



Orvena "Twiggy" Gregory

Candidate For Second Chief

**Hello, my name is Orvena "Twiggy" Gregory
and I am asking for your vote for Second Chief.**

I am the daughter of tribal members A.C. and Oresa Wilson of Cushing; and the granddaughter of the late Carl and Laura Belle Butler of Cushing and Lee Wilson and Phyllis Brown of Shawnee. I have been married to James Gregory for 21 years and have three children: Robyn, Kayla, and Matthew; and one granddaughter: Kenzi Aiyanna.

I received an Associate in Science degree from Seminole State College December 2000, and a Bachelor of Science in Education from The University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in December 2004. I have worked for the Sac & Fox Nation as a receptionist, V.I.T.A. Project secretary/education specialist, Office of Government administrative assistant, and since March 2007 I have worked with the Sauk Language Department and am currently an Instruction Activity Specialist. I've also served on the J.O.M. Parent Advisory Committee and have worked with youth as a volunteer coach for the Cushing Community Youth Center and the Grady County Y.M.C.A.

It is important that our tribe continue to function and expand as a business, to increase and develop additional revenue opportunities with shareholders/tribal members in mind, and to operate with open accountability; as well as to employ qualified and experienced individuals to maintain the integrity and longevity of our tribal investments.

It is important that tribal services, such as police response/patrol/community visibility be consistent throughout the entire Sac & Fox jurisdiction.

It is necessary for the tribe to have a permanent grant writer with the autonomy to aggressively procure funding to ensure that our RAP funds may be used for more direct and immediate benefit of all tribal members inside and outside of jurisdiction.

At the present time, Cushing area tribal members do not have a functional community building for tribal events/youth activities/elections. The tribe must pay to use public meeting places for any activities.

It is important that our youth have the opportunity to learn our Sauk Language in the public schools in place of learning a foreign language. I have witnessed the personal growth of Sauk Language students and how that knowledge has enriched their identities as Sac and Fox tribal members.

Regardless of the Election's outcome, I genuinely hope that our elected leaders will actively pursue solutions to these tribal concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

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