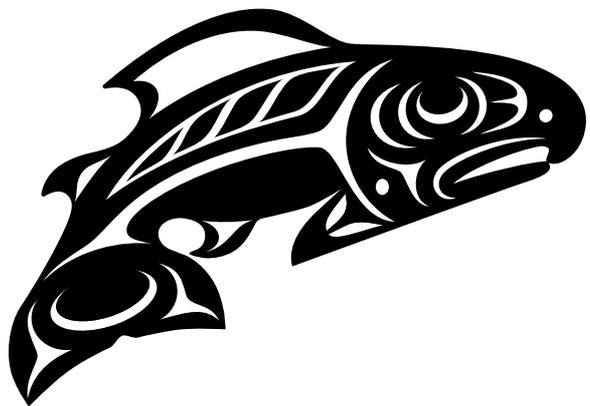


2020 Voters Guide



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Primary Election Results

Election Board
2020 PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS
June 6th, 2020
Puyallup Tribal Council

Danelle Reed	112
Monica Miller	270
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General Election Dates and Information

Dear Puyallup Tribal Member:

There are four candidates vying for two open seats on Puyallup Tribal Council.

Please note and mark the following dates on your calendar:

Friday, July 10, 2020

Absentee ballot request forms are due back 9 a.m. Forms can be mailed to the Election Board mailbox, 1625 E. 72nd St. Ste 700 — PMB 149, Tacoma, WA 98404.

Saturday, August 1, 2020

Absentee ballots must be received by 8 a.m. to the Election Board mailbox, 1625 E. 72nd St. Ste 700 — PMB 149, Tacoma, WA 98404.

Saturday, August 1, 2020

General Election from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chief Leschi Schools, 5625 52nd St. E., Puyallup. Preliminary results will be available after the ballot count is finished.

Friday, August 7, 2020

Courtesy mail-out of election count.

Watch for updates at PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov. **Email** ElectionBoard@Puyalluptribe-nsn.gov with any election concerns or questions.



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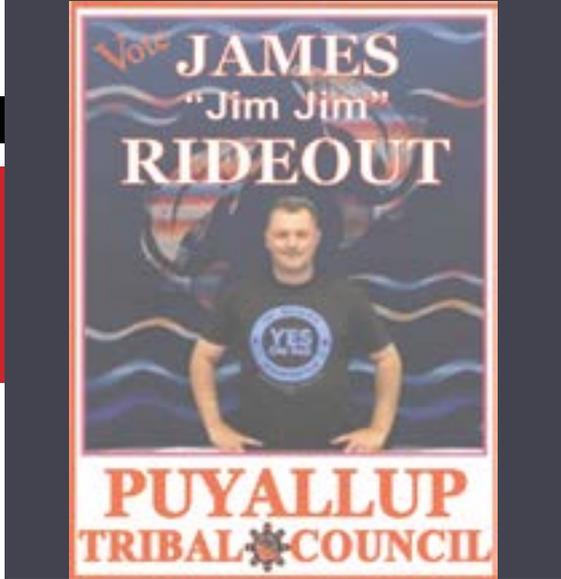
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5 James (Jim Jim) Rideout

7 Monica Miller

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10 James V. Miles Sr.



James (Jim Jim) Rideout

Economic Prosperity with Oversight

Let me preface this memorandum with the later portion of its title.

The Oversight:

There should be no industrial development of our port property without the necessary environmental impact statements, which is paramount in retaining a safe, sound and secure environment of our nation of salmon and other aquatic life in our home estuaries.

“Without our Salmon Nation relatives there is no Puyallup Nation”.

Any development of our port property must ensure the survival of our legacy. Our legacy is tied to our salmon relatives.

“The creator put a tribe on each river to protect the nation of salmon”.
Ramona Bennett, tribal elder and former tribal council chairwoman.

If the proper environmental impact is clear and is non damaging to the aquatic environment. Let us examine the possible viability and economic benefits.

“The Puyallup tribes Port of Tacoma property is one of the most valuable properties on the entire west coast”. Port of Tacoma Commissioner Kristin Ang, 9 June 2020.

Speaking with Commissioner Ang we discussed the economic prosperity that our port property could potentially offer. Commissioner Ang stated there is a myriad of current possibilities and ones not yet thought of that the tribe could possibly utilize. Per our discussion and through my research I discovered the current port businesses and their possible benefits.

The Northwest Seaport Alliance is the largest conglomerate of import/export businesses of Seattle and here in Tacoma. The port commissioner and the NWSA released its 2019 Economic Impact Statement detailing the benefits of marine cargo to the state of Washington. More than 90 percent of world trade travels over water, with that volume to triple by 2050.

The NWSA handled 3.7 million containers from the ports in Seattle and Tacoma, which in 2017 provided 15,000 jobs and \$1.5 billion in income and benefits. The marine cargo industry provides an average income of \$95,000 annually.

Also in the NWSA 2017 report: The majority of the 3.7 million twenty foot equivalent unit or (TEU's) carrying 26.1 million metric tons of containerized cargo went to international destinations, and of that 3.7 TEU's 700,000 were shipped to and from Alaska, Hawaii and other domestic locations. So, in 2017 alone the NWSA handled more than 26.1 metric tons of cargo directly supported 14,890 jobs, which established \$1.5 Billion dollars in labor (including wages and benefits) and \$4.5 Billion dollars in business output. Factoring in indirect and induced economic impacts, container cargo and labor income produced \$9.7 Billion dollars in business output in 2017 alone.

To correlate these facts and figures, let me say this. I totally understand this information is from a broad base of established business, but even if we as a tribe could manage 10 percent of the above mentioned criteria just think of the possibilities. Let me refer you to a social media post of requested answer to a question posed from tribal member Paula Sasticum to accentuate my position. Her question was: What were any ideas for the development or utilization of our port property. And my response is tied directly into the above mention financial research.

The port property is the key to our future independent economic diversification and a successful financial future. My idea for the use of the port and why it would be the key is it would provide the ability to be the catalyst for national and international trade. For example, take our daily shopping needs, really the daily shopping needs for anyone. Currently all we are doing is increasing other community's economic prosperity by spending in their stores, while limiting our own by not having our own stores. Imagine, our port facility was a hub for the import and export of goods, this could facilitate many enterprises, but for now let's concentrate on a variety store of our own, a store that was also that available to the general public. (On average a single Wal-Mart store profits from 56 to 60 million dollars annually. During the Covid -19 crisis that amount increased 75%). Not only would it create numerous jobs and income, but it would be a place to sell our salmon and sea foods, a place to buy organic produce from our sister tribe in Yakama etc. I for one would much rather walk into and spend my money at Puyallup tribal or another tribally owned and operated store rather than Wal-Mart, Target, Walgreens etc.

If we could establish the import export hub, create a store or stores/markets etc., it could lead to:

A) A shipping and receiving center, an interstate trucking and railway transportation center. Which could lead to:

B) Creating sister stores for the local tribes then to other Washington state sister tribes and then to all nationwide sister tribes.

Our facility and store would and could create opportunities for natives and non natives alike. A place for daily essentials, a place to shop for

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fresh organic fruits and vegetables, a place to market and promote our fish, our sea-food (Geoduck) and other daily essentials. This would and could promote healthy living through diet, goods and services. To add, with the establishment of trucking and rail system created by our port facility: this would avail our tribe and other tribes across Indian Country to use our port to export goods to buyers and consumers in the current global economy. This would be a win, win, win proposition.

In summary, we would be the catalyst for countless jobs for our tribe and income, jobs and economic growth for over 400 other tribes.

It would be a place of our own where we promote the true nature of our Indian people. **The ideology of ALL OUR RELATIONS.**

I was 18 years old when the Land Claim Settlement was ratified, since that time there has always been talk among our membership, tribal economic developers from our former tribal councils, about its development and use and never has there been a public disclosure of related facts and information provided to the membership, I hope this sheds some light on those questions. Even in my current position, I have asked and inquired to current directors and council

members about this issue and was told there was no viable financial benefit to the tribe. I would have to beg to differ, the above financial numbers and my business plan is completely viable and could be implemented. Again, all this would be prefaced on the protection of our home estuaries.

If you any questions or would like to contact me, please feel free to do so.

All my Relations,
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VOTE
MONICA MILLER
PUYALLUP TRIBAL COUNCIL



Monica Miller

Hello Puyallup Tribal Members,

I am very Humble on the Support from all the Tribal Members with this Primary Election rather you Voted by absentee or in Person you all showed your involvement and voice with the Tribe. The New Election Drive up system that the Tribal Council approved due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 was a long wait with the drive up Voting Polls, but our Tribal Members waited the long hourly wait to make their Vote Count that is the most respected and caring Vote, my hands go up to everyone, I personally want to say thank you.

All the Tribal Members that put your name in to be a Candidate for this 2020 Tribal Primary Election I am Very Proud of each and everyone of you, this shows our Membership that you care about your Tribe and your strength and Love for our Tribe.

COVID-19 Coronavirus was a surprise for all of us shutting down all our Tribal Entities, Especially shutting down our Casino's which bring in the most Revenue that we all depend on, its been very stressful with our Tribal Government and our Tribal Membership none of us ever expected anything like this to happen, but as a Tribe it's nice to see All Tribal Members Concerns, we are all in this together and need to stand together strong and keep voicing all our opinions. I Pray for all Tribal Members to be brought back to work soon, and for those who where on unemployment I pray that your unemployment payments have finally reached you. Hopefully this COVID-19 will be over soon and we can have all Tribal Entities doors back opened and running smoothly once again.

With both our EQC Casino's doors being back opened and both Casino's doing very well this will help us out

financially with Revenue but we will still need time to get back on the right financial Track with The Tribe. The New Casino is Beautiful and hopefully our two Hotels will be opening soon.

As you all know we the Tribal Members received a surprise letter Regarding our Per Capita and Minor's Trust. I want The Tribal Membership to know that Tribal Council DID NOT include Me or the Per Capita Department on this issue it was a Surprise to me as the Director and to the Per Capita Department. I heard about This letter and a resolution on June 5th and I was Livid about this, the question is how long did our Finance team know that we were out of compliance with Department of Interior and how long did Tribal Council know that were out of Compliance. I Think we need to pull back the Resolution go back to the Department of Interior and let them know we are out of compliance and ask to make correct changes. I don't believe our Children should have to pay for our financial team/Tribal Attorney's/ Tribal Council mistake of not having us in compliance. A second Trust Account for our Children is not a good idea either, they are already loosing Thousands of dollars because of the (DOW) stock market. We need a membership Meeting like now to here the members voices and our tribal teenagers voices also need to be heard. I DO NOT want to see our members on the Welfare line or Homeless a lot of our members won't be able to pay their Rent/Mortgage, electric Bills, or even put food on their tables, with the COVID-19 some members unemployment hasn't even kicked in yet. Therefore being said we need to renegotiate and admit our mistakes no hiding the truth anymore.

**** Transparency is one of the most issue that everyone talks about therefore maybe that should be in Tribal Councils Code of Conduct.

****Tribal Revenue With the COVID-19 we need to save Revenue instead of spending this has been an eye opener for all of us and we need to start saving for a Emergency Crisis Savings.

Economic Development that I would like to see in our Future:

*****Utilize our present Properties we own for:

- **Tribal Housing for all members
- **Port of Tacoma Seafood packaging and processing Company
- **Tribal Church - For our Members and Community also can be used for our Funerals
- **Tribal Clinic Parking Garage - safety for employee's and Patient's
- **Salish Cancer Center needs to be advanced to a one stop Cancer Center - X-rays, MRI, radiation, Chemo therapy, Prescriptions, massages, acupuncture, Natural Medicines, Counseling, etc., where our Cancer patients can fulfill all there appointments in one Place.
- **Sound Proof New Court House
- ** New Native Designed Tribal Admin Building
- **Tribal Trade Center/Grocery Store Fife location
- **Port Tribal Warehouse for importing/exporting along with working with other Tribes Timber/ Clothing/Medicines etc.,
- **Natural Medicines and Foods thru our Culture Center
- **continue to strongly support our language program with the teachings in the classroom and on line

I Monica Miller am asking for your Support and VOTE in this upcoming General Election, together as Tribal Members we can make a difference.



Tim Reynon

haʔ sləx̣il txʷəl gʷəlapu, siʔiʔab dʔiišəd. Good day to you honorable and noble people, my dear people.

Nearly six years ago, you honored me with the privilege of serving you as an elected member of our Tribal Council. **I am humbled by your trust, and I sincerely thank you** for this opportunity to work along side you to serve our people and our Tribe. I hope that I have honored your trust in return by working hard to bring us together and by bringing about positive changes and a brighter future for everyone in our tribe. Collaborating with our tribal community and listening to your thoughts and concerns, we achieved much over the past six years. Here's a sample of some of the things we accomplished together:

- ✓ **We built a world-class hotel casino resort and implemented a player tracking system** that will take our gaming and hospitality operations to the next level of success
- ✓ **We made our community safer** through the passage of Initiative 940 and the adoption of a law that makes human trafficking a crime on our reservation
- ✓ **We strengthened our families** and our members through the implementation of wraparound services
- ✓ **We restored our constitutional rights** to assemble and discuss political issues on our tribal lands by drafting an amendment to the Tribe's Election Code and getting it approved
- ✓ **We increased communication** through the establishment of a new Communications Department, quarterly membership meetings

and monthly Community Conversation meetings

- ✓ **We declared a climate emergency** and directed all our tribal departments and entities to make changes to our operations to reduce our impact on the environment and protect Mother Earth
- ✓ **We increased the accountability of our tribal government** through the drafting and pending approval of the Tribal Council Code of Conduct and Open Records Ordinance, and increased communication
- ✓ **We revitalized and integrated our culture and our language** into our tribal government and programs
- ✓ **We united our tribe and brought our tribal community** together like never before as we fought PSE's LNG plant and came together to pass Initiative 940.

Results like these come from collaboration, hard work, and experience. Even though we have accomplished much, our work is far from done. **The challenges we may face** in the next few years from the current administration in Washington, D.C. and here at home in our own community to address the effects of COVID-19 and the financial and social challenges it has created for our Tribe and our members, **will require experienced, competent leaders who can bring people together to work collaboratively** and effectively to take on these challenges and find solutions that will protect and preserve our sovereignty, our resources, and our families. **We need Council members that are up to the task, with the experience, knowledge, and courage** to lead us through these uncertain and challenging times, and who are **able to unite our people** and **capable of**

making difficult decisions based on the best interests of the Tribe and all our members, rather than on political convenience.

Over these past six years, **I have demonstrated that I am the type of Council member we need. I have not shied away from making tough decisions, tackling difficult issues, or standing up for what was in the best interest of our Tribe and our members.** Whether it was

- ✓ **deciding to close our casinos to protect our community** from the coronavirus, or
- ✓ **moving to a performance based per capita system** to ensure the long-term sustainability of those benefits for our members, or
- ✓ **helping to lead a coalition of community partners** to draft an initiative and legislation **to change the state's police use of deadly force laws** to make our communities safer, or
- ✓ **voting against severance pay and pay increases for Tribal Council members,** or
- ✓ **drafting and proposing a tribal law** that would **codify a standard of expectations for our elected tribal leaders** and establish a **process for holding those leaders accountable,** or
- ✓ **advocating for additional funding to help families** transition through the changes to the per capita system and minors trusts.

I have demonstrated the ability and courage to take on whatever challenges may come our way and do what is right for our Tribe and our members, and I will continue to do so as long as I'm allowed to serve you. **That is why I humbly ask for your continued support in this year's Tribal Council elections.**

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If given the opportunity to continue the work we started together, **I will stand strong against the attacks from Washington, D.C. on our tribal sovereignty, our lands, and our resources.**

We will continue to strengthen our families and our members by establishing a Family Healing to Wellness Court and developing new, **safe and supportive housing opportunities.**

We will find ways to help our families make a smooth transition through the changes to the per capita system and minors trusts and **I will continue to advocate for financial assistance for families with children** to help them through this transition.

We will continue to find ways to strengthen our youth, take care of our elders, and make our streets safer.

We will continue to find ways to strengthen and diversify our tribal economy.

We will continue to find ways to make our operations and our economy greener.

We need honest, experienced, dependable, and courageous leaders who will lead us through these uncertain and perilous times and **who will help pave the way to a more prosperous future for all of us.**

With your continued guidance, support, and your vote, I will continue to provide that leadership.

and, **TOGETHER, we will BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE** for our Tribe and our future generations.

I respectfully ask that you honor me once again with your renewed trust, and your vote on August 1st.

With humility and love,



Tim Reynon, Tribal Councilmember Candidate for Tribal Council 2020
For more information about our platform and our work over the past six years, please visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CouncilmanTimReynon.



James V. Miles Sr.

Dear Puyallup Tribal Members, I would like to thank every tribal member that voted either by absentee or in person in the Primary Election. I would also like to congratulate every Candidate that ran for Tribal Council in this year's election. Congratulations to Monica, Tim, and James (Jim Jim) for their success, and I hope the best for them and their families, I believe that all of us candidates want what is best for our people.

It is paramount and vital to our success that we have a clear and open dialog with each other, we need to create a healthy method of sharing information between the Tribal Government and our Membership. I will advocate for the membership to be included in major decisions, especially before it severely affects them or impacts tribal families. I understand the situation our tribe's in, but I also believe that when it comes to laws that dictate what we do, we need to advocate for the Tribe's side. Our Tribe has the inherent sovereign right to determine our future.

When making major decisions, I go through a process of gathering information and then determine how each situation either benefits or negatively impacts Tribal Members and their families while ensuring that all our laws are being followed and our Tribal government is protected. I believe that my professional experience and Tribal insight provides an additional positive perspective that can help our Tribe through this hard time.

Tribal Members, we can work together to secure our future, but we need to safeguard our Tribal resources. Our systems of governance and fiscal oversight over the years are not completely effective and have proven to not be able to protect our resources from corruption and

outside manipulation. We as Tribal Members can no longer allow this to go on for our own sake.

We were not prepared for the Covid-19 Pandemic, metaphorically speaking it was a fiscal bomb going off within our tribe. This shows us that we were not ready for any type of disaster, manmade or natural. Knowing what we know now, we need to start preparing. We need to start managing our resources with caution, we do not know what's around the corner but we need to better prepare for another potential disaster.

Our Government and all Tribal Entities need to be ready and prepared to protect Tribal Families. Being ready means having the emergency plans in place and reserve accounts filled exclusively for monetary benefits to help tribal families with services and assistance, such as: Housing assistance, Crisis Assistance, Tribal Member Employment Etc..

Although, I believe that this current financial crisis as a result of the pandemic is temporary and we will be back on our feet within 1 year to 2 years, but without any real oversight and effective protection history will repeat itself again.

We have an opportunity to come together, reboot, and refocus our direction. Our plans need direction and our plans need to be inclusive and holistic. All the years of infighting and attacking one another not only created mistrust it also created a system of corruption and this leaves our Tribal Membership, children, and future, severely vulnerable in so many ways.

These following areas is more important than ever and with your vote and support as well as the help of other Council Members, we can prioritize our resources and guide those resources to meet the needs of the Puyallup Tribal Membership.

Housing. To me housing is more than just four walls. Housing needs to be Safe, Suitable, and affordable for all tribal members and their families. We need to work together to establish a realistic plan that includes a wide range of housing opportunities such as, but not limited to: Emergency, Transitional, Clean and Sober, Rental and Home ownership. It is my desire to work with fellow Council Members and departments in order to stabilize our resources by expanding the level of assistance and raising the financial support in the assistance areas of: Mortgage, Rental, down payment, and Crises/Emergency Assistance Programs. We need to increase focus on these areas because the cost of living is much higher than what it was when the program was created.

Addiction/Mental Health. Although Drug Addiction/Abuse on and off the Reservation is not a new issue. I would call to your attention that the present level of addiction has grown to a Crisis level. This Crisis is affecting and impacting our people in many negative ways. Even though our Tribe has dedicated workers, and offers many different programs, we are losing this battle. I believe that this Crisis and the negative impacts of Addiction and Abuse affect our Tribal Families and love ones, either directly or indirectly. I also believe that by working together in an uplifting and supportive way we can help our Tribe strengthen and expand the opportunities that address the Suffering in Our Tribal Community.

Social services. Children Services. Wherever possible, Family Reunification needs to be a top priority on behalf of all our children as well as their health and safety. We need to evaluate what works and what does not, because the amount of our children entering the Children protective services are at an all-time high.

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Employment/ Education. We have over 1,900 Puyallup Tribal school age children between 4 and 17 years old with the majority living in Pierce, Thurston, and King Counties with about 300 Puyallup Tribal Members out of almost 600 students at Chief Leschi Schools. We send over 300

tribal Members to College or other forms of Higher learning annually. Education and Employment is vital to our future because over the next 5 to 8 years we will have about 800 to 1,100 of our children becoming adults and we need to prepare for them to work for their Tribe in all aspects.

The tribe is one of the top employers in Pierce County, with over 3,200 employees, and 500.

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