



Danny Martinez

My name is Danny Martinez. My mother was Henrietta Kalama Johnson. Her mother was rose Kuckup, and her father was Henry Kalama. Rose Kuckup's parents were Annie Skitus and Perry Kuckup. Henry Kalama's parents were Lillie Pitt and Peter Kalama.

I am a traditional fisherman and have a scaffold located under the Bridge of the Gods. I am also a hunter and a traditional dancer. I served in the Marines during the Vietnam era.

My family shares the Wasco heritage. I have been taught to honor our elders and veterans with the dignity they deserve, preserving our culture and proud history for the future generations.

I am running for Wasco Chief. If elected as your tribal chief, I am dedicated to serving the Warm Springs Tribes with unwavering commitment, transparency and honesty. For over 50 years, I have been a productive citizen and leader in the community, serving in various leadership roles and professionally at director-level positions in safety and emergency services.

I am committed to exercising the sovereignty of the tribe and providing essential services for its citizens, including building infrastructure, maintaining services, and promoting social, economic and cultural development. My extensive experience with government contracts, large budgets, and employee development makes me uniquely qualified to lead the tribe towards a brighter future. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, we have made significant strides in recent years, building sustainable programs for families, elders and children, and nurturing our youth while enriching the tribe's wealth.

I have advocated for education, business, safety and protection for our tribe. As your tribal chief, I am committed to keeping your families safe through my known safety programs, protecting their well-being, and keeping them together. I recognize that health is still a concern for many, and I am committed to supporting our elderly with assistance for their care while building up services within the tribe and with our partners. Alcohol and drugs have adversely affected our community. I believe we need to wage a war on drugs through a multi-tiered approach that includes increased community treatment and rehabilitative services, and increased accountability for those who contribute to the problem.

I also believe in the importance of building up our youth and fostering their sense of community. I support the concept of the Warm Springs Youth Council, to teach our youth about tribal sovereignty and our proud Native American history. Our youth are our future leaders. They should have a voice, and our full support.

Economic development is a top priority for me. I will advocate for the Economic Development Committee to be placed under the umbrella of the enterprise to provide strength for our tribe, jobs for its citizens, and potential growth beyond gaming solutions.

I will prioritize and advocate cultural knowledge from our elders. I always have and will advocate for elder assistance programs, tribal job opportunities, citizen business start-ups, and citizen low-income housing assistance. We will make a concerted effort to provide our youth with additional secondary education assistance and college or vocational grants. I will provide a transparent and open government that benefits all Warm Springs citizens professionally, fairly and honestly. I will bring dignity, integrity, work ethic and an open mind to the role. As your Tribal Chief, I am committed to serving my people with the utmost dedication and respect. I value the cultural heritage, language, and the pursuit of expanding our tribal traditions and history so that we may maintain our identity in the modern world. Together, we can build a brighter future for the Warm Springs Tribe.

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