

Hello My name is Richard Dillon Esquerra and I'm running for CRIT Tribal Council. I was born here on the reservation in Dec, 1967 and lived here till we moved to Phoenix when I was 6.

I grew up in Phoenix & lived there till 1995 when I got stuck on a girl from here & moved back to marry & raise a family. I've been here ever since.

I have been blessed with two of the greatest daughters anybody can could ever ask for & was married to two wonderful, beautiful, women who I'm thankful for being a part of my life. *(and for putting up with me..lol)*

I have been a CRIT employee for going on 24-25 years now with a short departure to work at BIA in between. I've worked for CRIT EPO as a water quality specialist/program manager, CRIT Utilities as a certified water operator II in treatment & distribution, & now currently working at CRIT Water Resources as a water resource tech. Thanks to CRIT, I've been able to stay in the water industry & continue my education in this fascinating field. This year, I was appointed to the TERO, Environmental Ag, & Liquor Control(*chair*) Boards.

I have some concerns and Ideas I'd like to address if elected to council, but given the current world-wide pandemic, I'm sure that some of these things will be on the back burner until after this situation passes; *but for the record...*

Education- I would like to see the tribal membership take a more active part in promoting higher education for our young people; to get them to utilize the available options the tribe can provide. We need to invest in *their* future for the *tribe's* future.

Elderly Care- It's no secret that we need a home for our elderly & infirm; this is an issue that comes up in every tribal election... & STILL hasn't been addressed. **It's Time.**

Law & Order- If you really look at it, us tribal members actually have **LESS RIGHTS** on CRIT than off the reservation. Think about it: a non-tribal person can commit crimes on CRIT & we can't do anything about it. You can be assaulted by a non-tribal person & 9 times out of 10, he will not be charged with anything because the CRIT P.D. has no authority to arrest them. I honestly believe this situation has created a lot of the problems between tribal & non-tribal entities on the

reservation. This needs to be addressed; this double standard law needs to be changed If for anything, for our **Rights**.

I've seen people run for council in the past, & honestly, I believe some off them did not understand or realize what they were running for. More money, power, & nepotism seemed to be the goal for some of them... as far as I'm concerned, I look at it as what it is... **PUBLIC SERVICE**.

If elected, my job will be to serve & represent *you*... **ALL** the Tribal membership; not my own personal agenda, my family or any one of the four tribes here; That's **not** what I'm running for. Public service to me means *sacrifice*. Lots of long hours & hard decisions about the future of this tribe. It also means if elected, I will support your decisions, even if they go against my ideas or beliefs; after all, my job will be to represent your voice on the matter, not mine. I know there will be nothing easy about this, in fact, I'm pretty sure this will be the toughest job I'll ever have.

I have many ideas, thoughts, & plans in my head that are too many to put down right now, but as time goes on, I'll do my best to get some of those out to you in the next coming weeks, & I'm available for any questions you might have, so don't hesitate to ask. I thank you for your time & God Bless.

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