

2021 Voters' Guide

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Important Dates & Times



Tuesday, March 2

Deadline for absentee ballot request: must be received in the Election Board's mail box by 9 a.m.

Saturday, April 3

Absentee Ballots: must be received in the Election Board's mail box by 8 a.m.

PRIMARY ELECTION: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Chief Leschi School, 5625 52nd St. East, Puyallup.

Friday, April 9

Courtesy mail-out of election count: Absentee ballot requests will be mailed for the General Election.

Deadline for Tribal Newspaper Voter's Pamphlet: Candidacy letters & photos must be submitted to News@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov by 5 p.m.

Friday, May 7

Deadline for absentee ballot request: must be received in the Election Board's mail box by 9 a.m.

Saturday, June 5

Absentee Ballots: must be received in the Election Board's mail box by 8 a.m.

GENERAL ELECTION: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Chief Leschi School, 5625 52nd St. East, Puyallup.

Friday, June 11

Courtesy mail-out of election count.

More Information

For Election related questions, please email ElectionBoard@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov or write to 1625 E. 72nd St. Ste 700--PMB 149, Tacoma, WA 98404.

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The Constitution and Bylaws of the Puyallup Tribe of the State of Washington

Article IV Election and Nominations for the Tribal Council, Section 1

Any qualified voter who has not been recalled from membership in the Tribal Council within five (5) years from the date of the next election may become a candidate for membership in the Tribal Council. He or she shall file a notice of candidacy with the Secretary of the Tribal Council at least forty-five (45) days before the primary election. The list of candidates shall be posted by the Secretary of the Tribal Council in at least three (3) places within the reservation for not less than ten (10) days before the primary election.

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Tribal Council *(Candidates listed in order of filing for candidacy)*

Candidates running in the primary election for 3 open positions on Puyallup Tribal Council:

- 4 **Sylvia P. Miller**
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- 6 **Anna Bean**
- 7 **James V. Miles Sr.**
- 8 **Chester Earl**
- 9 **Benedict Williams**
- 10 **Patricia Ortiz Conway**
- 12 **Benita M. Ochoa**
- 13 **Archie Cantrell**

Election updates: Six candidates will advance to the General Election on June 5. Watch for Election coverage and updates at www.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov.



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SYLVIA MILLER

Sylvia P. Miller



Greetings Tribal Members. My name is Sylvia Miller and I am running for Tribal Council.

I've said it before and will continue to say, I am so THANKFUL for the PUYALLUP TRIBE and everything it does for the membership. I am appreciative and HUMBLLED by the continuous LOVE and SUPPORT I receive after all these years. I have served on council for 18 years, but have been working for the Puyallup Tribe since 1977 (43+ years). I was born and raised on the Puyallup Reservation, and I have been blessed to raise my children on the Puyallup Reservation.

First and foremost I would like to take the time to THANK ALL OF THE GREAT LEADERS "past and present"! I have had the pleasure of working with a lot of them on and off of Council. Many I had the opportunity to work within the community from the many committees I've served on such as Board of Trustees, Youth Committee, Funeral Committee, Steer Committee (Port Development), Election Committee, School Board (CLS), Natural Resource/Fisheries, and many others.

I believe this last year has been challenging in many ways for all of us. As a Council Member during this pandemic some very difficult decisions were made on how to protect the health and well-being of our TRIBAL MEMBERS

and TRIBAL ASSETS EQUALLY. New and creative ways to provide program services to Tribal Members in a safe manner were discovered. Emergency reserve dollars were stretched to ensure benefits (Employment, Health Care, Per-Capita, Education, Housing, Emergency Assistance, and other program assistance) would continue uninterrupted throughout this pandemic. The closure of the EQC, which is our largest financial provider, was a big test on our spirits, minds, and bodies as a tribe. I am proud to say that we have some great FRONT LINE EMPLOYEES, ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES, and many others who worked and continue to work effortlessly to help keep programs and assistance available throughout these uncertain times. We utilized CARES funds to purchase a brand new apartment complex that is used for quarantine facility, distributed additional assistance for elder living, education, housing and food/necessities distribution and much more. We are still diligently working on building reserve funds, economic growth and expanding assistance for Tribal Members in these unforeseen times while protecting the health and well-being of everyone.

Unfortunately some of my previous goals have not been met due to the pandemic. Some accomplishments are:

Vaccine provided to Tribal Members, Employees, and their families.

Rapid Covid testing provided.

Opening of brand new BEAUTIFUL I-5 Casino.

Gorgeous Hotel built with the I-5 Casino.

3 Cannabis Stores opened.

Elders Assisted Living Facility.

Tax exemption on Per-Capita.

Cancer Center.

Tiny Homes for Homeless Tribal Members.

Additional Housing.

Tribally owned Medical Marijuana Lab.

Vocational Training at CLS.

Growth in Tribal Language.

Growth in participation in Tribal Culture.

Additional tutoring to assist with needs during this pandemic.

Keeping Per-Capita distribution during the pandemic.

Continued program resources and assistance throughout the pandemic.

More frequent membership meetings.

Open communication with membership.

Membership input on financial impacts.

My current goals:

More Economic Opportunities.

More Housing.

EXPANDING the reservation boundaries for trust.

More assistance with getting member's property into trust.

The Tribe being a whole seller of Fireworks and Cigarettes.

Education assistance for pandemic set backs.

Seafood distributor.

More vocational training for younger ages to start career paths sooner.

More emergency reserve dollars for unforeseen needs.

Once again I ask for your support in this coming election. I will continue to protect Per-Capita's/General Welfare for all Tribal Members. I am still a hard and dependable worker willing to do what is needed to get the job done. Please feel free to contact me on my cell 253-389-0362.

#VoteSylviaMiller



Fred Dillon



humbleness. I will always work on bringing unity to our membership. This is the kind of Leadership I will bring for our people and our tribe.

I have been apart of and worked hard on many things in our tribe. I currently work as a Policy Rep for our Natural Resources. I fight hard for the protection and preservation of fishing, hunting, shellfish and Gathering Rights for not only now but, to leave these ways of life for the next 7th generations.

I believe in our traditional ways. I know that is truly who we are and what we must keep alive. I will work hard to keep this way of life going by working with our culture department for the continued teaching of our language, gathering, songs, ceremonies and all these things that make us who we are as Indigenous people.

I have been blessed to be, and will continue to be apart of our Chief leschi School. I have that Leschi Warrior Pride.

I know education is key for our kids but, I also believe in knowledge and that hands on teaching is also important for so many of our kids and people. I will work hard on hands on training skills, job shadowing, learning trade skills. Bringing fish, deer, elk, shellfish, berries and traditional medicine to our people is good but, teaching our people how to hunt, fish and gather is GREAT!!

I am always one to admit that I don't know everything and I still have alot of learning to do but, that's just what I will keep on doing learning to better our people and our Tribe. There is so much more I have to offer and like to share with you on who I am so, please fill free to reach out to me anytime at 253-405-5154 or fred.dillon41@gmail.com.

In closing, I respectfully ask for your support and your. Vote for Frederick T. Dillon for Tribal Council 2021.

Good Day our Puyallup Tribal Membership. My name is Frederick T. Dillon and I would like to announce that I am submitting my name for a seat on our Puyallup Tribal council 2021.

I am Running for Tribal Council because I believe I have learned from our past and current leaders, as well as many other leaders from all around our Indian Country on how to be a strong but caring, firm but fair, and always be true with integrity and





Anna Bean



Vice Chairwoman Sylvia Miller, Councilman David Bean, Councilwoman Annette Bryan, Councilman James Rideout, Councilwoman Monica Miller and former Councilman Tim Reynon. Thank you all for assisting me as I've navigated through all aspects of holding my Council seat. Your individual skillsets are unique and have attributed to my success on this journey. Whether we agree or disagree, our strength is found in our love for our people.

If anything I have proven I am willing to jump in anywhere needed and that I am not above any work that is to be done. Sleeves rolled up and ready to work for our people day in and day out. I do not know everything and I don't pretend to. If I am unsure I'll always find a way to make it happen or find someone who does.

While we have made steps in the right direction to honor our past, handle the present and secure our future. We still have plenty of work ahead. I am fully committed to being a part of that work.

Throughout this pandemic I have sincerely missed you all. I have missed our gatherings, sharing meals, sharing our lives, sharing hugs and most of all sharing a good laugh. I look forward to being together again. I am thankful for all social outlets to engage and communicate.


Again, I thank you all for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving as a Puyallup Tribal Council member. As a leader I have walked with and sat amongst our people. I take great pride in knowing I've represented all families and every member. I take great pride in ensuring I have remained a humble servant to our people.

At this time I am respectfully asking to continue on this path of servitude. I am humbly asking for your support in the 2021 Puyallup Tribal Council Elections. I am requesting to be 1 of your 3 votes.


Sage and Cedar Blessings to you all.


VOTE ANNA BEAN 2021!!

Please feel free to contact me through your outlet of choice. I look forward to speaking with you all.

 ANNA BEAN (LADY FRIJOLE)

 LADYFRIJOLE

 253-389-4318 CALL/TEXT

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A few action items I am proud of are:

- Implementation of Requirements for the Minors Trust w/Membership inclusion
- Implementation of Player Tracking in the Emerald Queen Casino (increasing revenue- in turn increasing Membership services and Distributions)
- Hosting the 2018 Power Paddle to Puyallup Tribal Canoe Journey
- Navigating and sustaining our Tribal Government through a global pandemic Covid-19
- Opening the NEW I-5 Emerald Queen Casino (no tent!!)
- Established in-house Communications Department
- Update Minors Trust.. July 1, 2019 -January 31, 2021 accounts gained \$30 Million (through a global pandemic!!)
- Increasing Membership Distributions on performance based revenues w/ Membership inclusion
- Growing Culturally and Spiritually (singing, praying and as of January dancing)

Any successes I have been a part of I hadn't arrived there alone. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Puyallup Council Secretaries and ALL staff from the Puyallup Tribal Government, Emerald Queen Casino, Chief Leschi Schools, Puyallup Tribal Health Authority, Marine View Ventures, Puyallup Tribal Cannabis Enterprise, Commencement Bay Cannabis, Salish Cancer Center and Qwibil. Having a healthy connection with our entities and staff is vital to my position. It allows for sound decision making, accuracy in responses and implementation through to improvements in membership services.

haʔt sləx̌il Good Day Honorable Relatives:

My name is Anna Bean. I am a proud member of the Bean, Young, Manzanares/Tougaw/Squally and Puyallup Tribal Families. I come to you all today, Membership of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians in full gratitude for allowing me both the honor and privilege of serving our people as 1 of the 7 elected Puyallup Tribal Council members.

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the 3 year mark of this term. In this timeframe I have learned so much and been a part of so much. I have had the great honor of connecting with our membership on all levels. I am extremely thankful for the many ways to connect whether it be by phone, email, social media, messenger, membership meetings, community events and social gatherings. It has been very important to me to keep open communications with our people.

I want to send my deepest gratitude to all of my relatives and friends for being understanding and extremely supportive as I took this role. In taking the oath of office, I pledged to fully committing to serving our people. I have achieved this by being present, approachable, accessible and actively engaged.

I want to thank all our Ancestors, Elders, past Council members and all 7 Council members I've had the pleasure of serving besides. Our Ancestors and Elders faced tougher times and fought for our rights to exist as a people. I am beyond humbled with gratitude for their warrior spirits, strength, love and prayers for all we are afforded today. Past Council members left a blueprint for many of the processes, policies and structure of what we all see today. A solid foundation to learn from and build off of and grow. I want to personally thank Chairman Bill Sterud,





James V. Miles Sr.



I feel they need the help understanding their sacred responsibility to create, protect and cultivate our resources on the behalf of the entire Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

Our ancestor's gift of Survival and the Hardships they had to endure was a sacrifice of the most high. How do we honor their suffering? How do we call for action? We start by creating a clear plan by putting forth realistic goals and efforts in order to create, preserve and protect our resources both Natural and Financial.

I believe we are obligated to help our people to rid out unnecessary suffering and to empower one another by holding each other up, while strengthening how we safeguard our resources such as:

- 1. Tribal families
- 2. Natural (Fishing, Hunting and Gathering)
- 3. Financial (Revenue /Expenses)
- 4. All our present and future Tribal Lands

How our success is valued and or measured depends on one's perspective. Success should be measured through the health and prosperity of all Puyallup's.

A cautious person will ask is it safe? A politician will ask is it popular? A Tribal leader will ask, how does it affect their people? And is it right and just?

From my perspective opinion, our systems have become more about what it looks like or sounds like versus the reality of what it is. I believe that this method hurts and does not build trust nor does it build a strong tribe.

In the days of social media, it is difficult to determine character and or ones authenticity, especially in an election season, but for me, I do not want any member to feel that way. I tend to give people their space and respect they deserve.

Although, you can approach me directly any time with questions or concerns you may have via phone, email, Facebook, private messenger and or text.

For me I believe that at the center of who we are as a people is family, and that is the way it's and has always been. It is our duty as fellow tribal members to lift one another and give each other the respect that is deserve.

I also believe that each generation has an inherent obligation and debt to those that paved the way with their lives, to those that sought out a way to survive, endure and thrive.

As a Tribal Member, my heart and mind filters through a Mindset of what I was taught and what I have come to learn as well as understand. I call the "tribal mindset".

A Tribal mindset is focused on Family at its core, which is our members. All we desire now and in the future, is what's best for our Tribe, Elders, Adults, and Children.

On behalf of my family and myself, are forever grateful for everything we have accomplished over the years.

Thank you for your time and consideration, James V. Miles Sr., Candidate for Puyallup Tribal Council 2021'

Current Positions:

Community Surveyor, Housing Set Aside Department Puyallup Tribe of Indians

Vice Chairman of the Tribal Gaming Commission/Charity Board

Member of the Tribal Emergency Preparedness Team.

Tribal Experience:

Puyallup Tribal Councilmember, 2007-2010

Member of the Housing Board Puyallup Tribal Housing Authority

Vice President, Puyallup International Inc.

Deputy Executive Officer of Tribal Operations

Chairman, Tribal Finance Committee

Executive Director of Tribal Gaming Department

Chairman and Commissioner, TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSISON

Tribal Gaming Compact Negotiating Team

Director, Tribal Housing Improvement Program

Nationally ICBO Certified Building Inspector, (Residential)

Commissions, Boards and Committees:

Tribal Gaming Commission-Tribal Housing Board-Tribal Fireworks Commission-

Tribal Election Committee-Tribal Health Authority Board-Tribal Economic

Development Board-Tribal Land Use and Planning Board.

Dear Puyallup Tribal Members

I am seeking your vote in this year's election for a position on our Tribal Council.

But first, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is James Vernon Miles Sr. I am the middle child of Judith Spottedeagle Miles and William Steve Miles, Puyallup. I am also one of many grandchildren of Mary Miles Frank, Puyallup. I am married to my wonderful wife Katherine and blessed to be a father to 5 beautiful children.

I am also a former Tribal Council Member from the years 2007 to 2010 and have over 25 years of both education and real-life experience working in various positions throughout our Tribal Government.

My experience & knowledge over the years has helped me specialize in creating and developing opportunities and services that provide direct benefits to Puyallup Tribal Families promoting the areas of housing assistance, social services and economic development.

Tribal Resources both Financial and Natural need to be protected and cultivated for the betterment of Tribal members and their families, not only today but also for tomorrow.

It is essential that we examine the current state of our Tribe as a whole? And look at where are we at today? Compared to where we were? What is our plan for our future, 1, 5, 10, 20 and 50 years from now? And is our plan realistic?

I believe that the greatest detriment to our tribe's success is a dereliction of duty. A duty that has been bestowed on some of those whom are trusted to protect our most vulnerable and viable resources.





Chester Earl



and listening to our tribal youth, giving equality to all tribal members.

I believe it's time to do a master plan consisting of projected enrollment growth. We can use this data to diversify our tribal economy, keeping up with, or even surpassing enrollment growth. We must make investments in tribal enterprises an immediate economic priority.

I believe we can expand the powerful work our youth center are already doing by creating multiple service plans. We should separate our youth into three service categories: 0-11, 12-16, and 17-20. This would allow us to provide events and services adequately for each age group. We would be able to be more specific & listen directly to our youth, having them tell us what their needs are.

It's also time that we invest in our tribal membership through employment. We need to develop a strong employment policy to promote tribal members to top positions in the tribe. Within five years, every department should consist of a tribal member in a top leadership role. Additionally, we should also develop strategies for prioritizing tribal employment at every level of entry into the

workforce. The right kinds of entry-level positions can provide a nurture growth opportunities for all our tribal members.

This is where I would like to start. I believe I have the experience to make these things happen.

Tribal Committees:

- Canoe Committee Chairman
- Fireworks Committee Chairman
- Land Use Committee Chairman
- Ethics Committee Chairman
- TERO Committee Chairman
- Planning & Land Use Committee Chairman
- Hunting Committee
- Shellfish Committee

Tribal Jobs:

- EQC Table Games Trainer
- EQC Warehouse Manager
- EQC Shift Manager
- EQC Bartender
- Sr Land Specialist
- Community Event Coordinator
- Public Defender

It will be my honor to serve on your behalf. If you have any questions regarding anything else, please feel free to email me ChesterEarl73@gmail.com

Dear Tribal Family,

It is important to respect how our tribe has gotten to where it is. We must remember the people who gave their time and energy and, in some cases, their lives for the survival and sovereignty of the Puyallup Tribe.

These elders sacrificed so much for what we have today as members of the Puyallup Tribe. I have decided to run for Puyallup Tribal Council to help fight and secure a future for our next seven generations in honor of their memories. I am asking to be a voice for the future of our tribe and our membership. We can do this by diversifying our tribal economy, providing opportunities,





Benedict Williams



I have worked for the Puyallup Tribe in many capacities, but the most honorable position I had was your Shell Gas Station Manager at the Pioneer location. It was at a time when Tribal members could get ten cent a gallon discount at our stations for good quality Shell gas, and tax exempt purchases. The Pioneer station was created from our old Community Center for membership meetings.

I firmly believe in the preservation of our sovereign rights and our Natural Resources, to include gathering areas, hunting, and fishing. It is important to leave a legacy for future generations to enjoy all of the natural resources that were left from our ancestors through our treaties.

We are living in a period of history with this pandemic, however our people have persevered through many things in our past history, and we are still here, and will be for many years to come.

I am fortunate to have lived during a time when I could learn from many elders from many western Washington reservations to learn our culture and ways to preserve them.

In closing, I humbly ask for your vote in the upcoming election.

My name is Ben Williams, Indian name Putti-Wow, and I am running for the Council Position. I am a veteran, having served with the 82nd Airborne Division.





Patricia Ortiz Conway



Honor Our Connections

Improve Our Government & Include Our People

Hello, fellow tribal members, my name is Patricia Ortiz Conway. My husband is Ernesto Ortiz, and we have five children Karar, Ty, Daisha, Ché & Gwen, who have each spent most of their lives at Chief Leschi.

My mom, Debi, always taught me the importance of knowing who you are and where you come from. I have ancestors from all around the Salish Seas, including Whatcom and Skagit Counties, the Minter Creek area, and from many tribal nations, including, the Sauk Suiattle, Swinomish, Tulalip, Puyallup, Nisqually, and Skokomish. I am also a decedent of the Snoqualmie, Klickitat, and Blackfeet. It is most important to me to care for my family, and the Puyallup Tribe is my family. *I strive to respect, & honor our ancestors, elders, youth and warriors. My dad Chuck taught me to stand up & fight for my people!*

Like many of us, my path to the red road has had curves and bends along the way. I was born in Tacoma, raised in Tulalip, but came home frequently, even as a young child. When I got in trouble as a young teen, I came home and attended Chief Leschi. When I was confused, and trying to figure out where I belonged, I came home, and when my father Chuck died, I stayed home. Our clinic, job opportunities and child care availability have provided me support to find my way to the red road. Today, I am proud of being clean and sober for 14 years. *I absolutely love living a traditional coastal way of life- staying connected and taking care of our mother earth, our water, our father sky. I enjoy maintaining my relationship to Creator, and learning from one another, and our children.*

You may have met my family and I at Native American Church, ceremonies, sweat lodge, cultural & community events, or pow wows, or you may have met me when we served together on committees or entities within the tribe. I am grateful for my time on committees, which has taught me about our tribal government and has helped me build relationships with our people as we collaborate to support our community. *Our family values staying actively engaged, working hard, and*

giving back to our community - values we share with our children.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know me. I also want to share a little bit about my education, background, experience, and platform.

Education

G.E.D, Medicine Creek Tribal College. Associates Degree, TCC. Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree, Interdisciplinary Studies, UW

Professional Experience:

Housing Receptionist & Intake Specialist

Skills/Experience Collaborated with director, managers, staff & legal team to improve our policies and procedures

Values *equal access, listening to the membership, accountability, and transparency*

Chief Leschi Paraeducator, Culture, Washington State Indian Sovereignty, and Instructional Coach

Skills/Experience Collaborating with teachers, administrators and staff to implement effective, timely, solutions around curriculum design, frameworks, and instructional practices. Building programs with staff to ensure our children have access to diverse cultural experiences.

Values *planning and advocating for our next generation, honoring our past, and putting Puyallup culture first*

Community Involvement:

Commissions & Committees Housing Board, Chief Leschi School Board, Repatriation Committee, Canoe Committee, Fish Wars Committee

Skills/Experience Funding management, legal and human resource experience, collaborates with governmental bodies and community members, oversight and management experience, advocacy for our tribe and ancestors,

Values *collaborative leadership, honoring our ancestors, planning for our next generations, and celebrating our history*

Candidate Forum Coordinator/Facilitator Collaborated with members to create a forum for candidates to share their platforms and engage with the community since 2016.

Values

raising the voices of ALL members, empowering voters, equal access for ALL members, healthy conversations to promote positive change

Areas of Focus for Positive Change:

Constitutional Amendment

We need to amend our constitution. *Members* must set Council's pay. *Members* are the GENERAL COUNCIL. Meetings must be OPEN & TERM LIMITS must be set. The number of members needed for a referendum must be based on the number of ACTUAL voters.

I have heard certain council say for years, "I took an oath to uphold the constitution." If you look at the constitution, they are right. They are doing everything they have the POWER to do!

Should we be getting minutes? YES! Should we be voting more? YES Should more members have a chance to serve on the Council? YES!

This Constitution gives Council POWER to do exactly what they are doing now, & we can take back that POWER!

HOUSING

Article 9, LAND, Section 4 says "assignments made under this section shall be for the primary purposes of establishing homes for landless Indians." About \$15 millions dollars is staying in the General Fund after changes to minor per capita distribution, we could use that money for building housing.

Youth

We are experiencing a youth CRISIS. We have the ability and the DUTY to do more Our youth need a space available to them outside of school hours, and programming they are interested in. We need to listen to their voices and heal together as a community.

Leadership

Serving on council is an opportunity to SERVE our TRIBAL FAMILY. I want to earn your vote this year because I want OUR

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MEMBERS to believe that WE can and will improve OUR tribe. I hope you will allow me to sit and listen to you. I welcome opposing views, because by listening to all voices, the best ideas rise to the top. I lead based on principals rather than personalities and politics.

Good leaders must **CONNECT** with each member and earn your **VOTE, RESPECT,** and **TRUST!**

I hope you will join me in this work, so that we leave OUR CHILDREN a better path for INCLUSION than we have now! If not, please reach out so that I can learn from your point of view.

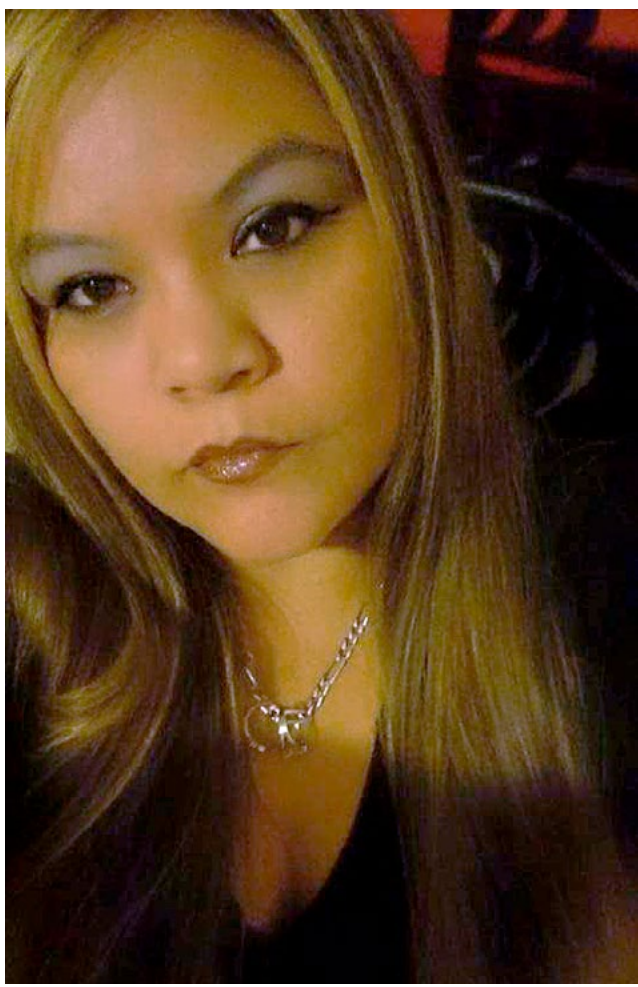
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Benita M. Ochoa



- * Education
- * Transparency
- * Health Care
- * Elders
- * Community Center
- * Treatment Center
- * Youth Programs
- * Trade Programs
- * Housing
- * Jobs

YOUR VOICE

YOUR VOTE

BALANCE = SUCCESS

I will work to make our Tribe better and more transparent. Your Voice matters, you should have a vote on Big Tribal decisions our tribe faces. I would like to hear what you'd like for our community. Our Children, Adults, and Elders need more resources and programs. Let me be that change, true transparency, and your voice at the table. I humbly ask for your vote. Please contact me via fb Benita Ochoa or by phone 253-232-9439 for any questions.

Your Voice-Your Vote-Your Choices

**Vote for Benita 2021
Puyallup Tribal Council**





Archie Cantrell



of protecting and enhancing our salmon, one of our Tribe's most valued resources. During this time, I built relationships with local Tribes as well as members of the Washington State Government.

materials for a variety of educational purposes. At Chief Leschi Schools, I consistently meet with Administrators, Staff, and Students to better understand how we can lead our youth into a positive future.

Committees, Commissions, Policy, Tribal Constitution and Bylaws:

Exercising Treaty Rights:

I have had the privilege of serving on several of our Tribal Committees such as the Youth Committee, Fireworks Commission and the Fisheries Commission. This work gave me a better understanding of our Tribal Constitution and Bylaws, and it has allowed me to focus on improving areas that need revising. This has shown me how to comprehend and develop policies that have created advancement as we have grown as a tribe.

I enjoy participating in activities alongside my fellow Tribal Members and family. This includes exercising our Treaty Rights as an active hunter, and commercial harvester of salmon, crab, shrimp and geoduck. These are rights our ancestors fought for. We need to continue that fight.

Our Future:

Some of the immediate issues I see in our community are:

- **Economic Development**
- **Natural Resources**
- **Chief Leschi Schools**
- **Supporting Tribal Business Owners**
- **Housing**

I pride myself on leading by example. I sincerely appreciate the dedication of all our past leaders. I look forward to working with the current Tribal Council members to bring new ideas, while respectfully honoring our proud heritage. I acknowledge and appreciate all Tribal Members and Employees for their hard work and commitment to our community.

I am a PROUD member of the Puyallup Tribe. Together, we can make our future as bright as it can possibly be.

With Love and Respect,
Archie Cantrell

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haʔt sləx̌il txʷəl gʷəlapu siʔiʔab. Archie Cantrell ti dsdaʔ.

Good day to you honorable people, my name is Archie Cantrell.

I am the proud son of the late Wayne Cantrell and Linda Weeks and the grandson of Prudence Matheson from the Young family. I have two beautiful daughters and have had the privilege of being a certified foster parent for the last 14 years.

I am respectfully asking for your support in this year's Tribal Council election.

Education:

Over the years, members of the Tribe have identified that they want Council Members that are qualified to serve the membership. This inspired me to go back to school. I have achieved my Bachelors of Science in Business, and currently, I am finishing up my Masters of Business Administration. I have additional certificates in Project Management, General Management and Native American Education from the University of Washington.

Natural Resources:

I've worked for the Puyallup Tribe for 17 years. I spent nearly 10 years working in Natural Resources within the Fisheries Department, where I assisted in all aspects

Tribal Youth:

In addition to serving as Chairman of the Youth Committee (2006-2015), I have also worked as a Youth Coordinator. These experiences afforded me the opportunity to work one-on-one with our youth and encourage them to grow as future leaders. I have also been involved at Chief Leschi Schools for a number of years: teaching our language, assisting in Song and Dance, leading Circle and being a positive role model for our youth.

Language, Culture and Community Involvement:

I currently serve as a Language Instructor for the Puyallup Tribe, and have achieved my level 3 certification in the Lushootseed Language. This position allows me to work closely with members of our community to grow their language use through online classes, traditional storytelling and community events, while also developing





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