Hello my name is Richard (Rick) D. George

I come from the Whaholich family.

My father is John George Jr., and his parents are John and Josephine George of Nooksack.

My mother is Delores Sparks (maiden name) and her parents are Carl and Josephine Sparks from the Port Gamble S'klallam Tribe.

I am coming to you to ask for your support to be reseated as the Vice Chairman of our Tribe, over the years on council I have learned a lot about representing our tribe at the State and Federal level by working with other tribe's protecting our treaty rights.

I believe in open communication, I am willing to listen and talk with any of our tribal members.

When I first got on Council, I remember talking with a couple of our late elders, that stated, The way you treat people is what they will remember, So I have always tried to smile and greet people the way I would like to be treated.

I don't look at Council as a position of power, but as a position of service for our members.

Once again I appreciate your support.

Thank you

Rick D. George # 243

Jesse F. Madera

4744 False Creek Lane
Deming, WA 98244
Phone: 360-927-5834

For those of you who do not know me my name is Jesse Madera my Indian name is Kwulshanexw which was given to me by my Great Grandfather Sindick Jimmy. I am the son of Julie Jefferson, the Grandson of Bernita Antoine, and the Great Grandson of the late Sindick and Susan Jimmy.

I am happily married to Chasity Madera and I have six children and one grandchild. I currently work for the Nooksack Tribe in the Housing Department and bring with me many years of construction trade experience. In addition to my full time job I volunteer for the Whatcom County Fire District #1 as the Association Chairman where my duties are to oversee the ins and outs of the program and its activities. Also, for the past five years I have been a volunteer firefighter/EMT for Fire District #1.

My objective as Vice Chairman will be to provide a positive, open attitude towards our Tribal Governmental issues; to work in a team environment on resolving concerns that reflect our tribal organization, to listen to your needs and work to give you the answers you deserve. I will vote on resolutions and make recommendations that will bring us positive gains so that we can provide support to all the programs of the Tribe. At the end of the day, my position is to be a voice for our people.

Work History

2000-2013 Facilities and Maintenance worker/Supervisor-Nooksack Indian Tribe/Tribal Works

2013-Present—Nooksack Indian Housing Authority Maintenance

Education

1992—Mt. Baker High School Graduate

1994– Northwest Indian College Construction Graduate

2011– Emergency Medical Technician

Candidate Statement

Quatasolwit Sandra "Sam" Joseph, born and raised here in Whatcom County

My Great Grandparents are Robert and Ellen Sulkanum, Grandparents are Johnny and Elizabeth Roberts, parents Elder "Bill" and Rosie Roberts. My husband is Pete Joseph, children are Roy L. Bailey, Lawrence L. Bailey, August Joseph, and Rosalena Joseph.

Running for Council to:

A. Up hold the Constitution and Bylaws of our Tribe.
   Nooksack Tribe entered into Treaty with the United States of America, therefore developing the Nooksack Tribes Constitution and Bylaws.

B. To protect our Tribal Sovereignty
   Nooksack Tribe a Sovereign Nation as recognized by the United States Government in our Treaty.

C. Keep the Integrity of the Tribal Council
   I do not abuse drugs or alcohol, I have good morals and integrity and will represent the Tribe as a professional and educated Tribal Council member.

D. To be an advocate for the Tribal Members
   I will be a strong voice for the Nooksack Tribal Membership, to bring concerns and recommendations to the Tribal Council table. I am not afraid to stand before State or Federal Governments to voice our tribal concerns or defend our Sovereignty as the Nooksack Indian Tribe.

I promise to the best of my ability to follow through with what I have listed, and to be a good representative for the Tribe. Try to better communicate information out to Tribal members.

I am a Traditional Native Woman with teachings of our Elders and will stand for the rights of our Tribal Community.

I am a Nooksack Tribal member, proud of who we are and where we come from.

PLEASE VOTE SANDRA JOSEPH VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE NOOKSACK TRIBAL COUNCIL

THANK YOU

SANDRA K. JOSEPH

3000A GOSHEN ROAD

BELLINGHAM, WA 98226

EXPERIENCE: Worked in many of the Nooksack Tribal Departments beginning December 1983 to present.

Community Health Representative

Education Specialist

Accounting Clerk

Elders Coordinator

Energy Assistants Program Coordinator

Community Services Block Grant Coordinator

Emergency Food Program

Health Director

Tribal Works Accounting Clerk

Culture Coordinator

COMMITTEES: Education Committee, Housing Board, Culture Committee, Elders Committee

INTERESTS: To practice our traditional way of life. To pass down to our young generation our traditional ways of life so it will be alive and can continue for our future generations to come.

During my years of employment I have traveled to many Conferences and workshops pertaining to my jobs, it was an excellent experience to learn and improve my knowledge, this was to keep up to date on the positions I held.

Dear Nooksack Tribal Member

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Nadeen Marcia Jimmy, traditional name Same Te Lot. I married my high school sweetheart Marty Jimmy, we recently celebrated our 36th wedding anniversary. Together we raised five beautiful children and are expecting our sixth grandchild. I know exactly how blessed my life is and I do not take anyone or anything for granted. We are a well-grounded family that honors our culture.

I was raised in a single parent household my father passed away before my first birthday. My mom worked very hard to provide for the two of us and she instilled in me to work for what I needed, she taught me what good work ethics were and to take care of my own family. I started my working career when I was just 14 and have held a job since. I worked hard, set goals and have reached each one over the years.

My career path over the years has included several areas within the Nooksack Tribe and entities; CHR, head start, fisheries, assistant manager of the Liquor Store, 6 years at the Nooksack River Casino where I served 4 years as the Human Resources Director. I then spent over 11 years at Northwest Indian College with a majority of that time in the Human Resources Department.

I returned to Nooksack Tribe in June of 2010 the past three years as the Director of the Social Services Department where I manage 15 grants. I consider this my dream job, what I have worked my whole life for. Ever since I learned to read and write between the age of 8 to 10 years old, I learned to help my mom, who could not read or write. I taught myself how to pay our household bills, prepare mail, read and complete forms and applications the list goes on and only grew over time. I helped my mom's best friend who was blind and a lot of others along my way in life with these same tasks. I remember the sense of pride I had within myself that I knew in my heart, mind and soul I wanted a job in Social Services so I could always help people. So how perfect fit I am in the department/position I am now. I may not personally get to sit with every client or assist every client that comes to Social Services, but I can do the work to ensure we have the means/funding to help our tribal members when they find themselves in a situation that they need help.

Being a grant funded department we do have rules and regulations to follow and I pride myself on following those set before me. I pride myself on being fair and treating all clients equally. I know what being professional means and never let my personal feeling interfere with business. I also pride myself on doing the extra work to try and find assistance for those who do not qualify for any of our programs. I have made many

contacts over the years and I am not afraid of spending days even weeks calling all these individuals and agencies to look for other resources to help our people. I have had a few successes and a few that were not, but I am not afraid to take the time out of my day or life to do all I can for our people. I am not afraid to work past 5 pm, nights or weekends to ensure the needs of the department are met.

I stand up for what I believe in, I believe in being open and honest. I believe in building people up, giving them a sense of ownership and providing the support needed to succeed, but also knowing I need to run a professional and efficient department.

I humbly come to you, asking for your support in my quest to move into the next phase of my life in serving our people in a council capacity. My door is always open and I welcome anyone to come talk with me, day, evening or weekend like I mentioned above I do not operate on an 8:30 am to 5:00 pm basis, I operate on an until the job is complete basis.

Vote: Nadeen Jimmy, Vice-Chairman

Love, honor and respect one another

Same Te Lot
AKA - Nadeen

Agripina "Abbie" Smith for Treasurer

Nooksack Tribal Council

My name is Agripina D. Smith. I am known to most of you as Abbie. My parents are the late Johnny D. Romero and the late Betty Phelps. My Grandparents are the late Sindick Jimmy and Susan Malloway Jimmy. I descend from Robert Sulkanom, an original allottee. His land is located on the Goshen, Martin and Roberts Road. I grew-up on the Goshen Road, where my sisters, aunts, cousins still reside. I have lived here in Bellingham/ Deming area all of my life.

At a very young age, I went to all the council meetings and gatherings that Nooksack had. This was in the 1960's before the Nooksack Indian Tribe became recognized in 1973. At these gatherings, I listened and paid attention. I remembered names and can still put faces on speeches that were spoken. I can still hear the laughter from people that used to come visit my grandparents in the big house on the Goshen Road. I remember that house was always full of people, whether it be for a powwow or shaker meeting. I grew-up with all three denominations, seowen, shakers and Pentecostal. I am a Christian today. My Grandparents were prayer warriors. It has followed me all of my life and it is still with me today.

I have an accounting degree and an associate degree. I have been in accounting since 1979. With my background and experience in accounting, it has helped me maintain, manage, and create the Tribal Council budget and Events budgets. In fact, I am working on the 2017 budgets now for Tribal Council. During my term as the Tribal Treasurer the Nooksack Tribe has passed 6 consecutive audits with no findings and has also maintained a balanced budget. While we made necessary changes to be a successful and financially stable tribe, we have also developed necessary policies to ensure compliance with regulations and to also safeguard our tribal assets.

There is so much to say. I could write a book on what has transpired with our Tribe. There have been many changes, additions, and growth spurts in these past 43 years. I am old enough, or young enough, to remember our history - we have come a long way. I am proud to say that I am a member of the Nooksack Indian Tribe and I am here to work for you. Please support me as the treasurer in this election. Thank you.

Position for Tribal Treasurer

Greetings, my name is Lily A. Roberts, first I am a daughter to Kevin Roberts and Bonnie Charles, second I am a sister to Becky, Kalvin, Kreg, and Maly. Third I am a wife to Wesley E. Christjohn and fourth I am a mother to Jaymz and Megan. I was born and raised in Nooksack, my ancestral line of elders from Nooksack were my late grandparents, Roy and Mary Roberts, Ben and Dorothy Charles, and my late great grandparents were Bill and Rose Roberts of Nooksack. For the 2015/2016 school year, I was a student for a BA degree in Tribal Governance and Business Management at Northwest Indian College, a 3.1 GPA, and I am currently working as an elder's van driver where I help transport elders to Northwood Casino for their lunch. I enjoy spending time with them, I feel that it is a great program through the tribal social services department.

I feel that I have a strong connection to my culture and traditional life. It is a great balance with education and the working field. You may ask how do I fit family life in there? My kids are right there next to me, we love the canoe season, and fit some stickgame tournaments in each year and the smokehouse season every winter. I was baptized in the 1910 shaker religion as well as my husband and children. I believe in praying while I sing for people and if there isn't anything to sing for in the smokehouse or stickgame, then I will blast the radio or a favorite cd in my car. I also believe in our table songs for the blessing of food and the cooks at gatherings or even a birthday song. I know this way of life it's because it is what I grew up on, and it is what my families have grown up on in our community.

My life isn't just about me, me, me. Running for this position is about protecting Nooksack and keeping what we have as Nooksack for now and our future generations. It is amazing what I have learnt about how Nooksack became a tribe. It took a lot of hard work and dedication from our

ancestors. It took a lot of house meetings and a lot of raising money to get us through court to be to get recognized as a tribe, and we finally received that recognition in 1973. It took a lot of time and effort for Nooksack's ancestors to create our constitution.

I have a passion for numbers, for math, I like math, ever since junior high and high school, math is fun to me. In the past 3 years, I have worked in various departments of Nooksack and I have taken math and accounting classes. 2015 was my most favorite year of my life, I worked as a tenant accountant and an accountant specialist. I like to have everything accounted for. I liked having that feeling of responsibility of having every penny accounted for. I love following a budget and keeping to it, and to take a look at what was successful and unsuccessful, there are events that happen every year in my tribe, and I would like to help keep a plan and try very hard at being prepared for upcoming events.

In one of my jobs in 2013, I worked for a very important department of Nooksack and just because I was bored, I started tallying up the requisition books for a year, and I said to my supervisor, "Do you know how much each requisition book is worth?" It wasn't a realization before and it is important. I am studying what a treasurer is and this is what I have learned so far: crunching numbers is a person that performs a great many numerical calculations, as a financial analyst, an officer assigned to primary responsibility of overseeing the management and reporting of an organization's finances, review procedures and financial reporting, get familiar with the activities in our tribe and understand accounting requirements.

I know there is more to this and I am willing learn and take a stand for our Nooksack people.

11/3/16

Lily Roberts 11/3/2016

Orlando G Hinojosa
P.O. Box 361
Deming Wa 98244

WORK History:

1996-Present — Janitor Head Nooksack Trib Maint

1992-1996 — Maint. Director - Nooksack River Casino

1988-1992 Store clerk - Nooksack Tribe Liquor & Smk

1980-1992 Plumber/water system operator

Education:

1959-1963 - North Kitsap High - Poulsbo, Wa

1963-1965 - Olympic college - Bremerton Wa

1986 - University of Wisconsin - H&P Fundamental

1985 - Billings MD - H&P Rules & Regulations

1984 - Green River college - auburn, wa - Water system

Nooksack Tribe:

1981-1983 - Tribal council Position

1985-1987 Tribal council Treasurer

1983-1985 H&P Director

1980-1990 &

1 - Housing Board member

2 - Fishery Board member

3 - Water Association

4. Education

5 - Foreign Trade Representation

6 - NCAI Delegate

7 - Health

Candace Roberts Kelly
I served on Council 2004-2008 and am running to serve my Tribal Members, to give them a voice. I would like to see more involvement with the Youth. The Nooksack community has canoe pulling, it is a great physical activity, but I would like to see more involvement with other youth with baseball, basketball, football.

I have been married to Ed Kelly for 27 years, we have 3 children; RoseMary LaClair and her husband Nicholas and their 2 daughters, Kurtis Kelly and Felicia and their 2 daughters, Julia and Lloyd. I've lived here my whole life, I am a wife, grandmother and a supporter of the Native Canoe Races. I enjoy supporting and playing the Sla Hal game. I am a "12" and enjoy watching the Seattle Seahawks with my family. I believe in "Family Time", getting together with family fills the soul. Am believe in Shaker Church, Seown, Canoe Journey. I believe in "Teaching" and teach and follow the teachings in everyday life.

I love to knit, crochet, bead in my free time. I love spending time with my grandchildren.

VOTE FOR FRANK LEYVA

POSITION "C"

November 3, 2016

My Dear Nooksack Tribal Members:

My name is Frank Leyva, my Indian Name is "Tealish". I am the 2nd son of the late Judith Senior-Leyva (her Indian name was "Siam-te-naut") and the late Frank Leyva Sr. My grandparents were Leonard and Rose Senior. I am married to Molissa Bura, who I have 4 step children with and we also have a son Ethan Leyva.

I was born and raised in Bellingham. I have lived all over the western United States but have called Nooksack my home for the past 18 years. I am currently running for Nooksack Tribal Council Position C.

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Business Management. I have worked for the Nooksack Tribe since 1996 in various accounting positions, currently as the Tribal Treasurer Assistant half time and Grant Accountant half time. What started out as a 30 day temporary position has turned into my life career. I enjoy working for my tribe and helping tribal members.

I consider myself a community servant, I have helped between 150-200 tribal families annually with tax preparation. (40-50 of them being tribal elder households).

I feel that my work experience, education and cultural awareness would be an asset for Nooksack Tribal Council. I am "honest, fair and accountable."

I appreciate your time, and support

FLeyva

Frank Leyva, "Tealish"

Candidate for Nooksack Tribal Council Position C

VOTE FOR FRANK LEYVA

POSITION "C"

I' m George Bailey and I'm running for Position C of the Nooksack Tribal Council and I welcome the opportunity to serve our tribal community. As a member of the trbal council, I will be taking on the responsibility to uphold the integrity of that position. If elected it would be my goal to carry out the duty as a council member of the Nooksack Indian Tribe. Growing up in here in Nooksack I learned to listen to our elders when they were talking and learning to respect what they had to say to our people. The voice of our community is what needs to be heard and listen too and what they may have to say and what they asking for from the council. What I was taught, was to pass on the teaching that I was given by my elders As a member the Nooksack Tribal Council I will cast that vote one to this position which is given by being elected as a council member fairly and honestly for all members of the Nooksack Indian Tribe.

I'm asking for your vote for position C on Nooksack Tribal Council, if you elect me, I will carry those duties entrusted by your vote with hreat respect and faithfully.

Respectfully,

George Bailey

Whul wheel ton/ Laquahtel

George C. Bailey
P.O. Box 744
Deming, WA. 98244
Phone 360-739-5627

Work Experience

January 2012 to November 30, 2015
HR Director
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe
Darrington, WA. 98241
360-436-0131

June 2011 to November 2011
HR Consultant
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe
Darrington, WA. 98241

June 2001, - January 2011
HR Director/HR Specialist
Nooksack Indian Tribe
Deming, WA. 98244

Oct. 1994 – June 2001
Purchasing Agent, Card Dealer
Dual Rate Floor Supervisor/Card Dealer
Keno Manager

Jan. 1990 – Oct 1994
Chemical Dependency Counselor
Treatment Director
Genesis II, Nooksack Indian Tribe
Everson, WA. 98247

Dec. 1980 – April 1989
Liquor Store/Mini Mart Manager
Swinomish Indian Tribe
LaConner, WA.

1974 – 1980
Washington State Liquor Stores
Retail Clerk/ Assistant Manager
Bellingham, WA. 98225
Education:

Hello. My name is Rickey MacWilliams.

I am retired, and love being a tribal elder!

My mother is Carol Reid, who is the oldest living Nooksack tribal member.

I was raised by my grandparents Frank & Ella Reid on the Mission Rd. As such, I learned at an early age to work hard, respect my elders, and to be honest. This made me strong and the man I am today. I lived there before the tribe obtained recognition in 1973. We used to gather at the Mission Road Methodist church and our elders would talk of gaining recognition for our tribe. Our first tribal center was the "little white house" in Everson. Elders will remember this. We as a people did not have much back then, but our elders had a vision. As a group, that vision became who we are today. I am very proud of the elders who fought for our recognition.

In the mid-seventies, I obtained my G.E.D. thru the tribe, and continued on to Whatcom Community College. As a young man, I worked as a grants writer for 5 years for our tribe. A new opportunity came during this time, and I found my dream....the chance to become a commercial fisherman! Later on, in time, I gained employment with the City of Bellingham, where I worked for 30 years. I would save all of my vacation and comp time, so as I could continue my love of fishing. During this time, I also was also able to purchase and became the proud owner of the fishing vessel Kaliber.

I bring these life experiences and a "can do" attitude as a candidate for Nooksack tribal council. I am very proud of the accomplishments the tribe has made, and I want to be a part of the future vision and direction of my tribe.

What I have to offer you is: hard work and dedication.

I am not afraid of a challenge (being married for 29 years!), and am willing to take risks.

I would greatly appreciate your consideration in making me your next council member.

Rickey MacWilliams

Rickey MacWilliams
4760 Tidal Way #101
Blaine, WA 98230

1983-2014
Skilled Worker 2
City of Bellingham Public Works Operations
Bellingham, WA

Maintenance of the city's infrastructure, and inspection of systems. Utilized computers, including GIS and other various software. I was in charge of leading crews in various projects that would enhance the water quality, protecting the city streams and waterways.

- Certified heavy equipment operator
- Commercial Driver's license
- Better Maintenance Practice Certification

1979-2015
Treaty Commercial Fisherman
Owner/Operator of F/V Kaliber
Ferndale, WA

Fished for salmon in puget sound using gill net gear.
Harvested dungeness crab

- Licensed under Nooksack Indian Tribe
- Licensed broker under Nookack Indian Tribe

1975-1980
Grants writer
Nookack Indian Tribe
Deming, WA

Sought and provided funding for various social sevice programs. Monitered program budgets. Wrote quarterly reports to federal agencies. Was familiar with internal operations and funding for the tribe. Negotiated contracts with the bureau of Indian affairs and C.E.T.A. and S.T.O.W.W.

- Representative of the Nooksack Indian Tribe

Grade 6-12

I picked berries in the Everson area and bucked bales of hay for local farmers.

When I was 16 I worked at Kale Cannery in Everson, WA

Katherine R. Canete

Tsbado Whichtalum

for

Nooksack Tribal Council Position D

Greetings to my dear Nooksack elders and fellow tribal members:

About Me:

My name is Katherine Canete also known by my ancestral name, Tsbado Whichtalum. I am the daughter of Juana Branson (Romero) and Kim Cooper. I am a Nooksack descendent of Sulkanum, Whichtalum, and Willamot.

First, I want to thank you for your support and for allowing me to serve you on the Tribal Council. I am humbled by your trust and I write to you today to respectfully ask for your vote again this year.

I take much pride in our culture and the teachings passed down to me by our ancestors and our elders. I find my strength and balance in those teachings as I dedicate my life to continual work to strengthen our Nooksack Nation to grow and move forward in a good way. Its important to move forward to build a promising future for our children and grandchildren all while remembering the sacrifices and work of our ancestors. Our Nooksack history is strong and should never be forgotten, but always remembered and taught to our children. I look to our teachings to help build a healthy tribal government to protect our sovereignty and our way of life as Nooksack.

Accomplishments:

The last few years have been tremendously difficult for all of us in Nooksack; I have stood my ground and never backed down from protecting what is rightfully ours. Our Nooksack tribal sovereignty has been under attack by non-natives and a group of people who have failed to prove their eligibility for enrollment, and I am proud of our Nooksack people and the Nooksack Tribal Council for standing strong to protect what belongs to Nooksack.

While we have been faced with adversity and difficult times, there have been many great things that we have accomplished together at the tribe that we can all be proud of.

Some of our most notable accomplishments are:

- Taking care of our tribal cemeteries. Together we developed a cemetery committee and we were able to get new fences, headstones, tools, equipment, chairs, canopies and a new trailer to make sure our grave diggers could complete their work.
- Nooksack accomplished a constitutional change through the Department of Interior Secretarial Election process. Together we removed Section H of the membership criteria to better protect the authenticity of the Nooksack Tribe. We should all be proud of that!
- We have made mass improvements in our health care system. Medical bills are no longer being left unpaid. We have implemented a VA reimbursement program to assure adequate health services for our veterans. We are in the process of building a new health and wellness center. We have established more health programs for our community that include fitness and the community health fund.
- We have made education a real priority by allocating funds for an endowment and scholarship program. Funds were allocated for the Educational and Leadership program as well as the GED and high school completion program. Every year we have allocated funds for back to school support and graduation incentives for our tribal members.
- We have implemented tribal laws and regulations to better protect Nooksack's sovereignty and to better serve the Nooksack members. Including the Court Rules, the General Welfare Code, and our enrollment ordinance.
- Together we have made the changes necessary to obtain financial health and stability at the Nooksack Tribe. This allows us to provide more services and also improve services to our membership. We have strengthened policies and procedures to ensure clean audits and to also strengthen our government to consider transitioning in to a Self-Governance tribe.
- For the first time in Nooksack, we have established a full time court and judge. And we now have a full tribal police force.

We are moving in the right direction together. My intention is to continue to be for the greater good; and to build a closer bond between the Nooksack Members and the Nooksack Tribal Government. Without each other we have nothing, together we have it all. My experience and dedication to work with and for my people is all I know. My goals and priorities remain the same, to see that all tribal members benefit equally, and to strengthen our tribal government while preserving our culture and traditions to protect our tribal sovereignty.

I humbly ask for your support and your vote in this election.

Bernadine "Bernie" Roberts

Candidate for Position D

I am a candidate running for Position D in our Nooksack Tribal Council election.

I was born to Ernie and Helen Paul. My grandparents are Richard and Louisa (Johnson) George of Deming. My husband of over 30 years, Larry Roberts Sr. and have lived our life together in Deming.

I also come from many branches of Nooksack homesteads, Foss Weaxta, Whaholich and Charlie Chehalis families from the Deming area and the Coffee Johnson from the Goshen area.

I can remember being a part of community meetings that were held at the Methodist Church on Mission Road, as a young adult, when our families were working so hard to get our tribe recognized by the federal government. We had acquired an old building in Deming, where our first casino and market center are now. The original building is no longer there, but this is just a glimpse of how we have developed our resources and services in Deming.

My work for Nooksack comes in many different areas. I first began working as Administrative Secretary of the Nooksack Tribe in the late 1970's. I did work for the Whatcom County School Districts in assisting our native children and throughout my years working for our tribe. I retired from the ICW department in 2011.

During my time working for the tribe, I also served on the *Nooksack Tribal Council (two separate terms/positions); Nooksack Indian Housing Board, Nooksack Education Board and CPT.* Within all these boards, I was very fortunate to be able to be a part of helping develop plans, strategies & to reach some of the many goals for our future

generations. Nooksack still has much more to excel in and grow, and if given the opportunity I would like to be a part of that growth both locally & nationally.

Now that many years have gone by, I feel that it's time once again to give back to my tribe with some of the skills and knowledge that I have learned and hopefully pass on to the future of our tribe. As I run for Position D I strongly believe that we need to have our tribe work for everyone. I feel that I can be a voice for everyone. I understand and respect each family and how they are different in some ways and yet the same in others, but in the end we are all NOOKSACK. We have families who sometime need extra help for many reasons. Families that need jobs, housing and medical, this must continue and grow but most of all being fair to everyone across the board, because a Native American Tribe is created to serve our people in a social and welcoming environment.

As a young adult, I learned and experienced the challenges it takes to operate enterprises. How important it is for our tribe to be a leader in our community and across the nation.

Together we can make Nooksack a better tribe, a better place for all of us. For all of us to be united instead of divided. I feel that I bring the skills and knowledge to be able to help do this, for all of us. I am not for one family or another. I believe in treating ALL tribal members fairly, honestly, respectfully and truthfully.

I would appreciate your vote and the opportunity to represent ALL NOOKSACKS at the tribal council table.

I thank all of you for your time in reading my thoughts.

YES, every vote does <u>count,</u> including YOURS!

Please vote, even if not for me – vote as our ancestors have done.

Thank you

Bernie

Bernadine Roberts

Na que man stun

Leon Thomas Cline

Addressing my community:

I am running for the Nooksack Tribal Council position "D" to be a positive voice for the Nooksack membership.

The Cline lineage of being Nooksack is **LAWE'CHTEN** and **GYIXDE'QE**. My parents are **Lex'e ym**, the second, Darrell Cline and **Kwa'i sot**, Carole J. Thomas, is from the Snuneymuxw First Nation. I am a Nooksack member that was born, and raised here in Whatcom County. I have been with my husband, Stevie, for 21 years.

Currently, I am working for Nooksack Social Services as the Dual Project Coordinator. I work with the Nooksack Domestic Violence Program and the Nooksack Elders Victim Assistance Program. I can step in and be an advocate for either program, but for the most part, we are bring awareness and sensitivity about abuse to the forefront.

Constantly learning and retaining all sorts of information, I have pretty good recall of specific information. Enjoy most forms of communication, but thrive on that cup of tea and fondness of the past and the stories to go with it. I believe in fairness and justice. Furthermore, assurance and confidence with everyday life, this is improving my leadership qualities, boundaries and direction. The old ways need to be ours for retaining. I will stand up for a Nooksack member's equality.

The old ways need retaining for future of the Nooksack Tribe. Understanding this inspiration, I will do my best to ensure that responsibilities of our reactions for decisions. Growing up with 3 great grandmothers, listening was the unspoken rule and expectation. If you have a concern, I'll take note and convey to council. This is biggest factor that should be happening for the membership.

Positivity put into motion.

Thank-you for your time.