

## **Dear Tribal Members,**

My name is Sarah Marical (Petrie). I am Hanis Coos, and I am writing to share my decision to run for Tribal Council.

In November 2025, I finally did what I had been dreaming of since 1990—I came home. But returning to Coos Bay was about far more than relocating. It was about answering a responsibility I feel deeply, to the family and the Tribe that shaped me. I am running for Tribal Council because I believe my experience, combined with my commitment to our people, can help strengthen our governance and build a healthier, more equitable future for our Tribe.

For the past 30 years, I have worked intentionally to gain the education and leadership experience needed to serve at a systems level. I did not come home simply to live here—I came home to contribute, to work, and to give back to our community. In earlier years, I had the honor of serving the Tribe as Assistant Health Director and as a member of the Health Committee, experiences that grounded me in both the promise and the responsibility of tribal leadership.

My professional background is in healthcare leadership, supported by a doctoral degree in healthcare administration. Throughout my career, I have been accountable for quality, transparency, and responsible stewardship of resources. I have seen firsthand how strong governance, clear policy, and thoughtful decision-making directly impact tribal member health, workforce stability, and community trust. These are not abstract concepts; they affect our families every day.

Healthcare is a core priority for me. I believe access to affordable, high-quality healthcare should extend to all tribal members. As a Council member, I will advocate for policies that expand access while ensuring our health programs remain transparent, sustainable, and culturally responsive. We are at an important point in our tribal history—one where we can thoughtfully explore how to sustain and strengthen healthcare options for the long term.

Equity must be central to all Council decisions. Tribal equity means ensuring fair access to services, opportunities, and resources for every member. It also requires us to look honestly at our systems, identify barriers, and correct them. Our responsibility is not only to today's membership, but to future generations. Building generational stability and opportunity for the next seven generations must guide our governance.

Workforce development is another critical priority. Our employees are the backbone of our programs and services. I will support policies that invest in education, training, and career advancement for tribal staff. Strengthening internal capacity supports retention, leadership continuity, and ultimately improves the services our members receive.

Strong governance depends on transparency and engagement. I believe Council must communicate clearly and consistently with tribal members—especially around budgeting, decision-making, and long-term planning. Transparency builds trust, and trust is the foundation of effective leadership.

If elected, I commit to listening closely, asking thoughtful questions, and advocating for policies that reflect our values and protect our future. My goal is to help guide decisions that strengthen our systems, honor our culture, and ensure our Tribe continues to thrive.

Thank you for your time, your trust, and your dedication to our community.

**In service,  
Sarah Marical**

