

I am Timothy Stevens- Welsh, an enrolled member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes. I am 40 years old and the Son of Stephanie Stevens, Deron Fisher Sr. and Allen Welsh. I am the Grandson of Pheobe Welch, Herbert Waco, The Late Truman Stevens and The Late Brenda Welch. The Great Grandson of The Late Oscar Welch and The Later Annette Harper-Welch. I have been blessed to grow up in a generation where I was influenced and nurtured by many of our strong elders and leaders who are no longer with us. It is through the time I spent learning and absorbing as much as I could to hold on to those teachings and pass them along and hold them dear and near. I have used these teachings and lessons to guide and navigate me in my adult life.

A great leader by the name of John Christman once shared "It takes the Oak Tree many, many years to grow. With that being said, our past ancestors planted and nourished the oak tree knowing they would never benefit from it in their life time. It was planted and nourished to keep the future of our people going and to ensure the future and vitality of its people."

I am running to be this example and this kind of leader. We are in a time now where our presence, our resources, our traditional lands, our existence is being targeted. To ensure we are prepared to take this task, we must have a strong united council that is capable of recognizing the needs of its; people, programs, enterprises, government and livelihood to reinforce its foundation in all aspects of the tribe, so we can not be shaken or moved.

We need a council capable of vision and strength. We need a council willing to learn but also to recognize where it is failing, in themselves but also the people. If we don't have a council we can not trust, momentum is hard to accomplish, especially when our people are no longer kept in highest regards.

Our membership should always be first to be notified in all aspects of its future dealings and sacrifices. We have been the last or we have been left oblivious what direction our tribe is taking us.

I would like to bring back pride to our people, our language, our cultures, our traditions, our resources, our lands, our water, our decisions.

I have fought for our people on a tribal member level. I would like to continue to fight and represent you on a council level. I am asking for you to place one vote for me, Tim Stevens-Welsh. This year we are faced through trying times on state, federal and local levels. I can represent you on all levels. Your vote will be a decision that ensures you will have representation.

We do know that this a time for change, it can start with one vote one decision. I would like to be that vote and decision. It is time our Tribal Membership COME FIRST in all aspects. That I can promise I will fight for. Vote for someone who is in your community, a member who has been there for you and has continued to be there for you.

With My Heart Respectfully,

Timothy Stevens-Welsh