

2025 30th Tribal Council Nominee

My Family: My Dad: Buddy Fred Kalama previous tribal council member for Seekseequa District, decent of Pitt River Paiute Band. My Mom: Jeannie Yvonne Halfmoon Cayuse member of the Umitilla/Nez Perce/Cayuse . My Step-Father Sammy Danzuka, veteran of WWII and known as "bull of the woods" with a tree falling business that supplied the Warm Spring mill and of the Wasco Band.

My enrollment in the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs comes from my dad, grand-son to Lillian Pitt-Kalama the daughter of Charles and Sarah Pitt. Prior to the current CTWS treaty, Charles and Sarah had been selected to learn, teach, interpret and discuss wording and definition of the English language. Their working understand of English assisted in the treaty negotiations of 1855. Two of their grand-children were seated on the first council. Their grand-daughter's husband also had been seated on the first council.

The great-grandchildren of Lillian Pitt-Kalama (her husband Peter Kalama of Nisqually, Washington), is Buddy Kalama, my father and Nick Kalama, my uncle district chief whom represented Seekseequa District in recent history. My heritage is Pitt River Paiute incorporated with the Northern Paiute Band identified as the Seeseekqua District of the Confederate Tribes of Warm Springs.

I would be the great-great-granddaughter of Lillian Pitt-Kalama and the great-great-great-granddaughter of Charles and Sara Pitt. My immediate family consisted of four girls and four boys, I was the third born proceeded by my sisters and followed by my brothers. All elder's who passed told us to take care of each other, we do. My life was molded by hardworking people and the motto will always be, "Help Each Other". I request your vote to become a delegate from Seekseequa to be seated on the 30th Tribal Council.

I remember Riding horses as a youth and being around the rodeo arena located in present day Early Childhood Education location. I loved night skiing and was on the Sandy High School swim team all four years and lettered in that sport. I lived in Canada for seven years and returned to start again. I had sold my first home on the reservation to move to Canana and bought a home there. Pow Wow was the weekend thing for our family and going on adventures in Canada. I returned home and worked to have another home here. I have three children all graduated high school and today each made goals and family lives of their own. I have reached retirement age and rest on my hard work achievements that include a home, transportation, social security, travel within the Pacific Northwest, and beadwork skills.

My education reflects a typical tribal member that includes basic High School Diploma and Administrative Training in a vocational institution obtain in 1998 while I was in Canada. My first job with an hourly wage was at Ski Bowl located in Government Camp during High School Upon my return home I worked at Macy's Store, Federal Job Training Program Administration, Tribal Personnel, Tribal Social Service, 509J School District working summers at KNT. Recent jobs include Fire Management and KWSO. I started work at minimum wage and retired at minimum wage. I was the working poor, head of house hold, the bread winner all those years. So insight

and lived experiences are my majors.

I also like to read a bit. Eugene S Hunn author of Nch'i-Wana "The Big River" wrote the book about the Mid-Columbia Indians and their Land. Mr. Hunn sought consultation from James Selam and Family during the writing of Nch'i-Wana. I felt this quote from his book is relevant to my priorities of which I have come to understand at this time. He wrote; "I believe that we are less likely to destroy what we understand than what we are ignorant of." This quote is important to me, its preservation of the hard work of the past, the struggles of today, and the dreams of tomorrow. The words clarify the need to consult our grassroots people, find facts, and list what we have going for us and what is needed to exist on the reservation. Those who have moved from this plot of land are seeking their existence and find success. I too want to find success here, as it was years ago during a different time when resources were abundant. We must find different and innovative tools to strengthen the foundation of the Tribal Community.

So my basic priority is to communicate and question policy, practices, and plans that directly impact the membership, the natural resources, and the finance of our past, present, and future. My focus will be a holistic view keeping frontline efforts and results targeted toward collective goals.

I seek your vote to help our tribal community as the Seekseequa 30th Tribal Council member representative. Thank you for your vote.

Yours Sincerely
Marjorie Kalama-Gabriel
Seekseequa 30th Tribal Council Nominee.