

To the Members of the Colorado River Indian Tribes:

My name is Tommy Lee Drennan, and I am the son of Tammy Drennan and the late Michael Drennan Sr., maternal grandson of the late Eliza Welsh and paternal grandson of the late Warren Drennan, Sr., and the late Geraldine Evanston.

First, I want to thank the membership for supporting me and giving me the opportunity to previously serve, electing me in 2018 and re-electing me in 2020. I will always cherish those opportunities and value the support of our people and community. In my 40 years of life, it's an honor to be a voice for you in the issues before our Tribe and Indian Country.

I seek your support to be able to do so again.

During my time on the Council, I was able to successfully assist, accomplish and enact various legislation, law, and policy, to include, but not limited to, expansion of equality reflective in our Tribal law, our water legislation, resource development, and health protocol effective during the Covid 19 pandemic. It is my hope to not only continue to be a voice for you on this council but to help complete the layout of plans that will expand on resource development, housing development, to effectively redirect and develop new policy, law and services that can change how we confront the issues plaguing our people, on and off the reservation. I want to continue and complete the work I have started on the issue of enrollment, which will include an audit and explore safe and beneficial paths that will allow CRIT to establish a road into the future for all our children to access membership.

I remain versed and ready to commit my knowledge of government and law, my skills, my talents, and thoughts to combat the issues that plague our community and membership and make genuine strides toward solutions. For those I have not had the opportunity to come to know, I have worked my entire career in public and government services. I have worked in the Federal Government, Local County Government (La Paz County, AZ), Tribal Government, and shared opportunity and success with many organizations in various states and interests. It is my passion to continue to do the same for us, our Tribal Government and Communities.

Now, I do want to address some of the things that will be negatively hurled my way in this election. In November 2023 I was recalled. These efforts accused me of basically being "mean" and attacked my personal character and sexuality with lies. Having gone through that process and having been a target of unwarranted accusations and conspiracies pushed by a sect of people and council members, I have come to accept that they will continue to come at me however they wish; but I know my story better than anyone else. So, now I ask the membership...have any of those people done ANYTHING to help YOU or all of US since? Unfortunately, after my removal, many of the proposals and plans I was working on with the few members of council (yes, the ones who ACTUALLY WORKED) have been stalled and gone unanswered. I also apologize for not being more vocal during that recall and confront the mendacious plotting, but I had a job to do. The day before the recall election I had flown back into AZ after advocating our positions in a federal listening session in Louisiana. I worked until all was said and done.

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