

To all concerned about this communication and the state of our tribal government:

Why is the effort to remove Gloria Montano and Veronica Cordova from participation in the tribe so important? We do not serve on the tribal board. We have taken a step back and are not participating at the same level we had done before because of action already taken against us and others in our family. But, we have always reserved the right to speak candidly to our elected representatives. We continue to be the target of harassment. Why? What threat do we pose? We ask legitimate questions, we seek accountability and we want transparency in our efforts. Is this unreasonable?

We need strong leadership and a willingness to work with people, despite our personal feelings. Our effort is not based on who we like, it's based on the fact that our people (our ancestors) were driven from their homeland and treated like animals. It seems to be the same attempt by Manny and his select minority that wish to drive us from our effort and treat us like animals. We desire to see our people restored and recognized once again.

Trust, accountability and the desire for positive change should direct our path. Self-serving agendas, propaganda, hostility and malice have no place in OUR tribal government. A constitution written by Matthew Gonzales and approved by our membership and tribal council is the cornerstone.

Why is propaganda used by our chair?

Propagandists use the name-calling technique to incite fear and arouse prejudices with the intent that bad names will cause the hearers to construct a negative opinion about a group, persons, or set of beliefs or ideas the propagandist wants hearers to denounce. This method is intended to provoke conclusions about a matter apart from impartial examinations of facts. Name calling is a substitute for rational, fact-based arguments against an idea or belief on its own merits.

It is apparent that tribal chair Manny Sanchez is determined to discredit Gloria Montano and Veronica Cordova and limit their rights as members of the tribe. There is no doubt he will target others as time goes on. It's a pattern that plagues our effort. It is by such blatant and irresponsible action by the chair of the Tribe, and his lack of leadership, that we demand the removal of Manny Sanchez as chair of the Tribal Council.

A position of importance should not be used for personal agendas and malicious undertones. Manny continues to allow gross negligence of the membership committee to function with no oversight or accountability. He continues to mishandle the opportunities before us, and continues to disregard the talents and wise counsel of many within the tribe to help in this effort.

However, he embraces the malicious and ill will of those in the select minority who wish to cause strife and discord and to discipline and remove individuals as they see fit. Do not be deceived. What is happening to certain individuals will happen to others, if they do not conform to the status quo. Our efforts are not in capable or trustworthy hands.

THEREFORE,

We have no confidence in our tribal chair Manny Sanchez and seek his REMOVAL FROM OFFICE or his willful resignation.

We have no confidence in elder Stephanie Franco and seek her REMOVAL FROM OFFICE or her willful resignation.

We have no confidence in the membership committee chair Lorraine Garcia and co-chair Stephanie Franco and seek their REMOVAL FROM COMMITTEE or willful resignation.

We have no confidence in the tribal council in its current state to effectively govern and handle the business affairs of our tribe as they appear unwilling or under duress to act accordingly to correct wrong doings.

ARTICLE VI. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Section 6.1. Removal of Elected Officials

A. Any elected official of the Tribal Council (Officers, Elders and Members-at-Large) is subject to removal from office for **willful neglect of duty**, corruption in office, habitual drunkenness, **incompetency**, or moral turpitude.

B. An elected official may be removed from office by a vote of the Tribal Council after a full investigation and hearing, ensuring there is due process afforded to the official. The elected official must recues him or her self from any proceedings.

We are prepared to bring to light all wrong doing in the court of public opinion. There are those willing to tell our story. We will not be intimidated, harassed or victimized by our tribal chair and those willing to follow him or those leading him down this destructive path. We are prepared to set a course that will bring about change. If change will not come from our elected chair and those in elected office, then change will come from those targeted by abusive power. Change will come.

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