

## **Snoqualmie Indian Tribe Voters Guide 2016 | Paul Graves Full Responses**

Graves is running for State Representative Position 2, District 5

### **Do you have experience working with tribes?**

Not particularly, but I look forward to working with the Snoqualmie and other tribes on issues that matter to us all.

### **If you were elected, how would you and your staff interact with tribes?**

I intend to work in a positive, government-to-government fashion with tribes. The Snoqualmie tribe in particular is a crucial thread in the fabric of East King County, and I plan to have an open and positive working relationship with it.

### **What is your position on tribal sovereignty?**

I believe that tribes are sovereign nations and should have the authority to manage their internal affairs as they see fit.

### **Would you support the Tribe in its duty to protect sacred Snoqualmie Falls? If so, how?**

I would. I live in Fall City, and regularly visit the Falls. They are beautiful and historic to the point of sacred. I intend to have a positive working relationship with the Snoqualmie Tribe, including by listening and facilitating to ensure that the Falls remain a treasure as our region grows and develops.

### **Do you support increasing funding to tribes for treaty-guaranteed services such as education and health care?**

I believe the state and federal governments have an obligation to live up to their treaty promises, including promises related to education and health care.

### **What is your position on tribal curriculum in public schools?**

I think the Since Time Immemorial project is a phenomenal way to include tribal history and issues in public schools, and fully support its implementation.

### **What is your position on the collection of tax, on tribal lands?**

I believe the guiding principle should be equal sovereignty and respect, and that collection of taxes on tribal lands should follow accordingly. That is, tribes should be sovereign with respect to taxes paid by Indians on tribal lands.

### **Would you support Tribal representation on boards, commissions, and committees?**

Yes, absolutely.

### **If elected, how will you work to protect and preserve Washington State's natural resources, including salmon?**

I am an environmental republican. I was born and raised in Maple Valley, surrounded by trees and water and natural resources, and I plan to work for clean air, clean water, and conservation.