



**Election Board
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Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Members:

This letter is to inform you the Elections Board Certified the Candidates for the 2023 General Election. The following is a list of the Candidates in alphabetical order as they would appear on the ballot: James IronHeart, Kevin Lenon, Natalie Misanes, Allen Price, Kemo Welborn

This year the General Election will be on Monday, December 4, 2023. As always, voters will be able to come in and cast their vote in person at the Administration Building from 8:30am to 4:30pm on Election Day, December 4, 2023. The polls will close at exactly 4:30pm at which time the votes will be tallied.

When you receive your official 2023 General Election Ballot Please vote for no more than three (3) candidates. Write in candidates are not allowed and will invalidate the ballot.

Sincerely,

The Elections Board
Eric Armstrong, Chairman
Steve Laberta, Vice-Chairman
Karen Misanes, Secretary
Jordan Maltos, Board Member
Alisa Clark, Board Member



I am James Ironheart; My family is Brown family, my Mother is Nancy DeCoteau (Joseph) my grandmother is Katheren Joseph (Brown). I ran before and want to take this time to thank you for voting for me last time. I got my Associates degree in general direct transfer from the Northwest Indian College. I am one of the people who pushed for this bio for people to run for tribal council. Moreover, what I have done without being on tribal council is, Language revitalization act, and healthy initiative. As a non-council member. I am one of the founders of the sobaliali canoe family, as well as one of the founders of "big walk". I have been working for the Sauk-Suiattle tribe for a long time. My job listings are; youth mentor tutor, janitor, cook/program manager of elders food program, language technician, and Language Instructor/Teacher/program manager for the lushootseed language. It is sad to see my people tearing them selfsame apart. We are Sauk-Suiattle. We are not Joseph's, Einick's, Moses.... And so on. We are the people of Sauk-Suiattle. I talked to everyone. I done with the fighting. I want to work with everyone. We all can work together and move as a tribe. If we don't we will lose out on hunting, fishing, gathering, all the activities we as Sauk-Suiattle once did. I know you will all see me as a Joseph. But if you vote for me you will get your voices heard.



Kevin Lenon
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Dear Relatives and Friends of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe:

I am sincerely asking for your support for my reelection to the Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Council. I was first appointed to the Council in 2011 and elected in 2012. In that time I learned a lot about my people and our tribe and even though we are a small tribe how important we are to each other and to other tribes in this region. From our Canoe Journeys we know that we are a major part of our Puget Sound waters, now known as the Salish Sea. From our walks over the mountains, I have felt our strong connections to our relatives who have reservations east of the Cascades.

I have always tried to be fair in our work for our people and with the people who work for us in our businesses and in our tribal administration. It is important that we put as many of our people to work who are qualified and want to work. It is also important that we help them grow into their jobs and become long time employees. I try my best to teach the young people I work with so that they improve their skills but also to be always alert to safety, especially if they work outside.

Our tribal people live in different locations and in different kinds of environments. Making them comfortable where they are has always been important to me. In my work, I have always made sure that we took care of people's needs, no matter what their opinion was of me or our council or administration. Because my background is construction, even though I am no longer working in Housing, I don't hesitate to get out there and help, to make sure things get done and done right.

My beliefs are strong in land ownership. We need to find a safer place for all of us to live, away from and above the river. We all know that nature can do very surprising things and that many of us could get hurt. So I have supported adding land to our tribal land base knowing that someday, we'll be able to turn all our lands into trust or reservation status. I also want to see us develop a strong economic development base right up here in our beautiful mountains. We have a lot of young people that we need to encourage and support into a good education and business thinking.

In council I was working on relocating our reservation to safe land and providing 113 homes for our people, consisting of 43 homes 3 twenty unit apartments, one being a senior assisted living center for our elders who need that and five duplexes in town. The duplexes were denied permitting by Darrington so we had to go with single family units instead. Finally next month we are meeting with DNR. to acquire the land we need to have access to our relocation grounds. With all our tribal services being down the street so people could walk to work if they wanted to. The homes should be built to zero energy standards so they will be easy to heat and cool. Just yesterday we got approved to expand our cemetery and build a new cemetery shelter and out house for both cemeteries. That has been in the process for the last ten years. Persistence pays off when you are working with the State and Federal government. I plan to pick up where I left off if reelected. Thank you for your support. I look forward to serving you in the next term of office.

Sincerely, Kevin Lenon

Dear Fellow, Tribal Members.

My name is Natalie Misanes, I have 4 tribal member children with my spouse Michael Roberts, our children are Tristan Roberts (10), Katherine Misanes (6), Michael Roberts Jr. (3), and Aiden Roberts (1). I am the daughter of Karen Misanes and Donald (Lamar) Clark, the Granddaughter of Kathy Misanes and Ray Misanes, the Great Granddaughter of Katherine Brown and James Joseph.

4 years ago, I was asked to serve on the Tribal Council. It has been such a great honor to serve our tribal members for the last 4 years and I want to thank you all so very much for giving me the opportunity! This Tribal Council has been able to put words to action and working together we have been able to ensure that this is happening, within the last 4 years I am happy to say we have done that quite well and completed some tasks together and have made some hard decisions along the way. The one I am most proud of Tribal Council is adding to our scholarship program in the education department. I know everyone likes to say we need to educate our tribal members so they can come back to help our tribe, I believe we have taken a step towards that so we can continue to work together in growing the tribe's future by creating more opportunities, more opportunities to help each other grow, build more infrastructure to make our tribe what we want it to be! Another great program that has been created is a 1-year program where the tribe assists tribal members in getting their driver's license and/or High School Diploma and they get to work during the time being as well. For the first time in many years our Audit was not only completed on time, but our books were finally auditable, which is great considering the tribe hasn't had the ability to be done in the past.

There is so much more that can be done and needs to be done and has been done. Overall, there is always room for improvement, but I hope we can all continue to work together and keep putting words into action to keep the tribe moving forward into a better future and making our tribe stronger!

I hope you give me another opportunity to serve again so I can continue to help serve our people, continue to bring change in a positive way and I want to continue to contribute what I can to our tribe and our people, I would greatly appreciate your vote!

Respectfully,

Natalie Misanes 10/16/2023

Natalie Misanes



My fellow Sauk-Suiattle tribal members, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Allen Price Jr., and I am the son of Allen Price Sr and Dolly Waterhouse. My paternal grandfather was Jimmy Price, my maternal grandfather was Francis Enick the son of Sam Enick. My great great great grandfather is Wastenesta. I am running for tribal council. I have been holding an interim council position for our tribe for almost a year and have witnessed and been a part of many wonderful advancements and new resources for our people in that time and I am looking forward to all that is to come for our community and its tribal members. I am also our Natural Resources Director, and it has been a great honor serving alongside this council. Some of the things we have been working on are fighting for treaty fishing rights and expanding our U&A and growing economically for the benefits of our tribal members. The rights we have as Native people and the ability to govern economic business ventures are very important to me for the financial well-being of the tribe, along with being able to give the membership access to more resources. I have been in negotiations with Seattle City Lights for fish passageways that will give us more fishing rights to more areas. We also started a hunters safety course for our tribal members to take and learn about how to safely use firearms and other skills to protect themselves when hunting. Another great thing we've accomplished is the Spearhead Lake and campground is now open and looks amazing here at the lake you can enjoy