

My name is Henry (Kip) Brainard and I was born in and raised through the 70's and 80's in Eugene Oregon. After graduating from Sheldon High School, I enlisted in the US Navy for 6 years as a nuclear chemist. Upon my honorable discharge, I stayed in the power plant industry starting as a maintenance technician and worked my way up to superintendent. I have run all kinds of jobs up to and including multimillion-dollar projects. Currently after moving back home to Eugene, I have been employed at Bulk Handling Systems, a recycling plant building company welding conveyor systems together. This has been my way to give back.

I am not new to trying to change tribal policies for the better. I have worked from the outside in for a long time now. I started with the home improvement loan policy by getting the policy changed to include tribal families the reside outside of the 5 counties. This ensures that all tribal members that need assistance can find some security within the program. More recently I have been working on the education program and pushing for positive program changes. Starting with the higher education manual, having it rewritten to make it official. After some modifications were made in our Education department, it seems that our education system has stalled. It is time to go to the mat for our children. There are additional policies that I would like to see enacted for our future generations (term limits and a pay structure for council personnel). Education is extremely important to me. Our education program is not number one in the state, so there is plenty of room for improvement.

Our look towards the future is bright, but our children being our future leaders need our attention. The better educated our children are, the better chance they will have to ensure that they are treated equal and fair. We rise as a tribe and as a family. As a family, we need to support each other, especially to stand with those who need to know that we have their backs.

I believe that lessons from the past not learned, become a bigger issue in the future. It is our responsibility now to try to ensure a positive path moving forward. This journey takes many generations, but the work comes from the knowledge that we are setting a

positive future into motion. This future is a better one than those before us or our own today and this is for just the idea of a better tomorrow for our children's children.

I am seeking your support for Position #5.

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