

Now here we are, the 2024 General Election. I applaud all the candidates who have stepped forward to declare their intent to serve on this Tribes' government. It is not an easy job, and it is not absent of scrutiny. I continue to implore our membership to heavily weigh the candidates against the issues we face and select a team that can effectively do what WE need done. Nevertheless, consider how it has impacted all of us to go forward without answers, without beneficial change, and without direction.

I ask for your consideration. I am not a farmer, a rancher, or a business owner, nor am I involved in LLCs that privately benefit my family by taking the CRIT dollars, I am not obligated to other ventures, and I am not distracted from the work that needs to be done. I am not going to ask you to put me in a government seat and spend the whole time trying to figure it out. I am not going to place the tribal finances in jeopardy and say "yes" to things while pretending to know what I am talking about. I am not going to recommend the removal of authorities on a whim because it does not suit my desire or purse strings. I am not going to tell you government is about opportunity and only extend opportunity to family, friends, and nonmembers. I am not going to be absent and tell you I was not.

What I am going to tell you is I will do what I can to help. I am Mohave, who was born to Mohave parents and into a clan. I have knowledge of the traditions of our Mohave people and knowledge of the history of our 4 Tribes and how we made this valley our homes. I was raised by my mother with the help of many in this community, my grandparents, aunts, uncles, great aunts and uncles, relatives in all walks of life. I am tired of seeing our people die because of sickness, drugs, and violence.. I am tired of hearing how successful our Tribe is and our people left in poverty. I am tired of long-standing bureaucrats, employees and bad actors, who do the bare minimum, continue to oppress our members and be rewarded monetarily. I am tired of embracing a system designed to oppress our people. I am tired of these individuals taking advantage of our time, our success, and our livelihoods.

I am ready to utilize our sovereignty and continue working to redefine and reorganize our system and government infrastructure so that it benefits ALL of us, fairly and equitably. That has been my goal and continues to be my goal. I am ready to work towards a more permanent solution and end decades of oppression orchestrated within our own government and inflicted on our people. I am ready to get back to work and finish what I have started. I continue to be your advocate and voice to the extent of my ability and continue to push for FAIRNESS FOR US ALL. .

I am Tommy Lee Drennan, and I am asking for your support. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tommy Lee Drennan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'T'.