

## **Cameron Cooper**

### **PAINTTOWN NEEDS A VOICE**

I am once again asking for support to be your next Painttown representative. I have watched as our Tribe has continued to move forward and I am concerned for the future of our Tribe. I believe that the Tribe has stalled in the direction we are taking, we need a plan. We need representatives for our community that are willing to take a stand. I will be such a representative.

My plan involves bringing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians into a sustainable financial future. I believe we are putting all the pressure on the backs of our children. They will have to bare the decisions that are made today. My plan involves creating new revenue sources for the Tribe to help supplement the casino's revenues. I want to see the day when the Tribal government never uses the phrase "cost containment". Without the Casino the Tribe would not be operating 180 programs. That is a huge risk for the Tribe and its enrolled members. I have the knowledge and confidence to help our Tribe and community reach for those opportunities. With your vote we will be one step closer to having a sustainable future for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

While economic preservation is a strong suit in my campaign I still hold other issues close to my heart, especially when it comes to our elders, veterans, and youth. I was elected Vice Chair of the parent group at the New Kitiwah Academy by a group of my peers. I strongly believe in preserving our culture, heritage, and language. While it is important to move ahead, it is important to look to the past of our people. I also want to see trade schools come back to North Carolina. With the education budget cuts across the state our trade schools are no longer an option for our youth in this area. There is a lot of work to do to improve the future of our Tribe, but we need committed leaders that will take a stand. As your council member I will strive to ensure a strong future for our community and our Tribe. I will be reliable, I will work hard for our people, I will not run from any issue, I will vote on all issues.

I humbly ask for your vote to be your voice in the Painttown Community.



# **Lucretia Hicks Dawkins**

Shiyo my name is Lucretia Hicks Dawkins and I am seeking your support for the office of Painttown Councilmember.

## **1. Supporting our youth**

There is a need for better communication between Cherokee Central Schools, EBCI, Harrah's and the CIHA. We need mentorships and internships for our students. We owe it to them by making sure they are aware of the job opportunities here and what degrees, credentials and experience needed to attain these careers.

## **2. Diversifying our revenue sources**

Currently, the casino is the major revenue source for the Tribe. The Tribe needs to invest in other businesses in case something was to transpire with the casino. As a sovereign nation, we can do business with other governments on a global scale. There are other Tribes that are taking advantage of this now and are doing well financially.

## **3. Preserving our language and culture**

The government has tried to eradicate our Cherokee traditions but it is up to us to save our heritage. I will support language and culture programs in order to save our identity.

## **4. Healthcare**

Most of the diseases that afflict our community are caused by lifestyle. I will push for more preventative programs and have a holistic approach to serving our people. It is imperative that our people are educated to make healthy decisions.

## **5. Elders**

Our elders are the source for guidance on issues that arise in the community. I will listen to our elders to make decisions. I will make sure our current programs for elders stay intact.

I am here to serve our community by listening to the members first. We cannot move forward unless we understand the issues of the community. I promise that I will educate myself on these issues so I can make an informed decision. I will make decisions based on the positive impact it will have on the Eastern Band of Cherokee. I respectfully ask for your support in the Primary Election.

Romans 8:28

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."