

Hello, my name is Renee Veregge, my parents are Jeffrey and Connie Veregge, and my grandparents are Frank and Cyrene Sullivan and Will and Betty Norris. I have two beautiful children, Jaxon and Whitley, who are my pride and joy. This is my Letter of Intent for Council Position I.

I have held the position of "Tribal Council I" for the last 5 terms and am seeking your vote for re-election on July 8<sup>th</sup>. I have been honored to serve in this position and feel I have stood by my word to advocate and fight on behalf of our Tribal Membership and community.

I have earned an associate's degree with Highest of Honors from Northwest Indian College and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree from the City University of Seattle, of which I am very proud. I have worked for the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe since 2004 working in Dental, Medical, and Housing programs, and for the past 10 years, as the Special Projects Director.

During my time as a Tribal Council member, I have been a huge supporter of all educational avenues and will encourage anyone to invest in themselves by gaining an education of their choice. I have been so proud to help bring forward new policies and funding to fully pay for our Members' higher education needs. Now our members truly do have the tools they need to seek whatever educational path that fits them.

This past year has been an extremely difficult time for Our Tribe. I and We suffered some significant and sudden losses that will impact our lives forever. Working through this time, standing together, and maintaining the growth of the Tribe have been the way we honor those we have lost. As your Council Member, I have remained committed, even during this awful time. I have continued to seek Tribal Leadership training, share in the duties to represent the tribe with outside groups and work with our teams to create and improve policy. Some of us on Council even started taking a Klallam Language class.

Thank you all for taking the time to read my Letter of Intent, if re-elected I will remain the Strong S'Klallam woman that I am and will continue to be a voice for our people, fight for the rights of our people, and advocate for the best programs, policies, and services that best serve our members and protect our sovereignty.

Our community has been so loving, generous, kind and caring to my family during this year and I will be forever grateful for that. My hands go up to you all.