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## **SPECIAL ELECTION EDI- TION**

### **GENERAL ELECTION**

### **Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe**

**TRIBAL CHAIRMAN:**

LYLE KOCHAMP  
MERVIN WRIGHT JR.  
DUANE WASSON  
LESLEY WILLIAMS  
BONNIE A. SMITH  
NORMAN HARRY  
TERRYLEE SAMPSON

**VICE CHAIRMAN:**

CLAYTON SERVICAN  
ANTHONY SAMPSON  
MARLON RAMOS  
CARLA EBEN  
GINA SANDER  
ANISSA ANAYA

**COUNCIL MEMBER: (4 TWO-YEAR SEATS  
AND 1 ONE-YEAR SEAT)**

CARMAN TOBEY SR.  
STEVEN WADSWORTH

WAYNE BURKE  
LELA CHRISTENSEN  
JANET DAVIS  
IRWIN MIX  
JUDITH DAVIS  
ALVIN R. JAMES  
JUDY HARRIS-THOMAS  
CAROL SMITH  
BURCH KOCHAMP  
ELMIRA COPELAND  
GORDON CRUTCHER JR.  
SHANNON RAMBEAU  
ELWOOD LOWERY  
JOHNNIE GARCIA  
WAKAN WACI BLINDMAN  
TERRENCE WRIGHT  
DEAN BARLESE  
SHARON KEEVER  
MITCHELL TOBEY  
WILLIAM R. CRUTCHER  
BEVERLY BRAZZANOVICH

## Candidates for Tribal Chairman

**Lyle Kochamp**  
No Statement Submitted



**Mervin Wright, Jr.**

Confident leadership advances strong conviction in values and discipline with professional standards of tribal business operations. Financial credibility is close to being restored after over five years of neglect, abuse, and corruption. Our history shows that when leadership changes; direction changes and we start over. I tend to keep the Tribe on track with strong financial and accounting standards optimizing business opportunity and continue to bring the Tribe to be a formidable operation.

The financial audit disclosures of impropriety and negligence began in 2003 and continued until April 2007. Today the Tribe is suffering consequences from past financial mismanagement. Teamwork between the Tribal Administration and Tribal Council is important. Whatever our role; working together achieves results.

Honor in tribal service has been recognized as a principle of good business. The Tribe comes first. Individualism and opinion leads to selfish intentions as evident with the Mine Central project 2006/2007; cashing out a \$100,000 Tax CD in January 2005; credit card abuses; improper account transfers; and outstanding travel. The Tribe is still implicated in the Mine Central case. Building and enforcing accountability standards will continue.

Applying a business model concept with tribal operations will benefit the Tribe. Maximizing financial return with tribal programs is the objective. The cost benefit must equal itself; or better, the benefit should exceed the cost. The deficit and financial neglect has crippled the Tribe's optimization. Renewed financial responsibility will present greater business opportunity. Promoting reasonable and sensible ventures with viable assurance for protecting tribal resources will be the underlying motive.

The Tribal Council will consider a request for the \$45 million interest for per capita distribution on December 19. No one has formally asked, and it must be done for sake of the entire membership. All federal requirements will be followed; and now U.S. Treasury securities are the best alternative to protect financial trust assets for members of the Tribe. The \$3.6 million from the Vidler Settlement is destined for the Tribe in 2009 and must be used for practical purposes of tribal responsibility.

My natural resource expertise in conservation and preservation is a valued quality. My conviction to protect sustainable resources is my intention. Fishery restoration is the primary objective. Water quality, riparian, shared uses, land use and realty management, development, and regional growth will continue with natural resource management.

Major accomplishments: executing the Tribal team lead in TROA/MOA; achieving \$7.2 million Vidler Settlement; signing the TROA, securing \$12.5 million in Desert Terminal Lake funding; implementing tribal water quality standards; completing 2 delinquent audits and 3 delinquent IDC proposals; initiating constitutional amendments; and establishing the Black Rock Solar projects.

Restructuring tribal operations is long overdue and I appreciate the support for those individuals that advocate the same. The last two years represents only the beginning of the vision I have for our future. I want to have the privilege to continue to build on the solid foundation that is well underway.

**Duane Wasson**

To: All Tribal Members

My name is Duane Wasson and I am running for Tribal Chairman. First off let me start by wishing all readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let me also take time in thanking all past and present leaders of our Tribe. Also the elders that have helped us through the struggles of life. I have a number of concerns that I would like to bring to the attention of all Tribal Members. Concerns for our Health, Welfare, Heritage and Pollution. Guardianship of our waters. I have lived here the majority of my life. Fished the waters of our lake and river. Both are slowly becoming polluted by our neighbors up stream. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe has lived here before the Non-Indians came to this region. Non-Indians saw our lake and wanted it. In order to get it they want to kill us off NEXT!!! but it didn't work. We got our brothers and sisters from across the land to help us fight back. That is just a little bit of history.

My point is that we have been fighting for our land and waters. That fight continues today with a pen. Knowing that we Indians have never managed money they dangle a couple of dollars in front of us and get us to thinking we need to sell our water and land. Im here to tell a11 Tribal Members that our water and land are not for sale!! So, please help me in stand in our fight for our way of life. Young and old take a stand. Let's make sure we always protect our Tribe. Let's find ways to become a self-supporting Tribe so we will never look at dollars dangling in front of us for our precious water and land. We need to look into things that will help our Tribe in the long run and no quick fixes.

My topics of concern are: Finance (revenue, economic development, public meetings, law, policy and procedures, investments, employment, maintance and education) health care (clinic, doctors and drug and alcohol) pollution (open mines, air pollution, contaminated underground drinking water, Mustang and Lockwood open garbage disposal).

Never forgetting our heritage and the power we hold when we stand together as Native people and as a Tribe. Fighting and jealously resolves nothing. To become strong we need to work together as a Tribe. Never forget where you come from and what you stand for. These issues need immediate attention for our survival. Not just as a Tribe but as Native people.

I feel i am qualified to do this position and have worked along side our Tribal families doing athletics and construction through my years here on the Rez. And I give my thanks to all the people I worked with through the years. I feel confident that along with the council and people of our Tribe together we will become strong. We can make a better life for our people, future generations and surrounding tribe's by helping them and them helping us.

I am sorry that not all Tribal members are able to vote yet. But those of you that can vote, I am asking each and everyone of you to please come out and vote. Every vote does count. Let's come together as a people. I feel we are in need of a new voice for our people. I am offering that voice. I will be holding public meetings so be on the lookout for more information.

Thank you, Duane "Suebee" Wasson Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Member # 244

**Lesley Williams**

My name is Lesley Williams and I am descended from the following Native women all of whom were members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe: my mother Karen Christensen, Grandmother, Dorothy (McCloud) Christensen, Great-Grandmother Herma Winnemucca and Great-Great-Grandmother Maggie Winnemucca. I am the mother of two boys Jeffery and Cassius and grandmother of two girls Shayanne and Brooklyn. I reside in Wadsworth, Nevada with my kooma Vinton Hawley. First and foremost, my commitment is to e numudooe and e kooma.

This past year and a half I have witnessed things that really troubled me about the Tribe and it's administration's statement about its' commitment and priority to our people. At this point I do not see that commitment has been kept.

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**Lesley Williams** Continued from Previous Page.

I believe we as Tribal Members deserve a level of commitment from our Tribal Council Members and the Administration that makes up our Tribe. We have the right to voice our opinions and concerns to the point that we question why decisions were made; the rightness of actions taken in the course of our day to day interactions with Tribal Programs and departments; and our treatment by those employed by the Tribe who provide services to us as members, clients and patients. We have the right to rate our Tribal Council members on decisions regarding our health and welfare, continued financial stability, law enforcement and judicial practices. It is their responsibility as elected representatives to our Tribal Membership that give us this right as detailed in our Tribal Constitution.

I would like to see the following changes and/or actions taken within our tribe:

- The hire of a competent and capable Physician and in turn a detailed audit be compiled regarding the Health Clinic and the amount of funds being reimbursed for billed services provided from the Health Insurances (both Tribal and Private); Medicaid and Medicare; and the utilization of Third Party Billing to supplement those patients for dental work, vision care, etc.
- A detailed plan of action to be taken regarding the civil right complaints and code violations brought before the Tribal Council regarding the Tribal Court and what the Tribal Council feels are adequate improvements to prevent this from continuously happening. Re-evaluation and reorganization of our Tribal Court system, Law Enforcement and Social Services Programs. Accountability for the Economic Development plan and those responsible for producing a completed plan for distribution of the interest monies. I also would like to see a plan for distribution of per capita for our Tribal members under the age of 18 years of age. Will these be held in trust and who will be responsible to ensure these funds are not lost through mismanagement.

I decided to run for Tribal Chairman to lead by action and example and I believe my goals for the Tribe are realistic and attainable as change cannot be overnight. Overall, I will be happy knowing I stood up and participated in making a difference.

**Pesa Nagweseme, Pesa Pudu Tommo!**

**Lesley D. Williams, PL #00361**

**Bonnie A. Smith**

My name is Bonnie Akaka-Smith. I am running for the Tribal Chairperson position once again. As many of you know, my first term as Chair was quite a learning experience.

As a result of what I learned coupled with the current issues facing our Tribe, here are a few things that I would like to address if elected.

**Business Plan.**

The Tribe needs to have an annual business plan. This will enable us to set our goals annually and create markers along the way. We will be able to review them every quarter at the Council level and assess how we are doing and readjust our direction if necessary. The Administration will be looking at monthly markers and following up with the Department Directors to ensure that these monthly goals are being met. Every staff member is an integral part of the wheel that turns the Tribe. This business plan will be inclusive of all areas of the Tribe.

The Tribe needs to move away from being a grant dependent entity and towards being self-supporting. As these tough economic times are showing us, the pots of money that we have historically survived off of are not always going to be available. We need to work towards creating new revenue streams.

**Healthcare Reform.**

Our ability to provide healthcare to our people is becoming more and more limited due the financial stresses across the nation. The way Indian Health Services

is set up, we should be providing levels 2, 3, 4, at the clinic. Only priority one cases are supposed to be sent outside of the clinic for medical care.

However, due to current funding issues, as well as management issues, we are unable to recruit and maintain employment of qualified medical staffing to ensure the highest care for our people on site. We need to reconsider action taken previously by former Health Directors and former Council members that took certain pots of money out of the collective I.H.S. funds and took control of them at the local level, this now precludes us from being able to utilize the I.H. S route in advertising and hiring qualified candidates for the doctors and nursing positions. If we were able to rescind the prior actions and put the money back in the I.H.S. fund, we would be better able to utilize our assets and meet our needs. Currently anyone being referred out for care may be responsible for paying any medical bills associated with that outside visit. If we were able to get ourselves better staffed, we will be able to provide the services our people are in need of at the local level and will have less referrals going out to other providers.

Ongoing review, evaluation and restructuring of the Human Services areas of the Tribe are needed. These include Police, Judicial, Social Services, Elder and Childhood Care.

We also need to look closely at the Enterprises and either support or bring them to a close.

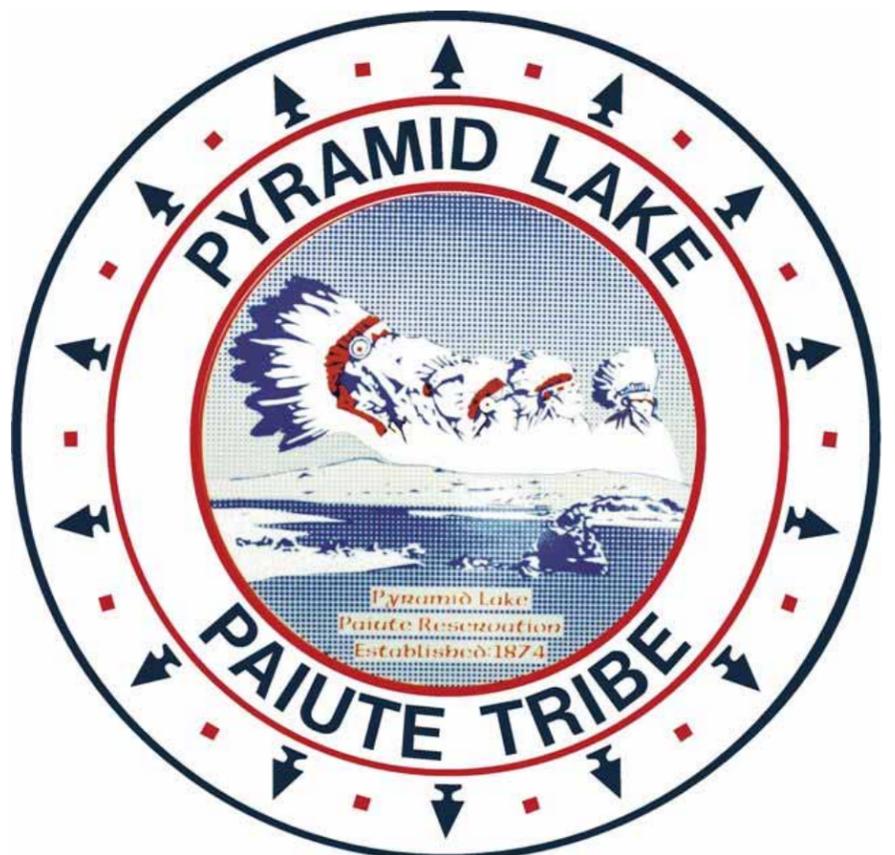
Please vote for me.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Akaka-Smith

**Norman Harry**  
(No Statement Submitted)

**Terrylee Sampson**  
(No Statement Submitted)



## Candidates for Tribal Vice Chairman

### CLAYTON SERVICAN

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#### ONE PEOPLE

Throughout the past few years it has been my honor to serve as a Councilman for our Tribe. It is my belief that our Tribe has so much potential for success to benefit each tribal member; and with the right leadership we could go forward. Being honest is the best policy. We expect and deserve that the tribe's fiscal department be in order. There should be no secrets. Everyone should have free access to tribal council minutes. No one should hinder any honest tribal member. This reservation is entrusted to us and we must protect the rights of our people, protect the land and protect our water rights. We must protect our reservation from people that take advantage of us and exploit the Tribe for their personal gain. Your input has always been important to me and your voice has always been welcome. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Council are not above the tribal members. We are all equal. You are our boss. At times it may appear that some of us have forgotten our Oath of Office, but, I know that I am here to serve you, the People. Personal gain is not on my agenda. Our Tribe has many issues that need to be resolved. Like I've always said, I'm only one Councilman. Teamwork and open communication have been our weak points. To be elected as Vice-Chairman I need your support. If elected as Vice-Chairman, we can work together for the best interest of all Tribal Members. My door will always be open to you. I make no promises, but state that we need to come together as one Tribe, one People, for the good of all members and for the survival of our Tribe.

Let's work to get the Economic Development Plan reviewed and passed. The future of the Tribe is dependant on it.

- It's easy to complain and to be negative. Let's work together, let's take our concerns to the table with documentation and work for solutions.
- Being honest with each other will be the first step on moving forward.
- Keep aware of what's going on with the Tribe, we need checks and balances.
- Let's work to make sure that our senior citizens needs are being met.
- To promote the educational success of our young people is apriority.
- Work for the truth, fairness and justice for all.

#### CHANGES

- As you go to the voting booth to decide whom will represent the Tribe, ask yourself, "Am I tired of seeing the Tribe not going forward? Am I tired of seeing the Tribe in a rut?" If you want positive changes to happen for the Tribe, I ask for your support and vote, together we can make those positive changes. I have always stood up for the Tribal Member and have always defended our reservation, that is the reason why I have had so many questions. How else will we find the truth if we don't ask questions?
- We don't live in the past anymore and cannot change yesterday. We can strive to be honest from this day forward. Change is a constant in our lives, change in and of itself isn't inherently bad, unless change deprives people of what they hold most dear: God, their lives and lives of their loved ones as well as their heritage and their homelands.
- Vote for someone who has shown themselves to be honest, vote for someone who has personal integrity, vote for someone with experience in Tribal issues, vote for someone who is open-minded, vote for someone who can ask the tough questions, vote for someone whose ethics are unquestionable and vote for someone who will always put your best interests first, never their own interests. God bless you and your family during the holidays and the coming year 2009! May God bless our Tribe. Thank you for your vote.  
Clayton Servilican

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**Anthony Sampson**

#### To the Pyramid Lake Tribal Membership;

I submitted an article in our tribal newspaper regarding my running for the Vice Chairman's position.

I would like to thank all of you who have responded to me with words of encour-

agement. Thank you and God bless you all. Many have asked me concerning my platform in why I am running.

My response to our membership is we are living in unsure times. With all that is going on around us, the talk of recession and the US government bailing out a failing economy, leaving the burden on the taxpayers! We as a tribe need to consider how serious this economy is changing, and take a serious look at the accountability of our current programs and government.

We must also become entrepreneur's of business. This is how we are going to survive this changing economy; we must create and assimilate into business co-operatives. We must evolve in order for us to survive. We can not return back to the ways of past business ventures. We need to move forward.

We must look into businesses that will give back to us now. Businesses that will provide income revenue, businesses that will help us gain financial stability. Businesses that will help us become self sufficient.

We must begin building a stable economy while protecting our resources and consider how this change is going to affect our next generations to come. With economical change comes social changes, we must also consider how this change will affect us socially.

It has been disheartening to hear non-Indian telling us to build a resort by the lake, why should we exploit our beautiful lake so others other than our membership reap the benefits of our natural resources. These issues are for our membership to decide, and not some who think they stand to gain from our economic development. We can create tourism in ways that won't disrupt the natural beauty of a God given resource.

I have said "We Must" quite a few times in this article, because it's what I believe in, and that is "We the people of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. In closing, while at the polls this December, consider this, "Have we become an economical self sufficient tribe" "Have we moved forward or have we been at a stand still" "Do we want to just rely on government grants to exist" "or" "Do we want change"

**God bless you and have a great holiday season.**

**Respectfully submitted by;  
Anthony Sampson Sr.**

**Elect; Anthony Sampson Sr. for Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal, Vice Chairman**

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**Marlon Ramos  
(No Statement Submitted)**

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**Carla Eben**

From the Office of the Vice Chair

I would like to take this time to Thank the everyone for all of the support during my year as your Tribal Vice Chairwoman. Looking back at desk calendar, I find countless meetings, training and travel, community events and presentations. This year started off a little bumpy as the Tribe had been operating without a Vice Chair for several months. The position was under consideration for not being a paid position. There was a few staff who reminded me that this was the case, through it I kept moving forward and assumed the responsibilities of the Vice Chair. Scared and excited about being elected to this wonderful opportunity to serve my tribe.

Serving my community and my tribe came easy to me because I had a number of role models within our family who were on committees, boards and Tribal Councils spanning generations. I grew up always being reminded of the struggles that our ancestors had to endure for us to be where we are today. I was raised by my Grandmother Esther who served for many years on our Tribal Election Committee. She taught me to always be open-minded, speak the truth,

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**Carla Eben** Continued From Previous Page

and act from the heart. She was very fair in her treatment of people around her. She had an enormous love for relatives and instilled in me that community should always stand together. Yes, there would always be the few negative people in our paths, but look beyond them and remember the bigger picture. I grew up here on the reservation; my fondest memories were made here.

After the death of one of my children I left the reservation, and lived in Reno and then moved to Southern California. While in Reno, I had served on Parent Policy Council for the Community Service Head Start Program and the Transitions Pilot Project. After moving to southern California, I was on the Executive Board of the Region 187 American Youth Soccer League in Moreno Valley California. While in Moreno Valley I was also on the Parent and Community Advisory Councils for the Moreno Valley Unified School District. I was also an active Member of the California Association of Bilingual Educators (CABE) during the entire time I worked for the School District.

I returned home in 2001, and began working at Natchez School and later applied a job with the Tribe. I worked at the Pyramid Lake Museum Visitor Center as the Cultural Resources Aide. While at the Museum, I learned about the expectation of working within the means of government grants and within Tribal budgets. Another job quality that I was able to utilize as I moved into the office of Vice Chair.

In closing, I would like to Thank my family, the elders of the community, and friends who supported me as I throughout this year. I would like to acknowledge the staff who didn't roll their eyes at me when I asked for background information. I would like to acknowledge the Program Director's for all of their hard work in making services available for our community and our Tribal membership.

***I have submitted my name for the upcoming Tribal Election on December 27, 2008. Once again I am asking for your support to be re-elected Pyramid Lake Tribal Vice Chair. I humbly ask for your support.***

***No'o E Numudooe/All my Relations,  
Carla Eben  
Candidate for Vice Chairman  
of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe***

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**Gina Sander**

It is my privilege to submit my name for the Vice-Chair position in the 2008 Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Election. I feel with my education, experience, and expertise in the business field including 12 years of accounting I can help lead the Tribe in its efforts to stabilize the financial structure, assist in creating a successful business model and enhance economic development creating employment opportunities for our members, and expand services to benefit our elders and children.

Whatever your position, it is important that we all take part in the election. In recent years, the Tribes elections have been decided by as few as 175 votes. The outcome of the election on December 27, 2008 will determine the fate of our tribe and the future of our tribal members. We can make a difference by coming out and casting our ballots for those officials that will make a difference.

- Vote for the candidates that will protect and maintain balance.
  - Vote for those candidates who have taken the time to attend Tribal Council meetings and have educated themselves on the issues facing our Tribe.
  - Vote for those people with the qualifications, education, and experience to move our Tribe forward.
- Vote for those individuals who can represent our Tribe in a positive way by supporting their fellow council members.

Do I support the Vice Chair position being a funded position? No. If elected for Vice-Chair I will make the recommendation that the position be a non-funded position. I don't feel that the current position has adequate responsibilities to justify the salary. The \$70,000.00 that the Tribe will save should be allocated to programs that will benefit our members. Our Tribe is facing serious financial hardships and there have been a great deal of budget cuts to programs that as-

sist our tribal members. As a tribal member and a current employee of the tribe it will be my contribution to accept the responsibilities of Vice-Chair while maintaining my current position as Property Manager.

For those of you who don't know me, I am a long time resident of this reservation and attended both Natchez Elementary School and Pyramid Lake High School. I continued my education at the Redwood Community College in Salt Lake City Utah and Truckee Meadows Community College in Reno Nevada majoring in Business Management. I've worked in the construction, engineering, and property management field. I am a current member of the Indian Water Working Group, consisting of a 13 member Board of Tribal representatives, individual Indian landowners, and representatives of intertribal and national Indian organizations. It's very important that our tribal member's and tribal officials educate themselves on the issues affecting all Tribes across Indian country involving both Water Right and Indian Land issues. We can learn from other tribes and other tribal officials if we take the time to bridge communication.

We are finally moving in the right direction. We cannot afford to repeat the mistakes of the past and we cannot accept the improprieties of past administrations. To accept the improprieties will only lead us to failure. It's time to stop this cycle.



**Happy Holiday's from my family to yours!!!**

**Gina Marie Sander**

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**Anissa Anaya**

My name is Anissa Anaya, but most of you will know me as Annissa Dressler. I have decided to seek the position of Vice Chairman for the 2008 election. I am from Wadsworth, NV. I am the daughter of Melva Shaw-Hunter and Robert Dressler. My grandparents are Wilfred and Delores Shaw.

As child I grew up observing the changes in our society both good and bad. As I see it, helping your people is not a choice but a responsibility. What is being a good tribal member? To me, good leadership makes a place for their people, always planning predicting, and working with the benefit of the people as a whole in mind.

As we embark on realizing our financial future unfortunately the United States is entering an economic recession. How will we endure but more importantly how will our people compete in current the labor force?

We need to investigate our failing health systems and correct billing errors. I hope to recruit a permanent doctor by providing housing opportunities within the boundaries of the reservation.

We need to look at the HIV rates on the reservation and develop programs for intervention and treatment.

Autism and children suffering from learning disabilities need direct services.

I would like to make it harder for fugitives to hide among us. I would amend laws forbidding non-Indian sexual predators from living within the boundaries. I would develop a tier system to inform the public of native criminals/predators who reside on the reservation.

When I am elected, I will donate 1/3 of my annual salary back to the tribe for youth programming. In these times of great financial struggle, I cannot feel good about making \$60,000. a year when we have no money for youth programming. I will donate \$20,000, a year to invest in our children.

I hope you all have a great holiday. Anissa Anaya



## Candidates for Tribal Council

**Carmen Tobey, Sr.**  
(No Statement Submitted)

tive of the "People," I will recommend investigation in order to consider appropriate recourse.

Friends, family, and neighbors...

**Steven Wadsworth**

- Support Native Resistance
- Love the People
- Worship, fight, and dance with honor

Dear members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe,

Wayne Burke, Candidate for Tribal Council

I would first like to take this opportunity to thank you. It is your involvement in the upcoming elections that will decide how the Tribe will operate in the future. Being a young member of this Tribe I feel that the new four year terms are what is needed to further enhance our operations. With that being said I would like the opportunity to be seated on the Tribal Council. Your votes in favor of me are a step in the right direction. A step for the future as it shows that a young person is ready to accept the responsibility associated with making important decisions. Such important decisions will ultimately affect not only your future, but your grandchildren's and great grandchildren's future. One of the teachings that we educate upon the children of the tribe is that a young person should respect their elders. I take this to heart and feel that the best way for me to show respect for my elders is to show that I will make a great councilman and protect what they have fought to keep. I will fight to make sure that their efforts and their intentions continue to thrive, for the betterment of the Tribe.

Thank you, Steven Wadsworth

**Lela Christensen**

To the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe:

My name is Lela Christensen (Leyva). After great reflection, I decided to submit my name to be considered for Tribal Council. I attended college at UC Davis and business school in Reno, majoring in accounting. Most of my working career has been in the accounting field. For the last six years, I worked for the Tribe as the Event/Conference Coordinator. Prior to this, I worked in the finance department as an Accounting Technician, one year as the Tribal Treasurer, Police Secretary and even tried my hand as the Tribal Secretary. I've got to tell you, the Tribal Secretary position was the toughest of all.

I lived and worked in Reno most of my life, so I did not know many of you. Since working for the Tribe I have been involved in many of the Tribal functions and had the opportunity of meeting many of you. I lived in Wadsworth for about 22 years and moved to Nixon when I married Jeffrey Christensen.

**Wayne Burke**

To all my friends, family, and neighbors,

It's good to see that many candidates are actively campaigning and meeting with the people. I feel most of us are working hard for your endorsement because we are TIRED, BORED, and DISAPPOINTED with the same direction our Tribe moves year after year.

I would like to thank all the Membership, Tribal Employees, and Candidates who attended the "burger feed" hosted by Wayne Burke, Clayton Servilican, and Steven Wadsworth. We had good food and good fellowship. It was good to hear different opinions.

By the time this article is printed and in circulation, I will have already addressed the Tribal Council and asked for their support and participation in the protest rally of High Desert Recreation, scheduled January 17, 2009 @ the Marina, from 11:00am to 12:00pm.

Some people have questioned my decision to coordinate a protest while being a candidate for Councilman. I say, "there's no better time than now to show the membership what type of candidate I am, and what kind of Councilman I would be." Our land, Our water, family, and culture are the most essential parts of Our heritage. They must be protected in order to secure a prosperous and strong "Nation" for future generations of Paiute People.

I see many warriors- men and women supporting, fighting, and providing for their families and communities through academic achievement, public service, volunteering, and honest hard work.

As a rescue diver for Search and Rescue, I have experienced and witnessed how mismanagement of funds has recently effected the individual emergency responder and the response team. Currently emergency response does not have adequate funds to cover training and equipment. Speaking as a father who has had to have his daughter care-flighted and received "first responder care" from Emergency Response, this is unacceptable.

When it's time to vote... let's vote for more than just a name or relative, let's vote for candidates who are brave enough to question authority, can inspire others, and can make "action." Those Candidates who possess the ability to inspire and take action will offend some, and anger others. Employees and representatives of the Tribe who have been allowed to continue to produce poor work, exploit the Tribe, and abuse leadership positions will not like me because as a representa-

The reason I am asking for your vote is I hope and want to make a difference. This year's buzz word is "CHANGE", and this is something we all need and want to see. As the world is in this economic downfall, we too, are in same situation. Our fiscal outlook is very grim and lean. We need to make good, sound and realistic decisions to get us on a road to recovery and make us self sufficient. We can't depend on Federal/State contract and grants dollars to see us through or just wait for someone (the federal government) to hand us money or give us the opportunities, we must make these opportunities happen and move forward. Change is going to require many of us to make some sacrifices and some may feel it more than others, but changes will have to happen, if we are going to succeed. It will be tough and may take some time, but in the long run it will be good for all of us, especially our children, grandchildren and so on.

This all sounds so storybook, "live happily ever after", but who says it can't happen. It can happen if we all work together, as a "TEAM". One person can make a difference, but imagine what a group of people can make if they all work together. One very important aspect I learned while doing the conferences is that "Teamwork" working together made our conferences very successful and it really does work.

If I should be fortunate enough to represent you, then I make only this promise - to be open minded, weigh all the facts/options and make the best decision I can to benefit us, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. I am not in it for me, my family or any one single person or group; I am in it for all of us.

So on December 27, VOTE, it's your right and privilege. Your vote can be the beginning to change.

**Janet Davis**  
(No Statement Submitted)

**Irwin Mix**  
(No Statement Submitted)

## Candidates for Tribal Chairman/Tribal Vice Chairman

**Judith Davis**  
(No Statement Submitted)

**Alvin R. James**  
2009 Candidate for Council

This is what happened to me. During my recent illness, (poisoning by carbon dioxide build-up). I was in a semi-conscious state. I dreamed I was in the Lake's water, communicating with fish, without words. It was cozy and warm. I could see my relatives and others praying over me and I felt sorry for them, not me. The water spirit told me to go back out, since there is a lot left to do and I must help my people. After my lungs were cleaned out, good breathing returned at a 12 yr. old level. I am now alcohol free and see many opportunities.

Still, I see here, negative happenings in our court system against our people. It tries members, especially those with no money or political ties; over and over again ("continuance") just so the judges and other court employees can be paid ("by the session"). Our same people, standing alone, are prosecuted by our Tribal Attorney who is under contract with the Tribe. No layman can argue against our attorney. If the Tribal Attorney sees that he is losing the case, he declares ("sovereign immunity") and our members lose, and/or are convicted. The court staff also openly lie about court dates and the member is issued a warrant or property is taken away for not attending court. Our tribal administration does not want to participate in the Inter-Tribal Court of Appeals, resulting in the persecution of our members with no appeal remedy, denying justice.

I believe in all the positive issues stated by Duane Wasson for Tribal Chair. I support him knowing he is not as educated or experienced as those running against him. We had educated or experienced Chairs before, still we have no economic development to speak of, and we have a drain of our resources for attorneys or consultants.

Duane has supporters with the experience and education at the Council level. I, for one have a Bachelors degree in Education & Science and a Masters degree from UNR in Natural Resources Mgt.; and have experience, having worked for the Tribe in many capacities in directorships for over 20 years.

In short, this is a critical election. We must choose a team of leaders to help us all as a group by working together. Thanking you for considering my candidacy, have a Happy Holiday.

/s/Alvin R. James  
Alvin R. James

**Judy Harris-Thomas**  
(No Statement Submitted)

**Carol Smith**

 **Season's Greetings:**

My name is Carol Smith and I have chosen to try for a Council position. I have been working for the Tribe in various capacities since 1990 and have seen change take place through many tribal councils and administrations. I am confident of my ability to work with the Tribal Council to help ensure compliance and accountability in all facets of tribal government. I have no personal interests or agenda. My goal is to protect and preserve our natural resources for future generations, and to represent the interests of the Tribe and its members in an honest and positive manner.

My experience comes from many years of service to the Tribe on the following committees: Personnel, School Board, Law and Order, Public Works, Johnson O'Malley, Tax Commission, and Enrollment. My work experience with the Tribe

has been in the following positions: temporary Court Clerk, temporary Payroll Clerk, Tribal Secretary, Human Resources Assistant, Secretary III – PLHA, and my present position as the Enrollment Officer. Community work experience includes serving on the Head Start Parent Committee, the Save the Children Committee, and the Title 9 Parent Advisory Group for the Washoe County School District.

I am familiar with our tribal government structure and am aware of the changes needed to make it a more progressive and viable operation. As we move towards the future, we need to ensure that our laws and procedures will support all development ventures and opportunity. We need to provide more employment opportunities for our own members and work to raise our standards of living and with the ultimate goal of attaining economic self-sufficiency. We need to focus on providing activities and services for our youth, while keeping in mind the needs of our elders. Our children and elders should not have to raise their own funds just to go on a trip or for basic supplies.

As a tribe, we need to be united in realizing our potential for controlled growth and opportunity. Everybody needs to work together as one to establish goals and priorities for our tribe, and to help ensure continued success for generations to come.

A bit about myself – I have lived here in Nixon since 1987, having moved back from California. I am raising my children here as I feel it is safer for them. I have no plans to move back to the city as I do enjoy life here in Nixon. My parents are Nolan Smith, Sr. from Pyramid Lake and Delores McMasters from Walker River. My paternal grandparents are Bill and Nina Smith from Pyramid Lake, and my maternal grandparents are Ellison and Nellie McMasters, Sr. from Walker River.

Regardless of who you vote for, I encourage everybody to come out and vote on December 27<sup>th</sup>.

Best wishes for a safe and happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

Thank you.

Carol J. Smith  
Nixon, Nevada

**Burch Kochamp**  
(No Statement Submitted)

**Elmira Copeland**  
(No Statement Submitted)

**Gordon Crutcher, Jr.**

Hello and Happy Holidays to my fellow tribal members. My name is Gordon W. Crutcher Jr. I am 38 years old; I have four beautiful children and a loving kind hearted wife.

I am running for one of the vacancies for tribal council. I could probably talk to you until I am blue in the face but am not, so I'll keep it short and sweet. I am not here for my benefit but for you. It's not about I can do this for you or I can do that for you, it's what we can do for our Paiute people and our tribal lands. It's about us as a tribe and what we can accomplish as a tribe.

So lets us make a change for our children and the people, because they are our future.

Your voice is important and your vote is important, I can't do this alone I need your help and your support. I ask for blessings and hope all is well. My home is always open; you are welcome any time or, call anytime @ 775-575-5464.

Thank you for our support and much respect!  
For the people, by the people.

## Candidates for Tribal Council

### Shannon Rambeau

Hello fellow Pyramid Lake Tribal Members, my name is Shannon Rambeau and I am running as a candidate for Tribal Council member of our Tribe in the 2008 Elections. My family consists of my children, Samantha and Hunter Rambeau who attend High School in Fernley. Savannah, Jagger and Sadie Hinkey, of which my older two attend school at Natchez Elementary; and my boxing partner Tipton Hinkey. My parents are Anita Tobey Rambeau and Norman Rambeau. My grandfather is Hilman Tobey, my great-grandmother Rosabel Green Tobey and Great Grandfather John Tobey.

During this past year I have attended several council meetings and I left feeling heart sicken by our tribal chairman, I have witnessed the chairman tells lies without one ounce of shame. I do not like seeing our people treated with such disrespect. I feel it is time for change. I've lost countless hours of sleep over the lies and corruption being used against so many of our Tribal Members. This is one of the many reasons I have decided to run for Tribal Council. If I do obtain a seat on the council I would not sit back in my chair and watch so many of our members suffer in the hands of those who do not even belong on our reservation. I would seek accountability and corrective action taken where needed. I feel the current Administration has neglected this aspect. I would strive to make those changes and correct the mistakes that have been ignored.

I have reviewed the Vice Chairman's report on the Juvenile Accountability Project and I would have to disagree with her conclusion. I have researched this grant and in my opinion it is far from meeting a majority of its objectives. If anyone would like a copy of this grant please feel free to contact me and you can decide for yourself. \$297,575 was awarded to help our juveniles and it was mismanaged and there is no accountability.

I feel that our youth should be made a priority. We need to invest in their present and their future by bringing forward programs such as recreation, after-school activities for all ages, traditional and cultural activities and programs to assist in developing their cultural and individual identities while instilling in them a self-confidence that a lot of our native youth are missing. They *have* gone too long without our attention and we need to act now to invest in their future and show them they are our priority.

Also, our elders should not be forgotten-they need adequate tribal support. We need to find ways to give them more services such homebound meal deliveries and ways to promote social & leisure activities. It is also vital to have professional legal resources to help assist *with* estate planning and whatever else they may need.

I would like the chance to stand and serve our Tribal Membership as a representative of your voice, please *vote* for Shannon Rambeau in 2008.

### Elwood Lowery (No Statement Submitted)

### Johnnie Garcia (No Statement Submitted)

### Wakan Waci Blindman

My name is Wakan Waci Blimdman and I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I am a candidate running for a position on the Tribal Council and in doing so would like to let you, the people, know if I were to get elected, I will do my very best to represent and make responsible decisions that are in better interest of the Tribe.

Issues that I believe we must work on are the tribal budget, we need to create some sort of revenue within the tribe that is going benefit the budget by increasing it. By doing so we can keep our programs in that and also be able to create

employment, instead of doing the opposite of these. I would also like to see our communities come together in some sort of traditional gatherings, such as our traditional round dances, a pow-wow.

Something to bring us all together so that we may celebrate and learn our Paiute heritage.

So with that I would like to thank you for the opportunity and I wish all the candidates the best of luck.

### Terrence Wright (No Statement Submitted)



Dean Barlese

Hi my name is Dean Barlese. I am running for council. I have been on the Pyramid Lake NAGPRA committee for the past 10 years. I believe strongly of our traditions, our way of life. I would like to see our people taken care of. I been clean and sober for the past 19 years, so I see the problems we have to care of.

Thank you for your support!

### Sharon Keever

My name is Sharon Shaw Keever. I am a candidate for Council with the Pyramid Lake Tribe.

In case you don't know me you may know my respectable father, William W. Shaw, Jr. or my most loving and caring late grandmother Edith Shaw or my many family members.

I am a tribal member who was born and raised in Wadsworth. Through the many years I have seen the progress and setbacks of the Tribe.

Since being hired at the P.L. Clinic, as the Business Manager, I have seen IHS funding decrease each year. During the last National Health Board Conference the main focus was for clinics to look at other alternative methods of coverage for uninsured patients to increase the clinic's revenue.

I've also seen the decrease of funding with tribal grants and the restrictions attached. Currently this is the main means of revenue for the Tribe.

I feel the Tribe should take the same stance as IHS clinics in respect to finding alternative resources for income.

During the previous administration, the administration was looking into the option of an Industrial Park. Since, then I haven't seen much progress with this endeavor. If this avenue is pursued the Tribe could see revenue. Also, this would bring employment opportunities to our people.

## Candidates for Tribal Council

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Each day on the news the public is informed that the United States needs to develop alternative resources for power. Again, during the previous administration the Tribe was pursuing a power plant. The tests were completed and as far as I understood the Tribe was ready to proceed. This may be another avenue for the Tribe to pursue revenue.

With the economy being in such dire straits we need to look for other means to keep the Tribe continuing as a government.

The choices the Tribe as a whole makes today affects not only us but also our future generations. Let's make the right choices and allow our Tribe to prosper in ways that are good for our environment and the future of our people.

Thank you

**Mitchell Tobey**  
(Re-typed)

My fellow Tribal members. My name is Mitchell Tobey Sr. and I would like to be your choice for Councilmen. I have two children that I'm proud of. This is what drives me to seek change within our tribe, knowing that our tribe is not working in the best interest of the people.

As your Councilmen I will stand up for your rights, safety, and welfare.

I have worked for the tribe from 1981 to 1993. Leaving with top honors for a job well done. During those years I've singly handled my job as the IGA man, TWEP Childcare, Food Programs, been Assistant Social Worker and Acting Social Worker with pay. I've worked for other tribes like Duck Water Shoshone Tribe and Ely Shoshone Tribe finishing all programs within these tribes. Learning their governments and laws.

I have also worked for Reno-Sparks Indian Colony as a volunteer under their sports program for the past 7 years. I feel that I am a great leader as that is what I've done for the past 27 years. For the past 12 years I've worked for a Construction Company who value my work status.

As your Councilmen my objectives would be;  
Find tribal members employment, cut and waist within our government , find alternative housing, stopping complaints by members and having these complaints handled at their lowest level.

That our court system should be held responsible for their violations to the people, our senior citizens should receive recognition for their part in helping raise their childrens children.

The people need to be informed and updated on current events, like water issues, tribal business water settlements and closed council meetings. These are to name a few.

As your councilmen, I will hear your voice and act upon it. Make opinion know to the council in a professional way. I will work for the people, not special interest groups.

Sincerely your choice for tribal councilmen.  
Mitchell Tobey

**William R. Crutcher**  
(No Statement Submitted)

**Beverly Brazzanovich**  
(No Statement Submitted)



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