

To My Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Membership,

I am writing to express my intent to run for the position of Tribal Council Person 4. It is with great humility and a profound sense of responsibility that I put forth my candidacy. Having been an active and engaged member of our community for many years, I have witnessed both our triumphs and challenges. My decision to seek this position is driven by a deep commitment to the well-being and prosperity of our tribe and most importantly our Membership.

I previously served as Council Person 2, during which time our community achieved significant milestones. Together, we successfully spearheaded the construction of the Hotel, providing both economic opportunities and a gathering space for our people. Additionally, we took bold steps to improve our environmental impact by overseeing the establishment of a state-of-the-art Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Furthermore, I was a part of the Council that legalized cannabis within our tribal lands, a decision that was very difficult and polarizing, however it has not only generated economic growth but has also contributed to the broader conversation surrounding tribal sovereignty. If elected, my upcoming term, I am dedicated to building upon these successes and addressing the evolving needs of our community. If elected, my focus will remain on transparent, inclusive governance, working collaboratively with our membership to navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

My knowledge of Tribal Leadership comes firsthand from the great Jeromy Sullivan, he taught so much to many including myself, I owe it to him and now I owe it to you to give back. My leadership philosophy is rooted in collaboration and inclusivity. I believe in working together with our community members, leveraging their insights and experiences to make informed decisions that positively impact us all. I am committed to transparency, accountability, and tireless effort in serving the best interests of the Port Gamble S'Klallam people. Together, let us build a future that honors our traditions while embracing progress and prosperity for all.

Sincerely,

Kyle Carpenter