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Candidate Profile

Please state your name to the Zuni People: Ricky R. Penketewa Sr.

What position are you vying for? I am vying for a Zuni Tribal Council Position

Marital Status: Married

Clan: Eagle and child of the Crow

Education: High School, Trade School, Building Superintendent, and some college courses in Auto CAD.

Career Experience: Worked my way up from different jobs including clerical work to Building Superintendent, Construction Manager of Multi-million-dollar projects, Building Inspector in Commercial and Residential properties, School Building Maintenance Manager. I have experience in working in many aspects from low-person on the totem pole, to serving in a leadership role.

Vision Statement: For all leadership to effectively work together for the betterment and wellbeing of our entire community.

Leadership Experience: I have over 40 years of serving in different leadership positions including as a: UNM-Gallup instructor in Building Construction, Project Manager for (*Cherokee Nation, & Ramah Navajo Chapter*), Construction Superintendent on several multi-million-dollar projects, Program manager of (*Zuni Public School District & Ramah Navajo School Board*), Owner of my own Penketewa's Construction Company, as a builder and building inspector, served a prior term as a Councilman for the Pueblo of Zuni.

Holistic- Please state your traditional and cultural values, beliefs, and Philosophy.

I was born into a very religious family that taught me the beliefs and cultural values that guide me throughout life. One of the most important ones that I strive to live by is to treat all people, including all forms of life, with respect- this includes your physical, mental, and verbal actions as your actions have impact and can affect those around you, even when you don't think they will. I was also taught that in times of disagreement to turn around and speak with deference- one must watch words that come out of your mouth.

Year 2022 is a State and County election year: do you feel it is important for the Zuni tribe to participate in the process? Why or why not:

Policymaking, funding opportunities, and opportunities to provide needed services for the community are some of the reasons to participate in elections and exercise our freedom to elect effective representation that will have a positive and direct impact on our daily lives and the future of our Zuni Community. The wants and needs of the people need to be known, and the way to express the communities wants and desires is through voting and civic engagement. These elections also have a direct impact on the National level.

If you are elected to the position you are vying for, what vision or aspirations do you have for the community? As a tribe?

My vision is to help our community in the areas of homelessness and education. My main three projects/ work areas that I will be focusing on are: restore the Middle Village dwelling structures including the drainage issues, incorporate a homelessness shelter and program, and to implement an apprenticeship program in all types of occupations. I have started to lay the groundwork for these programs and humbly ask the community for the chance to bring these projects to fruition.

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