

# ELECTION

## Candidates for Vice Chairperson

### VICE CHAIR

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laboratively to develop short-term and long-term strategic plans. Additionally, it's imperative to manage tribal programs and ensure programs are delivering services to the people and have the resources to meet the expected delivery of services. Key pillars of priority for me as a candidate regarding leadership:

- Work with Tribal Council to develop a comprehensive strategic plan with goals, objectives and an action plan to ensure progress continues.
- Work with Tribal Council to identify priority issues of concern and implement working groups to bring departments and programs together to develop a plan on addressing these issues. It is beneficial for several departments and programs to contribute in achieving a positive outcome.



Tanya Lewis

Economic Development is the Nation's source for self-sufficiency and financial independence. Since 1995, the Nation has successfully developed a tribal economy that provides for the need of our tribal government and our people. We need to diversify our economy by creating new sources of revenue. I recognize economic development must be sustainable to ensure our Nation receives long-term benefit.

Key pillars of priority for me as a candidate regarding Economic Development and Sustainable Development include:

- Work with Tribal Council and the Nation's Departments to discuss the future financial and service needs of the tribal government. Before any plan can be developed, Tribal Leaders must perform the due diligence needed to thoroughly discuss the current financial situation of the Nation, current tribal economy, future service and financial needs. Tribal Leaders must have these discussions with the tribal communities and people to ensure the future vision and development of the Tribe's economy reflects the needs and opinions of the people.
- Work with Tribal Council to develop a long-term Economic Development Plan, with goals, objectives, action plan, key deliverables and timelines.

Housing is the cornerstone to the growth and development of our community. As a candidate, I am concerned we do not have enough land to continue developing new housing communities and eventually we will reach capacity on existing lands for housing development. Key pillars of priority for me as a candidate regarding Housing include:

- Work with Tribal Council, Tribal Housing and the people to identify the existing housing need and future housing need of the people including types of homes and housing programs that are developed.
- Work with Tribal Council to identify a plan to grow reservation boundaries and land base to ensure the Nation will have the land resources for development for generations.
- Work with Tribal Council and Tribal Housing on a 5-year Housing Development Plan that accommodates the housing and financial needs

of all tribal members.

Education is a key to a successful future for the Nation and our youth are the future of the Nation. We must ensure they have the resources they need to support education and workforce development.

Elders of the Nation are our living treasures. Our tribal elders are our mentors and wisdom keepers. As a candidate, it is my philosophy we need to make sure our elders have access to activity and included in our tribal government. By working with Tribal Council and the Nation's Elder Program we can identify additional needs and resources needed to make sure tribal elders have access to activities, social engagement, etc.

I have worked with the Executive Office for 5 years as the Executive Assistant with the opportunity to work on many important tribal issues from water rights, land-use, Indian gaming, cultural heritage and tribal

government policy. Through my work, I developed many external relationships with local city and town dignitaries, other Tribal Leaders, members of the Arizona State Legislature and the Arizona Congressional Delegation. My work has given me experience and knowledge of the current challenges our Nation faces and exposure to the solutions our Tribal Leaders have determined.

As a candidate, I recognize it takes more than one (1) person to make a difference in tribal government. It takes a leader to bring everyone together to initiate these discussions and work together to make a positive impact for our people. I am committed to being the voice of our people and being the leader to initiate the discussions that will progressively work towards building a sustainable future for the Nation and our people.

To begin, I would like to Thank the members of the Yavapai - Apache Nation for voting me into the General Election which will take place September 21, 2019. It would be my honor and privilege to have the opportunity to represent our various communities on and off the reservation, as the Vice Chairperson if elected into office. I understand that there are a lot of issues that need to be addressed within our Nation and I also realize that there has been a lot success. Everyone keeps asking me; who am I, what am I about, and what are you going to bring different as a tribal leader. For many years, the issues remain the same: culture, economic growth, elders, education, youth, prevention, substance abuse, housing, employment, water rights, medical, blood quantum and constitution. And these issues will continue to arise if we don't have the mindset of moving forward and empowering our people. I once attended a workshop sponsored by the Nation that addressed our ability to act and move thru society, this workshop was very interesting because it really made me contemplate the role I was playing in the continuance of the survival of my ancestors and asking myself, "as a people, are we really an example of sovereignty"? The Webster Dictionary defines sovereignty as the following:

Definition of sovereignty  
 1a : supreme power especially over a body politic  
 b : freedom from external control : autonomy  
 c : controlling influence  
 2 : one that is sovereign especially : an autonomous state  
 3 obsolete : supreme excellence or an example of it

What does this word mean to each and every single member of this tribe? Simply this, we as a people have the power and authority to not only self-govern but to also move forward with the times through economic growth, cultural identity,



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and sustainability. I advocate for the future generations and am a firm believer in navigating through two worlds with education and culture intact. The future of our existence is dependent on our language and culture and in order to preserve our rich heritage, we need to share our beliefs by supporting groups such as: UNITY, the elder program, culture program, local schools, Montessori and Daycare. We have the ability to incorporate cultural sensitivity classes as part of the hiring process for our future employees, so they have a better understand about the diverse population they will be serving. Many times individuals come to work for the tribe and have no idea who we are, the length of our existence and the strength and perseverance of our people. Historical and generational trauma truly does exist and many times it is masked with the use of addiction. Many tribes across the United States and even overseas have struggled with colonization and the hopes of complete extinction by the government but, like many we persevered and pushed forward. Addiction and substance use isn't going to completely disappear without the help of everyone. There is an old saying "it takes a village to raise a child", and in that context, "it is going to take village to heal the trauma". As a community we can support one another by encour-

aging our youth to participate in cultural activities, being active in the schools are children are attending (be the voice that is so often not heard) and rally around those who are suffering from addiction with support and compassion. As a leader, employment opportunities should be in place to help support those who are in need of behavioral health, addiction counseling, domestic violence, elder abuse, vulnerable victim abuse, life skills classes and family relationship counseling.

Before our removal, our ancestors occupied hundreds of acres of land up and down the Verde River. Today, we have 1,824.33 acres of trust land separated amongst (5) parcels and 4,626.78 acres of fee land. We as a nation have bought back this land through purchases made possible by the foresight of our past leadership and economic development program. Within the boundaries of the reservation we currently own and operate some of the most successful companies in the Verde Valley, we are the leaders in employment opportunities. The lands are also occupied by tribal members: there are currently homes being built in Clarkdale and Tunlii has expanded by adding a community building and more housing. As our tribe continues to grow in numbers, we as leaders need to work with resources to expand our housing projects, obtain land and update our current housing code that truly reflects the needs of the community as a whole.

As the late Mary Sine stated "as long as the river flows, life will be good." This quote is so profound, water is the life line of who we are and it is moves upon the earth like the veins in our body. For centuries we have utilized the river like our everyday grocery store. Everything along the river was used and had purpose. There is medicinal medicine, trees used to construct housing,

plants used for utilitarian purposes: baskets, shoes, cradle boards, rope, water proofing baskets, just to name a few and above all food. Many tribes visit our community and often say that we are blessed to be living along the Verde River and still have the natural resources of our ancestors. Our water rights have been in negation for over 40 years, as leaders we sit at the table and talk about the future of our people and realize that water is life. It encompasses and effects everyone especially in Arizona. On August 26, 2019 our tribal leaders along with 21 other tribes sat with State officials to discuss the water conservation policy. I am not privy to those discussions but I am committed to communicate with the community in the future of our water rights and conservation and will work in accordance with our water negotiation team to ensure that our voice is being heard and our nations needs are being met.

According to the Yavapai - Apache Nation enrollment department we have 2,612 enrolled tribal members. The constitution outlines the foundation for our enrollment code and in the code membership criteria is the following:

- All persons of Indian Blood whose names appear on the official census roll as of April 1, 1934, with the supplement thereto of January 1, 1986.
- All children born to any Member who are one-fourth (1/4) degree Indian Blood. This means the child is not eligible for Membership if:
  - The child has less than one-fourth (1/4) degree Indian blood; or
  - Any of the following circumstances apply to the child:
    - The child was born before the parent became enrolled in the Nation;
    - Unless at the time of the child's birth, the parent was not enrolled in the Yavapai-Apache nation due to circumstances beyond the parent's control and the parent

has never been enrolled in another.

- The child's parent was removed from the Nation's Membership either voluntarily or involuntarily ( per sections 902-908 of the Code) before the time of the child's birth; or

- The child's parent's Membership rights were suspended for dual enrollment at the time of the child's birth;

- Unless the parent has taken action pursuant to Chapter X of the Code to eliminate the dual enrollment issue and the parent has remained enrolled with the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

- All persons who are one-fourth (1/4) or more Yavapai-Apache Indian Blood.

- All persons who qualified for and were accepted into membership under the Membership requirements contained in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Yavapai-Apache Indian Community, Arizona, adopted October 24, 1936 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 12, 1937, as amended on June 21, 1947, and approved August 5, 1947.

Our tribe currently has a constitution committee in place and their task is to make changes to the existing constitution that better reflect who we are as members of this tribe and they are also tasked with working with the community members by corresponding through meetings, surveys, mailers and conferences that discuss the importance of the constitution. The blood quantum issue is big and hot in Indian Country and not only an issue that we as members of the Yavapai - Apache Nation have to think about. As tribal leaders it is our responsibility to advocate and listen to our people and voice the concerns that come forth, the changes to blood quantum don't begin with the leadership. The changes will happen with the empowerment of the people voicing their opinions and being at the voting

sites when a constitution referendum takes place.

As leaders of the Yavapai - Apache Nation, we have an inherent responsibility to uphold the constitution and that document clearly defines our roles. The Preamble states:

PREAMBLE  
 We the people of the Yavapai-Apache Nation, also called the Yavapai-Apache Tribe, of the Verde Valley, Arizona, do hereby adopt this constitution in order to:

- promote the common welfare of our Tribe,
- protect our people, land and natural resources now and in the future,
- acquire additional lands for the benefit of the Tribe,
- protect our Indian heritage including our religion, customs, and language,
- preserve, secure and exercise all the inherent sovereign rights and powers of an Indian tribe.

This constitution shall supersede the Constitution and By-laws of the Yavapai-Apache Indian Community, Arizona, adopted October 24, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 12, 1937, as amended June 21, 1947 and approved August 15, 1947, and shall govern the Yavapai - Apache Tribe from its effective date.

Again, I am humbled and honored to have an opportunity to be considered a candidate for the Vice Chairperson of the Yavapai - Apache Nation. I come with the willingness to help move this nation forward and continue to be an advocate and voice for all my relations, on and off the reservation. WE come from humble roots and our ancestors and past leadership saw a brighter future for their people and if given the opportunity I would continue moving us forward always respecting who I am and where I come from.

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 Brian Hood Marquez

## Candidates for Council

Dago te' / Mah ha ma gah! Gah mew jeh!

Hello my name is Thomas Beauty and I am the son of Earlene Beauty and Ira Datsi, Grandson to Earl and Hazel Beauty and great grandson to Tom and Lillian Smith. I am a life-long resident of the Middle Verde Community. I am married to Nadie Beauty (Evans) and I have three sons. My youngest son is Jared Beauty, my middle son is Joel Beauty and my oldest son is Marcus James. I am running for the Yavapai Apache Nation's



Thomas Beauty

Tribal Council Position and am seeking your vote in this upcoming election on September 21, 2019.

Why should you vote for me? I have the experience, knowledge, education and integrity to fulfill the duties of a council position. I have served as the Tribal Chairman of the Nation for two previous terms and also as a tribal council member. I have a degree in Business Management and have proven through my previous tenures as a Chairman my ability to be a strong leader by representing the

Nation not only at the local level but at a national level. As the former Chairman I served in various capacities such as the Arizona Indian Gaming Association Vice Chairman, the Inter-Tribal Council Association Board President, and the Arizona Tribal Gaming 2 Board Treasurer. The upcoming gaming compact negotiations and our water rights settlement are critical components for the future of the Nation, and if elected I will advocate to our sitting council members that the Nation have a seat at the

table amongst all tribes to ensure our voice is heard and strongly represented.

Because of my own personal experiences of growing up on the reservation, I continue to strive for our tribal community by working for a better tomorrow which has led me to my employment at the Yavapai Apache Tribal Court as the Wellness Court Coordinator which provides individualized therapeutic help to those going through the court system that are experiencing problems with substance abuse or men-

tal health issues. I can truly say I am doing my best to help those afflicted with this deadly disease. If I am elected as a Council Member of the Yavapai-Apache Nation I will continue serve you. I am a common sense leader with a qualified voice to represent the Yavapai-Apache Nation in a Council Member capacity and I will continue to deliver real results not empty promises. From the people for the people!