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I wanted to talk to you about the process to get a house in Warm Springs. A lot of people still come to me asking, even though I no longer work at Land Services, and I hope this helps people understand the process to get a home here on the reservation.

Land Use Planning (LUPC) does not approve homesites, but they do approve what homesites are presented to Council (any Tribal Council committee can reject a homesite).

The first step is to go to Credit and apply for a loan, the LUPC does not accept any applications without a letter of credit (step 2). They then can approve the homesite for 30-day posting and notification to Tribal Council committees (step 3), also at this time a Small Project Assessment (SPA) should be done with the Branch of Natural Resources (BNR) for any environmental concerns.

After the 30 days a homesite Summary Report is prepared, and seeing no objections it is presented back to the LUPC for approval to be for-



warded to Tribal Council by way of a resolution for final approval (step 4). If it is passed by TC then it could move forward to BIA for the lease recording and signing.

Once you have a lease in hand you can move forward with construction building permit needed and application to IHS for a well and septic tank.

If it is a lot in a subdivision, LUPC can waive the 30 day posting/committee notification.

Anyways this is how it used to work and I don't know if the process has changed.

I think the biggest challenge for the tribe is lack of

revenue, and the tribe needs to return to a place of self-sufficiency by way of revenue generation. The most lucrative forms of revenue for the tribe has always been electrical and casino gains.

PGE and Comcast both owe the tribes 50 million a year. The casino could be making the same at an alternative location the tribe already owns. The problem with the casino is we are not located in built-in population base like Alaina, Wild horse, Legends, Gran Ronde and Lincoln City. The tribe should be bringing in around 150 million a year in revenue. I have a plan for this.

I want to ask the state to pay for our new casino with a Lotto money grant, the same money that was used to shut down the Shaker Church for an asbestos study.

My old boss Chuck Chambers (YIN tribal member) self-made millionaire, used to say, "Don't step over dollars, to pick up nickels n dimes" (i.e. grant indirect fees).

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