

# VOTE FOR FRANK LEYVA

## “SECRETARY”

March 2026

My Dear Nooksack Tribal Members:

My name is Frank Leyva, my Indian Name is “Tealish”. I am the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, we have a son, Ethan Leyva, I also have 4 step children. Molissa and I currently have guardianship of my 2 nieces Hailee and Sadie.

I am honored to be seeking re-election as Secretary for the Nooksack Tribal Council.

I was born and raised in Bellingham, and though I have lived throughout the western United States, I have proudly called Nooksack my home for the past 28 years. I have served the Nooksack Indian Tribe in the Accounting Department, where what began as a 30-day “Emergency Temporary” position will mark 30 years of service in May 2026. This experience has strengthened my dedication to our Tribe and my lifelong commitment to helping our people thrive.

As a community servant, I assist between 250 and 300 tribal families each year with tax preparation, including 40 to 50 of our tribal elder households. My past committee involvement includes serving as Chairperson for the Head Start Policy Council for three years, the Education Committee for over five years, and cashiering at tribal events since 2001. My family and I attend nearly all tribal gatherings, as these events are vital to our unity and cultural connection.

During my time on the Council, I am proud to have contributed to several key accomplishments, including the purchase of numerous properties, maintaining balanced budgets, and supporting workforce training initiatives for tribal members.

I believe that my commitment, experience, and cultural awareness continue to be valuable assets to the Nooksack Tribal Council. I remain **honest, fair, reliable, and accountable**, and I will continue to serve with integrity and dedication to the betterment of all Nooksack people.

I deeply appreciate your time, consideration, and support.

**Thank You**



Frank Leyva, “Tealish”

Candidate for Nooksack Tribal Council Secretary

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