

My name is Tommy L. Drennan, a Mohave, a member of this great Tribe and I am pursuing a 4-year term on the Tribal Council. First and foremost, thank you; thank you for your support and allowing me to represent you for the past 2 and ½ years. This job has been one of the most challenging positions I have ever fulfilled and is the one that I revere the most. During the past 2 years I have been able to peer into the world and see great opportunity for our Tribe and identify the different paths to make sure we get there. I have spent much time analyzing the foundations of our Tribal government, identifying areas that have been long neglected and began pushing those areas towards the surface and toward reform. I have been working to prepare and enhance our ability to move on the many opportunities that have presented themselves and revisit the many other opportunities that other council administrations led us to believe have passed us by.

The Drought Contingency Plan, the “water deal”, the Water Ordinance, the referendum, these are all tools to get our tribal nation closer to full authority over its natural and renewable resources. The Hemp Code; another large leap for the Tribe, another tool toward success. The redefinition of marriage, another step toward inclusion, another tool toward a brighter future. The purchases of fee lots and the expansion of our tribal presence in our communities on the Arizona and California portions of the reservation, it is vital progress for the reorganization of the Colorado River Indian Tribes; another tool for consistent growth and success.

I have been able to work and facilitate progress in all areas on a local, state and federal level; making sure I am well engaged and able to articulate and lobby the interest of our tribal nation and its membership. I have been able to accomplish several goals I had set out to complete in my half term and it is my intention and desire to continue that work and make certain that the membership’s interest and future are better served. Unfortunately, during the pandemic my work on other projects stopped and I assembled myself as part of the Tribes’ response teams. During this time I made efforts to assist the various teams and agencies in their active response to mitigate the spread of Covid-19, assisted in contact tracing, advocated for services and assistance to the membership and worked directly with the membership to provide care and promote safety. I continue this work on our response to the pandemic, however, it is time to get back to the legislative work for the expansion of the Tribes’ authority and rights over its natural resources.

In summary, I am seeking your vote to continue my work as a member of the Council. We have spent too many years in delay and found ourselves with far too many missed opportunities. It’s time we assemble a council to work on the big picture. It is time we assemble a council to do the work you need done. We currently find ourselves in a very uncertain place in time and our revival out of this is dependent on a strong team and the changes we can accomplish. There will be no easy way out. We must be the resistance our ancestors fought for and the force that makes certain we prosper. I’ve worked with my colleagues to make the Tribes’ voice strong at all tables. Let me continue being your strong voice at our own table.

Stay safe and much love.  
Respectfully,

Tommy L. Drennan  
Councilman