

Snoqualmie Indian Tribe Voters Guide 2016 | Marty McClendon Full Responses

McClendon is running for Lieutenant Governor

Do you have experience working with tribes?

I grew up in Grand Coulee Dam on the edge of the Colville Reservation, and while I was too young to be working with the tribe, I did have several friends who were tribal members and was aware of some of the issues the tribe was dealing with at the time. Many of those men are still friends to this day.

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

One of the central tenets to my platform is governing by The Golden Rule. It is important to me that those that I serve feel that they are being heard, and that their issues will be promptly addressed. Each person, or group, that contact the Lt. Governor's office, will be treated with respect by every member of my staff.

What is your position on tribal sovereignty?

I firmly respect tribal sovereignty.

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

This question is a little broad. Without specific information on what is intended to protect the Falls, I cannot say how I would support the tribe in this. I do believe that we need to be good stewards of our environment in this state, and insure that we pass along to our children all of the benefits with which we have been blessed by living here.

What is your position on tribal curriculum in public schools?

I support local communities being on the front line of the curriculum being taught in their local schools, and there should be multiple options available to students and their parents to insure the best education possible. Tribal schools should be able to adapt their curriculum to reflect their culture and history in a way that preserves them.

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

I do believe that when it comes to taxable items such as cigarettes or gasoline, the tribes should work with the State government on collecting those taxes.

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

Absolutely. I will look for the most qualified candidates I can find to appoint to the over 40 boards, commissions and committees that fall under the office of Lt. Governor, and that will include any tribal members who are interested in the position.

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

I intend to work with local communities to design programs that will encourage stewardship of the areas closest to them, as well as with the Legislators to design legislation that will provide protections where necessary without crippling business and job growth.