

Hello, my name is Erica James. I am full blooded Hopi and a proud member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes. I grew up on the CRIT reservation attending Wallace Elementary, Le Pera Elementary and graduated with honors from Parker High School.

My employment with the Tribes began at the age of 14 when I started working at the CRIT Auto Shop under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Summer Youth Program. When I was 18 years old, I started working at the BlueWater Casino located within the Moovalya Plaza. When BlueWater Resort and Casino relocated to its current location on the river, I was employed as the Assistant Personnel Director until 2005.

From 2003 to 2015, I had the honor of serving as a proud military wife. My family and I moved around the southern United States and enjoyed our travels immensely. During this time, I met many people interested in my Native American culture. I shared with them stories of our beautiful reservation and educated them on our many resources such as our farm land and water. Not to mention, the resilience of our Native American people and strong native values and cultures.

My family and I returned to the CRIT reservation, our home, in 2015. Upon returning, I started work at the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO). In 2016, I transferred to the CRIT Office of the Attorney General where I was the Lease Compliance Specialist. As Lease Compliance Specialist I wrote and executed contracts for tenants living within the West Boundary area of the CRIT Reservation along the Arizona/California border near Blythe. Since May of 2023, I am the General Manager of the Running Man Fuel Stations. I manage CRIT's two fueling stations and have a staff of 15 employees. Running Man Fuel creates great revenue for the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

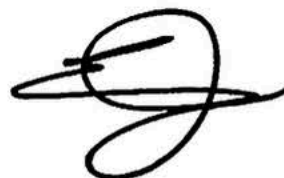
I also volunteer for the CRIT Native American Toys for Tots program of which I am a core member. I also volunteer for the Lower 40 4-H Club. I have also served as a Field Census Supervisor for the 2020 United States Census.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I was appointed Public Information Officer for the CRIT Incident Command Response Team, where I served our community to bring prevention and awareness to the COVID-19 virus. I also helped coordinate CRIT employee COVID testing and distribution of masks and other COVID prevention items to the public.

I am a hardworking, business-oriented individual who will continue to work hard for our community. If elected to CRIT Tribal Council, I promise your voice will be heard. I will make myself available to the community, to hear your concerns about our current health and economic development and direction going forward. I will always place the needs of this community before my own. I work well with others and will work alongside the other Council members to help ensure positive growth and forward direction for years to come.

I care deeply about our community and CRIT Tribal Members. If elected, I will ensure our tribal members come first. I want our people to have what they need to take care of themselves and families. We need better housing availability and access to proper health care. I want to explore new business ventures and provide better employment opportunities for our Tribal community. I want to ensure our current policies and enterprises continue to benefit our tribal population and our land.

Your support and vote are greatly appreciated.



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