

## **Snoqualmie Indian Tribe Voters Guide 2016 | Chad Magendanz Full Responses**

Magendanz is running for State Senator, District 5

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

I've regularly attended the annual tribal state dinners, tribal candidate forums, tribal tours, and tribal council holiday receptions. Some of our Snoqualmie Valley Government Association meetings have also been hosted at the Snoqualmie Casino, and I look forward to those evenings the most.

### **If you are elected, how will you and your staff continue working with tribes?**

We regularly see your lobbyists in Olympia, but my preference is to interact directly with your government affairs coordinator and with members of the tribal council at events within the community.

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

The tribes are "domestic dependent nations" with the inherent authority to govern themselves within the borders of the United States...much like the state of Washington itself. Our state's unique state tribal compact structure enables tribes to agree to pay taxes and impact fees, representing substantial community investments which include infrastructure, schools and public facilities. If these compacts are negotiated in good faith, then both the tribe and the state stand to benefit.

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

Yes, this land is considered sacred ground and my personal opinion is that it should be protected from development, but I consider it to be an issue to be resolved between the Snoqualmie and Muckleshoot tribes. It seems inappropriate for the state or City of Snoqualmie to take sides in the issue.

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

I can't speak to health care, but treaty-guaranteed services for education should reflect the same funding system improvements that we're rolling out throughout the state for the McCleary remedy. Over the past two budget cycles, that represents a 36% increase (\$4.8B) and we expect another \$3B in additional funding to be invested for staff compensation by the 2018 McCleary deadline.

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

I've supported the language that was amended into Sen. Litzow's SB 6244 (Educational Opportunity Gap) to implement the tribal history and culture curriculum, and I was prime sponsor for HB 2609 (Educator Cultural Competence) in the House, which also included this language. Ultimately, we amended the language into HB 1541, prime sponsored by Rep. Santos, which was signed into law this year.

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

Native Americans already pay all regular income taxes and property taxes. Those who work on the reservation also pay all regular income and payroll taxes, and since the Snoqualmie Tribe doesn't have any houses on its 40 acre reservation, all of its home-owning tribal members also pay regular property taxes. Members of the tribes also pay sales taxes whenever they purchase something within the state, with the very small exception of the sales tax collected at the Snoqualmie Tobacco Company & Liquor Store where some of the sales taxes collected goes to the tribal government, rather than the state government (this is, of course, excluding liquor sales and liter tax).

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

Yes, and we added tribal representation to the student discipline task force in both SB 2644 and HB 1541.

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

**including salmon?**

My focus on environmental legislation has not been as much on carbon emissions, but on air and water quality. Last year I prime sponsored and passed our only electric vehicle legislation, HB 1853, and I was the Republican co-sponsor for HB 2525, which started the decommissioning process for the last of our Coal-by-Wire program. With 90% of our electricity production in Washington state already zero-emission sourced, my focus has been on electrification of the transportation sector, which represents the bulk of our carbon emissions as well as toxic emissions tracked in the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and Mobile Source Air Toxics. It's these particulate emissions, NOx, SOx, CO, and heavy metals like lead and mercury that are our biggest threats not only to air quality, but also to water quality via storm water runoff.