

Remaining Objective and Guided by Principles

I am grateful to be a candidate in the 2022 Gaming Commission Election. Come July I'll have represented our tribe for 24-years. It's been quite the experience packed with ups and downs, negotiations, acceptance, letting go and always moving forward. As no one elected official is an island unto themselves. A healthy elected official right or wrong must remain part of a team, the elected body. Each one of us have been put in these positions by the people and never to fulfil our own agenda.

Every day I know my constituents expect me to abide by and explain the laws and policy which are approved by either General Council or internal policies approved by the elected body. Explaining the approved rules to a person or a group is easy but occasionally difficult with individuals who may expect that is outside the scope policies. Clearly, rules/policies can change but must be done for the good of all members. One of my beliefs has always been stay out of the "gray areas" and follow policies and procedures. If a precedence has been set by the elected body, then we must provide equally to all members. When I refrain from entering a gray area, I have nothing to worry about and can freely continue with elected duties. I've witnessed individuals play politics, it was pointed it out to them, then these abhorrent times they created eventually caught up with them and their time as an elected officials ineffective or shortened

Team player. This has always been the best part of my elected duties. I am always interested in hearing how my counterparts view things; it tells me where they are at on that "Learning Curve" in which each of us go through if we are lucky to continue our work for the nation. It also tells me where I am and to adjust my thinking and remain open to change. One of the greatest gifts I've been giving as an elected official is to work with the people (employees and members) who surround me. They are our busy bees keeping our operation running. Each deserving daily respect for what they do for the nation. Our jobs could never be fulfilled without them!

Well, this platform is different from all my previous ones because I have grown with years of experience and have become humbled in age. I thank you for leading me in this direction and giving me the opportunity to represent our nation.

I thank you for your confidence in me and grateful for your vote in the 2022 Gaming Commission Election.

Respectfully,
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PBPTGC Chairman