

*Faith Anne Wion cn sna,
nił kʷi nə tán Martina Armstrong, nił kʷi nə cāt Bennie Armstrong,
nił kʷi si séyās Geneva ee Joseph Ives ee Evelyn ee John Armstrong ee Beatrice Nilluka ee Melvin Williams,
nił kʷi čʷáyʷ ʔməqʷ Clara ee Foster Jones ee Martina ee Irwin Ives, ee Martha ee Bennie George, ee
Reeda ee John Raub ee Jessie Williams.
Čʷnəxʷqʷ iʷyt nəxʷsłʷ áyʷ am cn.*

*I am Faith Anne Wion, my mom's name Martina Armstrong, my father's name Bennie Armstrong,
my grandparents Geneva & Joseph Ives and Evelyn & John Armstrong and Beatrice Nilluka & Melvin Williams,
my great grandparents Clara & Foster Jones and Martina & Irwin Ives and Martha & Bennie George and
Reeda & John Raub and Jessie Williams.
I am Port Gamble S'Klallam.*

I would like to express my interest in the upcoming special election for the **Chairperson position**. I have complete respect and admiration for the gracious and engaging leadership Jeromy provided for our tribe and our community. He was a leader many of us aspire to be for our people. I feel I can continue that open-door policy with respect to hearing all of our tribal member's concerns while striving to meet the shared goals that have a mutual purpose towards the common good for all of us. I would like to have a larger experience doing what I do. Larger in the sense that it connects me to something bigger than me, something I believe in, something I have faith in. Doing this will allow me to experience more fulfilment and meaning through working for our people.

I feel my administrative experience has prepared me for the required Chairperson responsibilities and office duties (understanding a budget, policies, procedures and tribal law). I have tribal governance administrative experience and excellent business leadership skills for the past 14 years I have worked for the Point No Point Treaty Council as an Accountant, and also own a thriving drive-thru tribal espresso business which I've owned for over 20 years. I am a lifelong student and goal achiever. I received high honors attaining my degree of Bachelor of Arts in Tribal Governance & Business Management at Northwest Indian College. I learned the importance of our sovereignty, tribal leadership, economic development and management. I was driven to continue on my education path which I am currently enrolled with the University of Minnesota for a Master of Tribal Administration & Governance to learn more in regards to nation-to-nation relationships, self-governance, and culturally knowledgeable leadership. I feel confident about committing the time to learn and follow through on the important issues of the Tribe. I feel I can represent our tribe in a good way professionally to continue the ongoing relationships between PGST and tribal, local, state and federal representatives.

Many of us live off rez, more than 60%, either because of housing, education, work location or even because of where our family lives. We all try to attain that connectedness to the tribe through weekly newsletter by email, monthly newsletter, multiple Facebook groups, PGST text messaging and family/tribal gatherings. I am proud to be S'Klallam and I am involved culturally and socially which would be a strength I can attribute to the tribal council. Knowing and living our culture is our inherent right which is what I do through prayers to the Creator, song, dance, weaving, beading, carving, pulling in our canoes, fishing, hunting, clam digging, picking berries, speaking Klallam, potlatches and through my work at Point No Point Treaty Council. I am happily married to my husband James Wion and have raised six children in our community. Two of them are proud Port Gamble S'Klallam members. Three are proud Suquamish tribal members. One is a proud Samish tribal member. We raise our children to be proud of who they are and the communities they come from. Because all of us take part in their growth. To stay


involved I have been privileged to sit as Chair on the Enrollment Committee which I have been a part of for twenty years. I previously held the Secretary/Treasurer Board of Directors position for Noo-Kayet Investments for five years. As well as in the beginning stages when we had a bingo hall, I was a Board Member of the Tribal Gaming for three years.

I have been attending the monthly council meetings to gain a better understanding, knowledge, and witness how our tribal council is functioning. I feel they are doing a great job with the current extenuating circumstances. Their work is to be applauded too; the council has stepped up on their duties to fill in where they are needed. They support each other with confidence and reassurance. I would love the opportunity to work together and see how I can add to the group to bring out each other's positive assets to have a strong team to represent our people. Being able to plan strategically by analyzing what our strengths and weaknesses are in our community so we could effectively meet all the needs of all of our programs. I would love to ensure the Federal government is honoring their commitment to Tribal Nations and Native communities by our tribe utilizing the funding available for addressing the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Persons by implementing tribally-centered responses, tribal infrastructure and affordable housing, and language program to expand opportunities for students to learn our Klallam language such as full-immersion programs.

I come from a strong, spiritual, cultural, and loving family who has always been humble in their leadership roles. I hope you can see these values in me and know that humility will allow us to grow as a tribe and prepare for the next 7 generations.

Thank you for your time and I would appreciate your vote!

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Faith A Wion', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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