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"Little Miss C.R.I.T. 1977"

I am so excited to introduce myself to my Colorado River Indian Tribes family.

But first let us talk about the heartbeat of our tribal family and that is our SACRED WATER. Without water one slowly dies. That is a harsh statement but it is the truth.

Unfortunately we live at a time where greed has overtaken people's hearts. There are "prospectors" buying up land with water rights throughout our state, not to farm and replenish the earth but for future power and profitable gain.

The Constitution and bylaws of our Colorado River Indian Reservation states in the preamble "...establish justice, promote the general welfare, safeguard our interests, conserve and develop our lands and RESOURCES, and to secure the blessings of freedom and liberty for ourselves and our posterity." Now I ask the question "if we are promised all of this then why do we have to fight as a family to protect it?"

My second concern is about the general safety and well-being of my fellow C.R.I.T. family members.

Why are we allowing non tribal members to abuse us?

Again I reference our Colorado River Indian Tribes Constitution and bylaws:

SEC 2. INHERENT RIGHTS:....the enjoyment of life, liberty...pursuing happiness and SAFETY.

SEC 3. BILL OF RIGHTS:... EQUAL PROTECTION

We as the Colorado River Indian Tribe need to adapt laws and codes that would give us jurisdiction over non-tribal members.

Our Tribe, the Mohave, Chemehuevi, Hopi and Navajo that flows like the powerful Colorado River throughout the 4 chambers of ONE heart, ONE family, OUR family.

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I am the granddaughter of the charming Ernest Moore Sr. and the beautiful Linda Hohnahni Moore. My Qua-ah and So-oh were one of the first Hopi families to colonize this reservation. I have 9 amazing uncles and aunts who physically worked the fields and shared their knowledge with others which made our valley the profitable green valley that it is. My handsome father is Carl Roger Moore Sr.

Now as for my huge Chemehuevi side of the family. My dashing Tata is Leandro Tapia Esquerra and "My rock, My world" Nana is Rosemary Esquerra. They created my fire cracker adorable mother Shirley Jean Esquerra and another cute sister and 6 successful sons. This awesome side of my family is known for my Tata's "BEST DANG APPALOOSA'S", green acres of successful fields, irrigation expertise, cattle, cowboying and so much more that has contributed to our reservation being what it is today.

The Poston Valley is my "Piuwan, my heart." This is where I truly felt loved, honored, respected, valued and protected by my family. My self-worth was developed here. My Le Pera schooling was and is the best schooling I have ever received and yes I went to college.

I honored my parents as a child and we moved to Utah as a family. In my adulthood I was blessed with four beautiful amazing children. I obtained a degree from Utah State University. Owned and operated a landscaping business for downtown corporate Salt Lake City, Utah. I have knowledge in corporate accounts, bidding, contracts, and human resource etc. I have always been active in my church and have held various presidency positions.

"Self-worth" Now that is the drive behind me wanting to be a part of something beautiful. A tribal council member that will hear your voice! You will be validated! You are worth the fight!

I want our family to embrace and partake of what our Constitution and bylaws have promised us.

HAVE A BEAUTIFUL DAY!!

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\*\*\*Random Ideas\*\*\*

A support group for grandparents.

On-site day care.

A down payment assistant program to help our family members obtain homes.

A fish hatchery along with a crawdad farm:

- Stock our side lakes and have an "All Nations traditional fishing tournament" invite other tribes to teach how to make their traditional fishing tools.
- Crawdada BBQ's just for the fun of it!

A safe man-made family friendly lake with a wide bike trail.

- Hawaii has its own "IRON MAN" triathlon so why can we not have our "REZ MAN" triathlon?

A semi-truck wash (there are ways to recycle water).

A pool:

- We have tribal members that need to be more active in a low impact capacity.

More children's programs:

- With transportation to get the children to the activities.

Ice vending – ice with lime in it, etc.

\*\*\*The Lord's Prayer in Sign Language needs to be returned\*\*\*

\*\*\*Think outside the box with me please! Life is good!!!\*\*\*