Spirit Mountain Casino, Tribal endowment funds and any other topics that you'd like to see addressed.

Thanks to all the voting members that have agreed to make their addresses available so that I'm able to correspond with you on these important matters. For those of you that are not on the address roster, or are uncertain of the roster, please feel free to call me. I can be reached during the evening at 503-843-4242. I welcome your comments and questions.

If elected, I will serve you with the same integrity that I did during my 10 years as a Tribal Councilperson. You deserve fair, responsive and honest representation, and I have demonstrated these principles to you through past service. Please vote for me so that I can once again proudly represent you on Tribal Council 2001-2004. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Candy Robertson

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## □ JACKIE PROVOST



My name is Jackie Provost and I reside at Grand Ronde. I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for council. I am very proud of our Tribe.

We have progressed from the time of our first recognition meeting for the federal recognition, which I recorded the first meeting minutes.

I am very serious about making the decision and commitment to further enhance our Tribal progress.

I am actively involved with the cultural and traditional activities with the Tribe.

I am employed with the Tribal Health & Wellness facility, Medical Clinic for six-plus years. I also worked prior with Chemawa Health Clinic, in Medical Records for 10 years.

I am clean and sober; I have been on the Tribal Pow-wow Committee, involved with the teachings of traditional and cultural ways for the young representatives running for royalty.

I believe our future is nurturing our youth to become positive Native Americans by the efforts of Tribal programs and community involvement.

I look forward to hearing your ideas and listening to the Elders who would like to see more development in our community for Tribal youth so our future continues to progress.

If you choose to elect me, I will continue to conduct myself in a professional, productive manner with compassion for the Tribal people. I will listen and continue to live a spiritual way with prayers for positive outcome for our Tribal people.

You may write me at:

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Or phone me at 503-879-5571

## □ WESLEY (BUDDY) WEST



Dear Tribal Members:

My name is Wesley (Buddy) West. I am a candidate for Tribal Council and I would like to express my views on some issues.

Our Tribe has come a long way in a short time and is steadily progressing. For example, we enjoy a rapidly increasing flow of generated revenue, a fantastic health and education program, and a closer knitting Tribal unity.

However, we still have areas that need improvement. Two of these areas are our children and Elders. For them we must be

responsible. Our Elders have worked long and hard for us. Now it is our turn to work for them. Our children, who are the future representatives of our Tribe, must be educated, guided and given those opportunities that our Elders did not have. Lets support them. Lets work for getting recreational facilities for them and let's work for more supportive programs for our Elders.

While I agree that working toward more benefits for the Tribe, as a whole is a must, let's not forget individual benefits. Let's continue to work for increasing our per capita and for more conservative measures on expenditures.

Lastly, rather than replacing the programs with different programs, let's concentrate on improving those already in place. There are other issues I would like to express my views on. However, I will write about them in my campaign letter.

Thank you,

Wesley West