



PEORIA TRIBE
OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

SPECIAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

Special Election

Peoria Tribe Headquarters

7am-12pm

The Election Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma announces the Special Election is scheduled on Saturday, March 29, 2025. Position to be filled is Chief, for remainder of term.

Any member of the Peoria Tribe, as defined in Article III, Section 1 – MEMBERSHIP OF TRIBE, of the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, shall be eligible to vote, provided the member is eighteen (18) years of age or over on the date of the election. Each member will be required to show proof of identification at each election in the form of a government issued photo identification showing their name to match the Official Voters List provided by the Tribal Enrollment Office. (Peoria Tribe Election Ordinance, Article VI-VOTERS, Section 1)

Candidates for Office are:

Rosanna Dobbs
David F. Froman

In the event no candidate receives a majority vote, a run-off election will be conducted between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes. The Election Committee will immediately proceed to call for a run-off election by announcing the time polls will open. Polls for a run-off election will remain open for a period of two (2) hours. Announcement of the run-off election will be made at the Peoria Tribal Office. Balloting will continue until one candidate receives a clear majority of total votes cast.

Voting results will be announced immediately at the Peoria Tribal Office.

CHIEF CANDIDATES

David F. Froman



Greetings Fellow Peorias

I am David F. Froman and I'm proud to announce my candidacy to serve your interests as Chief for the remainder of the current term. I was born and raised in Miami, living in town until I entered service with the Air Force in 1983 where I specialized in tactical communications. After ending my enlistment I continued my career in the foreign service, again specializing in communications, retiring in 2013. During this time I also served a tour as my agency's EEO Native American Program Manager focusing on recruiting and providing opportunities in government service to Indian young people. In recognition of these efforts I was made a Sequoyah Fellow with the American Indian Science and Engineering Society. After retiring I stayed active in youth development by serving as an Assistant Scout Master for Troop 146 of the Connecticut Rivers Council and working several summers on the back country staff at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

I won't dance around the fact that the last few years have been an unsettled period with tribal politics. But I think right now we are in a good place for future progress. I believe we are blessed with an engaged and community focused business committee that I would be honored to serve with. I am a proponent of increasing community engagement, harnessing technology to let our citizens see the committee in action by streaming our meetings and events. I do believe that we should also look into ways to increase participation in our general council for our distant members, while keeping true to our constitution. Remaining focused on the knowledge that an important part of our identity is tied to the land our ancestors were moved to in Oklahoma and that the cultural heart of our Tribe is in this area, encouraging anyone who is capable to returning to our home whenever they can to participate in person with their fellow citizens. Not just in the business of our Tribe but in our cultural events where I believe community it truly strengthened.

I am an enthusiastic believer in the value of our Tribal Elders and would seek to increase opportunities for the Tribe and individual members to provide support to those who paved the way for us.

I am not seeking the position of Chief as a career move. I have had my career and do not need another. I am seeking office because I feel all have a responsibility to support our Tribe and fellow Peorias to the best of our ability. For me that means relocating back to Miami should you choose me to serve the remainder of this term.

Thank you for your consideration,

David F. Froman

CHIEF CANDIDATES

Rosanna Dobbs



Aya (hello) my fellow tribal citizens,

My name is Rosanna Dobbs, and I am declaring to run for the position of Chief in the upcoming special election on Saturday, March 29, 2025. I am a lifelong resident of Miami, Oklahoma and have been married to my best friend for the past 14 years. I have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. My family is my compass and the influence in my life, driving my desire to serve our tribe. For the past 3 1/2 years, I have had the privilege of serving as your second Chief. In my professional life, I have worked for local tribes in some capacity for over 25 years. It's through lessons learned and widely varied experiences that I have come to understand the complexities of tribal government.

I have been pleased with the hope that I would serve another four years as 2nd Chief, *if* re-elected. This was my plan throughout the difficult process that split the role of Tribal Administrator from that of Chief and ultimately resulted in the Business Committee taking decisive action to remove Chief Harper from his position. Since that time, I have served in the position of Chief and have come to know the full scope of our tribe's financial situation, as well as other areas that need urgent attention. None of this has been easy; I have served throughout my time with the Peoria Tribe's interests at heart, with personal cost to me and my family. I do not make the decision to run for Chief lightly. This decision required me to resign as Second Chief and withdraw from the election on March 1st. I do this because I believe I am in a good position to provide much needed stability and continuity for a more effective tribal government.

We have grown so much in the last few years, it's time to slow down, get a grasp on what is working and what is not, and develop a business model that incorporates our newer enterprises. We need to develop a strategic governmental and business plan with a focus on serving our citizens and diversifying the Tribe's revenue streams. Our tribe desperately needs transparency and continuity in leadership to *establish* clear methods of communication and work towards stability, for our citizens and our employees. The current Business Committee is unified, driven, goal-oriented, and operating alongside the new Tribal Administrator; we are finally a functioning team. After every new development, we are striving to make decisions in the best interest of the entire Tribe.

If elected, I promise to put the needs and best interests of the Peoria Tribe above any personal interests. I will keep the Business Committee, and the Peoria Council informed with accurate data and complete, up-to-date information on a frequent and consistent basis. I will be responsive to tribal citizens in a professional and timely manner, via all modes of communication: in person, electronic, and virtual. I promise to proudly and professionally represent the Peoria Tribe, among local, state, regional, federal, tribal, and private agencies in an official capacity by developing and maintaining sound, working relationships with these agencies. I will continue to uphold a high ethical standard to serve our citizens. I will serve our tribe in a fair, just, and legal manner. I hold much love and respect for our tribe and all of you. I plan to continue to work diligently with my fellow Business Committee members to make our ancestors proud and our grandchildren secure. I ask for your support on March 29th - VOTE DOBBS FOR CHIEF.

With gratitude and respect,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rosanna Dobbs".

Rosanna Dobbs
Candidate for Chief

