

John Katchia Sr.

My Name is John Smieuk Katchia Sr. a Full blood Warm Springs/Wasco/Paiute Enrolled member of the confederated tribes of warm Springs. I have lived and worked on our reservation all my life. I am married and have three sons and two daughters. My father is Cyrus Katchia, paternal grandparents are bill Katchia and Eliza Manse Katchia, Paternal great grandparents are Wasco Chief Daniel Katchia and Catherine'Tool-pah Katchia. My Mother is Prosanna Tohet Williams, maternal grandparents are Alex tohet and Blanche Tuckta tohet and maternal great-grandparents are jimmy tohet and Eliza tohet (Eliza's father was sheY'Kie Treaty signer) other family members signers include tipso, kaeth, ownups, mission john smieuk , and kushkella. I've been raised with Traditional and cultural teachings from my parents and grandparents and practiced our hunting and fishing treaty rights as often as I can. A part of the teaching I've learned is that I have a place in our tribe and on this reservation, in which I have been and will continue to be servant of my people as employee, coach, member of parent clubs and as a husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, and grandson, as a child, my grandfather, late Alex tohet, always emphasized to never as of things from your tribe, but to provide for your tribe what you can. This has always been my way of life. I made the decision to seek election as your Wasco chief for many reasons, some of which I am listing:

Housing: We need to provide better living conditions for tribal members, at an affordable cost. We need to encourage home ownership by seeking financial assistance to meet the housing needs for our people. There will always be a need to provide rental units, but they should be well maintained so that they're safe and sanitary for families to raise their children in.

Employment: It seems that we've always had high unemployment rate. But we can address some of it by setting up funds tribal members to work so they can pay for their housings and other living expenses. We should set up funding in annual tribal budget of 100,00.00 here and there to provide employment for tribal members, while completing project work that's been setting on the back burners due to lack of funds. This could provide temporary or short-term employment for 100 people or so. Depending on the projects and need, as the funding available. Our cannabis initiative hopefully will be able to fund.this.venture.

Education and Rehabilitation: along with addressing employment needs. We need to provide avenues for our tribal members to acquire educational and training needs. It could be as a means of rehabilitation for those that are in need of it, and advancement for those to acquire improved knowledge and skills. Our education and training funds should not be restricted to just GED, higher education or job training, but to allow expanded use.TERO is a avenue to maximise working opportunity for our people.

Law Enforcement: We've experienced a dramatic increase in the criminal rate on our reservation and too many times there's nothing done to bring justice to our people who have had crimes done against them. We need to provide a safer community to raise our children and grandchildren in., while working toward a better place for our future generations.

I believe in maintaining honesty, integrity and ethic in all phases of life and especially in the business that our tribe and reservation, and will uphold these beliefs all my life; as your Wasco chief and as fellow tribal member. I will promise to always keep our people's interests in the forefront, it would be honor and privilege to serve the Wasco people.im prepared for whatever is necessary to fulfill the position of the Wasco chief.