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Campaign season: I'm saying my prayers that it can remain honest and respectful. As voters, you will have to consider the knowledge, skills, character and leadership abilities of the respective candidates. Who will best serve you, who will best represent you. And who can stand tall in the face of adversity and remain focused on the actual business of moving this tribe forward.

The negative rhetoric is shaping up, so I will say this now: I am honest and truthful. I don't lie, cheat or steal. I'm a stickler for the Rule of Law and Regular Order. If someone questions my motives or moral character — I can stand tall in the eyes of the Creator, confident that tribal members know better. So let the campaigns begin and may the best candidate win!

The 500 word limitation does not leave much room for laying out a comprehensive platform. You can be sure that the following are identified — needs and priorities:

- Access to services in health, education, social, cultural programs and resources.
- Reinstated elders and family services.
- Tribal treaty rights and you!
- Fiscal management and fiduciary trust.
- Asset and land use management.
- Environmental justice, designated use and the Clean Water Act.
- Jobs, jobs creation and economic development.
- Employment issues, tribal policies and labor law.
- Constitutional reform, 'at large,' constitutionally protected.
- Citizenship and jurisdiction.

I would like to invite you to visit my website: www.CATHERINEHOLLOWELL.com. There, I will lay out a more comprehensive platform than the 500 words I am allowed here. All candidates will be given campaign space in the May issue of the newspaper as well. But I'm concerned the paper will arrive too late for voters to make an informed decision — especially for those who live far away. So, please check it

out. And as always, I look forward to your calls, emails and meeting with you. Or you can Facebook me too. But I think you will find my website, www.CATHERINEHOLLOWELL.com, worth checking out.

Something that I would like to point out: The board of directors does not manage our businesses or our government programs. We have department directors who manage their programs, goals, budgets and employee workforce. Likewise on the casino and enter-

prise side; we have executives who manage their operations, budgets and workforce. The roles and responsibilities of a board member have to do with fiduciary trust; policy and legislation.

During the last four years, I have heard from so many of you across all communities and outside the region. Its how we've come to know each other, and I appreciate the opportunity to assist you in any way I can. And just to get a chance to listen to your input and ideas. I hear from

casino employees, elders, parents, fishermen — all community members including inside and outside the tax agreement areas. I've got a pretty good handle on the problems you face, our shortcomings and our reasons for celebration.

Finally, we have a spring thaw. Happy spring, everyone!

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