

DAVID Z. BEAN



I am pleased with what we have achieved, but not content. I am pleased with our progress, but I am not satisfied. We still have work to do.

I am the son of the late Gloria R. Bean. I am the Grandson of the late Baptista M. Young and Thomas Zackuse Bean.

I am asking for your support and vote in the upcoming Tribal Council election. Thank you for your ongoing support. Thank you to all who have supported me in the past. It has been an amazing, very challenging, yet equally rewarding journey.

My mother, Gloria R. Bean, always told me she was raising me to be a leader. She and many elders in the community have taught and continue to teach me many things, such as; In many ways she was preparing me to take care of our people. On many occasions I witnessed her give away our belongings to those in need, even though, at times, we did not have very much.

I am College educated, a business owner and have been a geoduck diver/harvester for the past 12 years.

As a Tribal Council Member

During the past three years, I have devoted many long hours to becoming the hardest working tribal leader I could be. With all due respect to my fellow council members, MY goal is to be the hardest working, best informed leader. Period.

MANY WILL PROMISE THE WORLD. I DO NOT. I UNDERSTAND THAT IN ANY LEADERSHIP POSITION, YOU MUST LIMIT YOUR PRIORITIES.

I have chosen to run a positive and honest campaign.

I am aware that our children are watching and I want to set a positive example for them – to show them the positive things we can, and have done, as a Tribe.

Here are some of the great strides we have made in providing positive atmosphere and resources for our membership:

WORKING FOR OUR FUTURE

- Later this month, ground will break on a community center that will provide space for positive, healthy activities and gatherings for all tribal members with a focus on our youth.
- We have started the Youth Activities program and the Language Program, which will enrich the lives and the futures for our youth.
- We have expanded funding for higher education – from \$15,000 to \$50,000/year.

HONORING AND RESPECTING OUR ELDERS

In order to preserve our culture and enrich the lives of our youth we must honor the lives and experiences of our elders – one of our greatest resources.

- Our elders should never want for anything.
- The Elders Center is near completion.
- We have also expanded funding for your Elders Care Services and activities.

MAKING OUR ECONOMY AND FINANCIAL SECURITY A PRIORITY

- Our Tribe has a budget surplus, even during these troubled economic times.
- I am committed to diversifying our tribal economy by acquiring and developing new businesses.

RESPONSIBLE, ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT

- Fiscal Responsibility – *Going through our annual budget “line by line” to make sure we are spending tribal dollars responsibly.*
- Protecting our Sovereignty
- Greater Transparency – *We want you to see what we are doing*
- Improving communication with the membership – *We want you to know what we are doing.*
- Singing and drumming with our children every week.
- Strengthening service programs to the membership.
- Leading the way for Tribal Council **not taking a pay raise** the past three years.

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