



T'epot'aha'l

The People of the Salinan Tribe

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THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN THE LETTERS OF INTENT THAT WE RECEIVED SO FAR
FOR THE TRIBAL ELECTION



My name is **Gary Pierce**. I am the current **Contemporary Lead** on the tribal council. I am running for reelection mainly to achieve federal recognition for the Salinan Tribe. In the past I had a good relationship with Mr. Flemming, who will be the person at OFA granting recognition. I think this is beneficial for the Tribe. The COVID shut down has made this process very slow but the council is moving forward and I am very optimistic. In addition to federal recognition, I am interested in maintaining our culture. That is why I am currently studying the language and encourage everyone, especially our youth to do the same.

Thank you for your past support and please consider me for reelection.



September 17, 2021

To the Salinan People:

It is my intent to run for council in the upcoming election. So much has been accomplished and a lot is in the process. However, there is still more work to be done. Together we've suffered from loss, we've seen setbacks, but we've also seen good things for our people. So I would humbly ask for your continued trust and your vote so I may carry on working for our people. It is for you I do this work and no one else. It is an honor to serve my tribal family.

Respectfully,

Donnie Pierce, Jr.

9-10-2021

Salinan Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Kenneth Pierce Sr. I Am the youngest in the family of Walter (Duke) and Marion Pierce, and the grandson of Katherine (McCormack) Pierce.

I am seeking a seat on the Elder Council. I have been the newsletter editor and publisher as well as managing the Tribal Website since 2008. I recently helped prepare the Federal Recognition package which will be submitted soon.

I believe my attendance and participation in the council will allow me to better serve our tribe and also to be more informed in tribal matters.

Thank you,

Kenneth J. Pierce Sr



9-15-2021

Hello my Salinan family, I am Mary Armas Rodgers, re running for Tribal council. I would love your vote so we may continue to gather in our homeland to manage our cultural resources and sacred sites together as a tribal family.

I have worked closely with the Los Padres National Service for roughly twenty years managing and protecting our cultural resources and sacred sites, working to protect and preserve the historic Adobe of my ancestors Eusebio and Perfecta Encinales, in the Los Padres national forest.

It's been an honor and privilege to represent my Salinan family and I would appreciate your vote for Tribal council.

I look forward to serving my Salinan community in the best way possible.

Xayatspanikan

Mary Armas Rodgers



09-21-2021

To Whom It May Concern,

I am interested in running for a seat on the Elder Tribal Council. My mother was Gertrude Beach (Pierce).

I am interested in this position because I feel that I can bring fresh insight without bias or prejudice. I am interested in learning more about the challenges and accomplishments of the Tribe and know this will give me the opportunity to do so.

I am easy going and get along with everyone and have an open mind to listen to different points of view. Since I am retired I feel like I have the time needed to focus on this position.

Thank you for your consideration,

Leslie Ernest Montgomery

My name is **Dayna Sciocchetti**. I am the daughter of Contemporary Lead Gary Pierce and Tarry Pierce. I have 2 brothers, James and Russ Pierce. I am married to Alan Sciocchetti, and we have 2 beautiful daughters. I am your current tribal secretary and secretary of the nonprofit. Most of you already know me but to those that don't here are the hopes and wishes I have for the Tribe. I have been working toward federal recognition so that our tribe can be self-sufficient. I have a dream of a casino, that will provide jobs to those who want it, income to those that need it, and revenue to the tribe so that we may have a medical facility to help not just our tribe but other native people. I am encouraged by the status of our package but disappointed with the pace of the government. I have been patient and diligent. My hope is that you recognize my good work for the tribe and reelect me to the council. Thank you for your past support and I ask that you continue it



9-23-21

My name is Bruce Flood and I'm running for the Salinan Tribal Council. I have been a council member for the past several years and it's been a great learning experience. Hosting the Solstice events at Lesamo Morro Rock have been fun and rewarding. One of the most memorable events for me was the adobe block wall restoration at Mission San Antonio in 2012. This cultural preservation project brought together multiple generations to make 400+ adobe blocks in order to repair the cemetery walls. Honoring our elders and our ancestors is important to me. I have also worked for the last several years on the federal recognition package. It's important to me to see our tribe recognized for our elders and for future generations Tribe.

Xayatspanikan,
Bruce Flood
Tribal Council Member

September 18, 2021

To My Tribal Family:

It is with great honor that I request to be put upon the ballot for the upcoming election cycle for member of our tribal council. It has been a true privilege to work on this council with some amazing and talented people that care so much about our tribal family.

In the last few years, we have been able to work patiently towards our application for federal acknowledgement during the COVID pandemic that has shutdown our federal government. Working with our congressional representative, along with the U.S. Department of the Interior as well as the Bureau of Land Management, we have made great strides during these uncertain times.

We have also made great strides in our cultural outreach in our community, fund raising, and regional land acknowledgment recognition with Cuesta College, Cal Poly, and the San Luis Obispo Supervisors.

Today, I am honored to be working with the State of California Native Heritage Commission in order to help draft a new set of rules in order to help guarantee that our lands are properly protected during any type of project that falls under the California Environmental Quality Act. And I am also honored to be our media spokesperson for our tribe.


My best wishes to everyone in the future. I look forward to working alongside all of you in the coming years. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Erin Woody

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Michael Erin Woody



9-24-21

I Yvonne Ayala,

I am running for Elder Council Seat again. I enjoy working with the council members and meetings, Tribal gathering and seeing Tribal members. I am the fourth generation down from Pedro and Perfecta Encinales.

Thank You,

Yvonne Ayala

September 23, 2021

Dear Tribal Members:

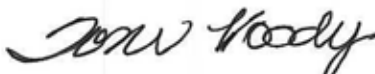
With great honor, I submit my name as a candidate for Tribal Elder for the Salinan Tribe of San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties.

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As it was my grandmother, Antonio Bylone, along with her brother and sister, that were forced off their property along Toro Creek, this elder position is very personal to me as well.

Thank you for your consideration, and I would deeply appreciate your support.

Sincerely yours,


Toni J. (Pierce) Woody



October Elder Birthdays

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Cecelia Basilius Digges (Rossi) was born in Salinas California to Josephine Rossi and Gilbert Digges. She is the granddaughter of Charles Digges and Juanita Laguna.

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REMEMBER TO PRAY TO kensha:nel (CREATOR) TO keeheak (PROTECT) ALL lu wa' (MEN) AND lets'e (WOMAN) WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY. AND BRING THEM Ta'ma (HOME) SAFE.

Vision of the Salinan Tribe

We, as the Salinan Tribe, follow the way of our ancestors as we walk the path of our heritage toward becoming complete individuals. We exercise our rights as a sovereign entity. We continue to reawaken our culture. Each and every tribal member has an equal voice.

We, as the Salinan Tribe, commit to honoring the rights of each and every tribal member to practice our spiritual, individual, or religious beliefs. We remember and honor our ancestors, elders, and children now and for all generations to come.

We as the Salinan Tribe, continue to gather as a tribal family.



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October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Happy Birthday Elders Michael Molina & William D. McCormack 10	11	12	13 Tribal Business Meeting 6:30 pm	14	15	Happy Birthday Elder Ricardo Armas 16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	Happy Birthday Elder Cecelia Basilius Digges (Rossi) 25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Tribal business meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month						

THERE ARE NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED AT ANY TRIBAL EVENTS.

PLEASE USE INFO@SALINANTRIBE.COM TO EMAIL THE OFFICE

WE ONLY LIST THE BIRTHDAYS FOR TRIBAL ELDERS.

NO TRIBAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER



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September 23, 2021

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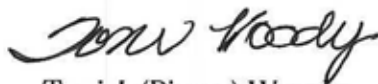
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