

“What you do today can improve all your tomorrows”

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Sonia Stone here, a candidate for a seat of the Tribal Council. Here's more information for you all to reacquaint yourself with me.

Born and raised here on the Reservation as the eldest daughter of the late Anthony & Viola Stone, Sr.

Wanting to share with all of you more about me. But first, I want encourage each of you to dream and answer the following. What do you see here for your grandchildren and great children? Will you see the same tribal buildings, enterprises, government services in operations or being used

Now let me share. My upbringing I spent summers, before going to work at age 13 with Tribes Youth Training Program (ED&T but another name in that era ©) We had Hatch Center, utilizing all those building were are now just abandoned if that. We were picked peach, we had physical activities (a lot of swimming), we learned to knit, sew, do arts & crafts, and cook. Well, that's what I remember. Lunch was

provided, and we all just hung out together as children, just mini version of school but way more fun. Other places full of my memories where our people

congregated, Like Manataba Park and Irataba Hall. We watch adults play sports at Manataba Park and its where we had all our celebrations. I recall vividly

Thanksgiving watching movies in Irataba Hall, smelling Thanksgiving dinner being prepared by staff. I'd like to see us as a community, go back to start this to help our children today. I believe it could be beneficial, don't you or would you like to share your ideas and incorporate other skills, I have some ideas?

Why not help our tribal members create entrepreneur opportunities that could not only help those individuals but all of us as a community. Let's start by creating a workplace where they could use for their administrative needs. A place for mail, supplies/materials can be delivered, have internet access, place for an office equipment can be accessed. I love how folks have started with our children with the new youth entrepreneurship, shout out to Department of Revenue! Let's expand this to include adults.

Let's then help our programs think outside of the box as we tackle the community morale, safety and self-sufficiency. We all need to be part of the solutions, it is going to take not only Tribal Council, but departments, enterprises, all families and available, outside of CRIT, resources.

So, what does mean as my Platform. In summary:

> I want to be part of the solution working with all of you, to make a difference for the future, So TEAMWORK.

> Looking at prepare for the future, So VISIONARY/DREAMER.

• I've lived through many of the changes of reservation services, So EXPERIENCED.

" Part of this community and Services oriented, so INVEST IN OUR PEOPLE.

Here is the first of many to come.