



Campaign Memo

March 13, 2019

Re: *Campaign attacks and smear campaigning*

It has come to the attention of our campaign that accusations of wrong-doing have been directed against candidate Allen McCloskey. To be clear, these allegations are patently false and manufactured.

Here are the facts:

In his position(s) as tribal administrator and development consultant, Mr. McCloskey uncovered financial irregularities that he reported to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in a letter dated March 30, 2013. In retaliation, tribal staff claimed (letter dated September 20, 2013) that they had been wronged by administrative actions that uncovered tribal wrong-doing – cynically turning those same charges against the whistle-blower.

Mr. McCloskey's legal counsel responded with solid proof, including a forensic audit, discrediting those accusations as politically motivated and unsubstantiated. No charges were brought; the case was not even adjudicated. Both the tribe's general counsel W. Ed Thomas and Mr. McCloskey's lawyer Stephen A. Harvey issued letters refuting the allegations – revealed as a scheme of unfounded allegations used to conceal internal misconduct and actual fraud.

Anyone can make "allegations". This incident is frankly so overblown and so misrepresented to be not worthy of any further discussion. The facts are clear, the legal implications non-existent, the integrity and good faith efforts of Mr. McCloskey above reproach. For anyone familiar with such positions of responsibility in a tribal government, these situations are all too familiar. In fact, this is exactly the same passion for transparency and uncovering corruption that is needed in our county government, whatever the consequences.

Since that time, Mr. McCloskey has been vetted many times. He holds several state licenses and medical certifications and is employed in a clinical capacity. He has also completed state foster parent certification and background clearance as an in-home healthcare provider. Each of these respective capacities require extensive criminal clearance, fingerprinting and background screening by the State and Federal Government (FBI, Department of Justice). Those certifications would never have been given and background clearance granted, if any of the allegations were true or determined to be valid and if there was any conclusion of law by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Our campaign remains committed to focusing on the myriad of issues facing our County and we are determined to stay on topic and lead a solution-oriented narrative and to engaging voters with facts and not engaging in smear campaigns, personal attacks or any form of contempt. We look forward to debating the issues while also remembering to be respectful in our discourse.