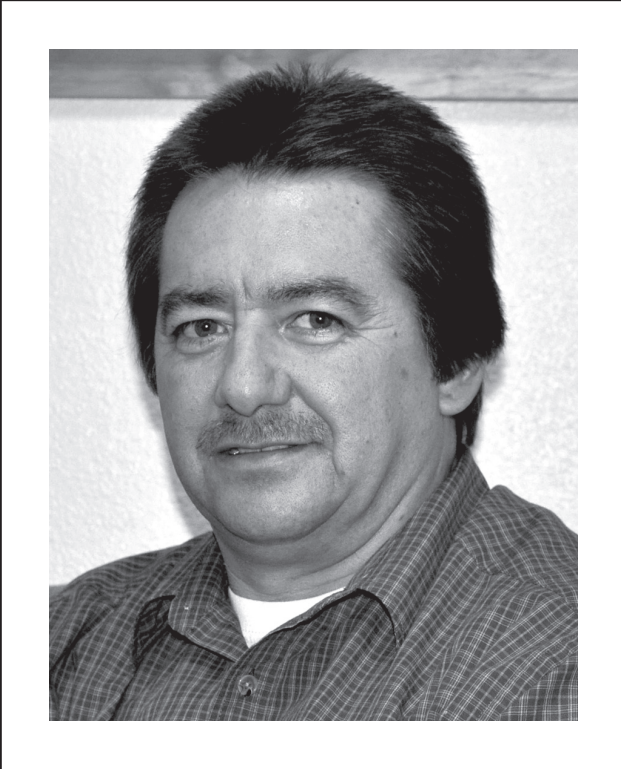


DON COATS SR.



Positive Changes for OUR FUTURE!!

My name is Don Coats Sr. I am the son of William & Rita Clark-Coats and the Grandson of Frank & Esther (Hicks) Clark. My Great Grandmother is Emma Squally whom is the daughter of Dave & Annie Squally. I have a wonderful wife Debbie, four children and five (5) grandchildren.

I am writing this to notify all the Puyallup Tribal Membership, that I am running for a 2009 Puyallup Tribal Council seat. I am excited to see positive changes that benefit our membership in many ways. As we are all feeling it, we are in a recession and it will take some time to get through these difficult times. I have the financial interest of our Tribe's future on my mind. As you know, if we do not plan ahead we could easily lose our per capita, either entirely or have it drastically reduced and no one really knows what the future holds for us and the future of our children! Many of us depend on that second check each month and many live on only that check, especially our Elders. If elected to Tribal Council I promise you that I will do my best to protect our financial interests and help all of us keep what we are entitled to and deserve!

I propose the following:

- To have a reputable agency come in and give us a financial plan that will help protect our financial interests. We need to protect our interests as well as the interest of our children (our future leaders of the Puyallup Tribe). This shall include both of our Casinos.

- Having regular audits done regarding the expenses of the two Casinos. We can propose areas that we can cut back on, i.e. unneeded travel, unnecessary supplies, and over staffed departments in our casino and tribe. The Tribal Members should be guaranteed first positions within our casino and tribe.

- I will support our Tribal Gaming Agency by giving them full support to protect our Tribal assets.

- All Tribal Members are to be treated equally!

- That our youth is taught the importance of our culture and to respect of our Elders.

- Help support our Tribal Police with defeating the gang problems we are suffering with our youth. To work on getting a new court and jail facility.

- I believe we need to pull together as ONE TRIBE and UNITE, disregarding the differences between different parties. There has been a separation that divides this Tribe into many sections and we cannot continue to be successful when we have so many divisions. We are ONE TRIBE! Let's work TOGETHER so we can SUCCEED!

- We need to have respect and order in our Membership meetings. We need to set an example for our children by respecting each other and our Tribal Council to address needs we have within this Tribe. Our voices will still be heard when being respectful to each other.

- Help establish regular Membership meetings.

- Let the membership speak more than 3 min. at a meeting and if goes on till late, then I will stay there to hear your concerns.

- I would like to see our Tribal Council members equally divide our different programs and committees up amongst each other and be part of the solution! Let them report back to Tribal Council monthly as to the status of their different committees.

- Provide regular quarterly reports to the Membership that is easy to read so we can all understand and know the status of the Tribe's projects. This Tribe belongs to all of us and we all deserve to know where our money goes!

- Once we get through this recession, we need to find out what happened to our big casino that was promised to all of us several years ago? I hope to be on Tribal Council and see this project through!

I have much more than the items mentioned above to offer to our Tribe! I have worked with our Tribe for 30 years. I began in 1979 as a JTPA worker and today I am the Director of Emergency Housing Repair Program / Property Manager. I have dedicated many years to our Tribe and would be honored to be part of the positive changes we need, especially during this recession! I would be honored to work with our Tribal Council and be part of the solution! You need someone with great integrity and love for our Tribe, I am that person!

If I receive your vote, you have my promise when I take my Oath of Office that I will fully support our Constitution.