

# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Raymond Trujillo

## Vice-Chairman Platform

My name is Raymond Trujillo. I am Yavapai, Apache, and Laguna. I am 56 years old and a 21 year resident of Cottonwood, Arizona. I am writing to inform you of my platform and my intentions as Vice-Chairman, if elected. I have always been interested in tribal government and serving as a council member, but it wasn't until I received my degree from NAU that made me want to give back to the YAN for funding my education. It is the education that allowed me to understand how I could serve the YAN. I have a bachelor degree in Applied Human Behavior and Business Entrepreneurship, as well as 13 years as a business owner.

Hello, YAN Tribal Members and registered voters. Yes, it is election time

again. This is one of the rights and requirements of your constitution. Our forefathers wrote this constitution to the best of their ability for people of the nation and with our future in mind. With that said, we, the people of the nation have the option to remove those counsel people which are non-performers. My focus is on the needs and future of our tribe. In order for the nation to move into the 21st century, there needs to be a strong council that is willing to live within the constitution and budget set by the council. There needs to be a strong understanding of the constitution by the council, which was written by our forefathers. The latest revision was as late as 1992. As your prospective Vice-Chairman, I can offer educated options to all issues which

can affect all of the nation in a positive manner. The first thing is to gain the trust of the executive and legislative bodies. Second is to bring unity to our Nation by bringing families closer together, economic growth, and prosperity to all tribal members. Third is to motivate the Tribal Council to be better servants of the nation. They can achieve this through their actions by ensuring a better way of life through the health and welfare of the nation. I would be humbly honored to attain your vote and encourage registered voters to cast your ballot for Raymond Trujillo...

**"CHANGE FOR OUR FUTURE".**



Monica Marquez

Monica Marquez has lived among her people for the past 20 years and currently resides in the Middle Verde Community. She is married and has 5 grown children and 14 beautiful grandchildren. She has served her Nation in a management capacity for 17 years, and has especially enjoyed working with the Nation's youth within the Recreation and Culture Departments. Monica has worked closely with many of the YAN's elders and sees the struggles that many face first hand.

Mrs. Marquez decided to run for the Chairperson because she has observed many areas of hardship that her people experience. Residing among her people, Monica sees the many pressing issues our people face on a daily basis. For the past 1-1/2 years, Monica has been performing her due diligence as Chairperson for the Nation's SEO Business Board. Previously, she served on the Tribal Council for (2) years. During her tenure, Monica has acquired extensive knowledge with budgets, and successfully created the Technology & Preservation Department, which effectively purchased all of its equipment from grant funds and not the Nation's funds.

Monica has sound knowledge of the Nation's gaming compact and has worked as an Investigator for TGO. She has attained a lot of knowledge of the Nation's various departments and thoroughly understands how they serve the employees and has witnessed the increase of requests among the membership.

If elected to serve as

Chairperson, Mrs. Marquez will make it a priority to pass resolution to cut the Chair's salary and will closely focus on the vital issues of the YAN in building better transparency between the Council and the people. Providing better health care, addressing the social issues faced by the people struggling with alcoholism, drug addiction, and suicides. Monica believes that these critical issues must be addressed within our communities as a whole... not by one person but as a team. Monica will work hard daily to implement new policies, procedures, codes, and laws and update ordinances that address the needs of the membership. Monica passionately believes that guidelines need to be implemented so that all members are treated equally and are treated fairly in all manners of the Nation and its governance system. She believes in teamwork and will work as a team with all the departments to ensure that all employees' needs are met. Monica is a hard worker and has served her community for many years. She believes in community service and has enjoyed serving as a volunteer for Exodus, Native American Week, and many cultural events and sunrise ceremonies. Monica finds gratitude in helping her people because by helping others..."I receive my own blessings when participating in all cultural events...not for a pat on the back but because as a community it is what we do for each other." If elected, I promise to be a public servant for the people of the Yavapai-Apache Nation and not serve for myself.

dren and our children's children can look back and say, "Nildo, nlteego' na' naah" / "M'hahnik m'voh" - "Walk in a good way".

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as our elected Vice Chairwoman and ask for your support to continue to do the job in the next upcoming election.

Ihehye, Hah-nih-gum Thank you.

Darlene Rubio, your future Vice Chair.



Siera Russell

In May 2014, I left my position of 3 years as an Associate Professor of Law in Phoenix to relocate to the Verde Valley solely to help my beloved father and former tribal leader, Aaron Russell. He and my dear mother Joanna (Gibson) have since passed away. My name is Siera Taketchera Russell, and I want to serve as your next Yavapai-Apache Nation Tribal Chairperson.

I bring to this position wisdom and positivity, along with valuable work experience, education, and skills. These include a strong understanding of both Federal Indian Law and Tribal Law through researching, interpreting, and applying these laws in my 7 years working as a Tribal Court judge. As a law professor, I studied and taught the following courses: Topics in Indian Law, Property, Criminal Procedure, and International Human Rights Law.

Early in my career I served as the Director of the Indian Legal Program at Arizona State University's College of Law, combining my passions for education and the law. Under my leadership the Program grew into a nationally recognized center attracting many of the most gifted Indian legal scholars in the country. I also served as a Tribal Gaming Commissioner for our Nation, Director of Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's Education Department, Statewide Coordinator of Arizona Western College's Casino Management Program, and an adjunct professor at ASU. However, my successes in these leadership positions came through developing good working relationships and collaborating with outstanding law faculty, administrators, students, Arizona tribal judges and leaders, and urban Native organizations.

My background in American Indian law, Indian gaming, program development, and team-building, will be valuable as I work with our current tribal leaders in confronting the issues of:

- Instability in tribal government and morale issues

- Health & environmental issues: water, housing, land, air, agriculture
- Economic waste and economic development
- Off-reservation tribal members' access to information & resources

And among the most severe problems facing our tribe:

- Substance abuse and addiction, related criminal acts, domestic violence, and suicide
- Constitution interpretation, application, and education

As a tribal judge, I've witnessed firsthand how these issues affect our people. I know the devastating effects of a lack of opportunities for elders and children alike. My passion is to see our tribe thrive and to work hard for:

- Quality and respectful oversight of governmental departments
- Strategic planning with clear communication to our tribal employees and tribal membership on and off the reservation
- Collaboration with our elected tribal leaders, elders, and community members to promote and sustain healthy lifestyles and families, utilizing all possible resources
- Continuing development of leaders in our Nation's youth, including tribal governance
- Expanding social services & travel for elders
- Enhancing Yavapai and Apache culture through language, arts and creative expression with emphasis on our children's needs

My education includes:

- UC Berkeley, School of Law, Juris Doctorate
- Harvard University, Masters in Education

I will act with integrity, faith, and harmony in my leadership. I will listen with an open mind and a good heart to all, while keeping sight of the highest aspirations for both current tribal members and future generations.

Check out my Facebook page - Siera Russell for Yavapai-Apache Nation Tribal Chairperson. You can reach me by email: siera@sierarussell.com; or website: www.SieraRussell.com. Thank you!



Dave Kinsey

Dear Communities and Enrolled Tribal Members of the Yavapai-Apache Nation,

My name is Dave Kinsey Jr. a candidate in this years' 2016 Election for the office of Chairman/Council. I am the son of Reba (Lewis) Franco and Dave Kinsey Sr. My wife Amber and I reside in the City of Cottonwood with our three children Leah 13, Alice Mae 9, and Dave Kinsey III. I am currently employed in Scottsdale, Arizona for the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, in the Engineering Construction Services Department since December 2014. My daily commute consists of a 3:30 am to 5:30 am departure for an 8-10 hour day, sometimes in up to 117 degree weather and then home for dinner and family time. This takes a great deal of strength and dedication for my family. We make the effort to keep ourselves and children culturally aware by trying to speak both the Yavapai and Apache languages in our home as well as traveling to San Carlos a White Mountain Apache reservations for the ceremonies.

The Yavapai-Apache Nation is in dire need of a true leader who works hard for others, who is dedicated to his people and who strives to improve the lives and general welfare of the communities. My mindset in my first term of office was to invest in our people and our communities, not elsewhere. I have demonstrated these duties through my first two terms in 2010-2014 Council Office. In 2011 as a legislative body we did a great deal in moving the Yavapai-Apache Nation forward starting with the new marque off I-17 to help promote Cliff Castle Casino, who many didn't know existed. In the Tunlii Development we put a stop to the hazardous levels of arsenic in our water line system and took advantage of the relationship we had with the town of Camp Verde, which serves the Tunlii community with clean water, temporarily. Prior councils' project of boring under I-17

helped give the opportunity to the Yavapai-Apache Nation in meeting its' current progress continuing the water/sewer line from Cliff Castle Casino, but also created some issues for the sewer ponds in the community.

Our effort was to improve the revenue for Cliff Castle Casino after taking a 13% loss after the Twin Arrows Casino opened, so we started with the planning of the addition of the new hotel attached to Cliff Castle Casino which is currently under construction. Then we moved forward with the new Marketplace Enterprise on highway 260 which seems to be doing well and has created tribal employment.

I was nominated to the Yavapai-Apache Nation Water Rights Counsel and represented the Nation at the State Legislative and U.S. Congressional levels on this issue.

I was honored to give back to our communities through Holiday Food Drives, Back to School BBQ/school supplies, and speaking to our youth on the importance of education and their goals.

Currently there are many issues facing our Nation stemming from water rights, public safety/illegal substance, employment, housing, sovereignty, youth services and new issues on the horizon.

If elected to office I will lead confidently and face our issues head-on, only to improve our communities and to empower our people through transparency.

Being born and raised in Clarkdale, Arizona. I believe in a real sense of the word "Community." I thank you for taking the time to vote. Good luck to all candidates.

"People Not Politics"

God Bless, Dave Kinsey Jr.

## RUBIO

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tures and languages. Let us be united not divided.

If elected Vice Chair, I will continue to work on issues to improve our tribal government management systems with a positive outlook and create employment opportunities where needed and make tribal preference a priority.

And let us move boldly forward so that our chil-