Native Vote candidate profiles were researched by Indian Country Today. Each candidate was asked to complete a survey and 36 were completed. Quotes from candidates are taken from their survey responses. Incumbents are identified with an (I).

**Paulette Jordan**  
*Coeur d’Alene  
DEMOCRAT*

**OFFICE SOUGHT**  
U.S. Senate, Idaho

**DISTRICT**  
Plummer

Jordan wants to rebuild the healthcare system. She plans to put data in the forefront, create new frameworks to measure cost-effectiveness, incentivize practices, procedures, medications and amend the payment apparatus to reward effectiveness over profit. Wants to increase funding and coordination of programs to produce higher-paying jobs and increase business activity in rural communities. She is also the director of Native American engagement at the DNC Council on the Environment and Climate Crisis. Jordan advocates for fiscal accountability by fighting corporate influence. She wants to invest in infrastructure and cut spending in areas of low rate returns.

**Rudy Soto**  
*Shoshone-Bannock  
DEMOCRAT*

**OFFICE SOUGHT**  
U.S. House of Representatives, Idaho, District 1

**DISTRICT**  
Nampa

As a Shoshone-Bannock tribal member, son of an immigrant and veteran, Soto said he is seeking office for communities whose voices are too often marginalized. He supports regulations to protect other environmental resources and healthcare for all, improved education funding, comprehensive immigration reform and affordable housing. He has close ties to Idaho’s agricultural system, which his father worked in for many years. Additionally, he wants criminal justice reform, programs for veterans, updated infrastructure for Idaho and more advocacy for elders and people with disabilities.

OUR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES DESERVE REPRESENTATION THAT LIFTS THEIR VOICES.
Sharice Davids  
Ho-Chunk  
DEMOCRAT

Elected to Congress in 2018. Davids states she is running for office to make sure everyone has opportunity for success and to ensure Kansas voices are represented in Congress. For Davids, this means tackling issues like the rising cost of healthcare and prescription drugs, crumbling roads and bridges, and corruption in Washington. She also wants to strengthen public schools. She is one of the first two Native American women to serve in Congress.

“BY HAVING NATIVE FOLKS IN THE ROOM WHERE DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE, WE NOT ONLY CHANGE THE CONVERSATION, WE ALSO BRING DIRECT EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE ISSUES IMPACTING NATIVE PEOPLE IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY.”

Deb Haaland  
Laguna Pueblo and Jemez  
DEMOCRAT

Haaland was elected to Congress in 2018. A co-chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus, she supports helping Indigenous communities in New Mexico in various ways, such as by improving infrastructure. She is vice chair of the Democratic Women’s Caucus. Haaland supports local farmers and sustainable farming practices. She led the Farmers’ Bill of Rights and introduced the Climate Stewardship Act of 2019. She is also the vice chair of the House Natural Resources Committee and chair of the subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands. Additionally, she opposed unmarked federal officers entering into local communities.

“SEEING MORE NATIVE AMERICANS RUN AND WIN OFFICES WILL ENCOURAGE MORE INDIVIDUALS FROM TRIBES AND PUEBLOS TO DO THE SAME. OUR FORGOTTEN VOICES CAN NO LONGER BE PUSHED TO THE SIDE.”

Yvette Herrell  
Cherokee Nation  
REPUBLICAN

Herrell was first elected to Congress in 2010 and was defeated in the 2018 general election. Herrell promotes creating job opportunities by limiting government control on industry. She supports workforce development through apprenticeship programs and adult education opportunities. Herrell is pro-life and pro-Second Amendment. She believes in religious liberty and protecting the right to vote. Supports building a southern border wall, strengthening the military, including bringing the Space Force to New Mexico. She wants to protect farmers and ranchers through tax reforms for landowners and protecting private property. She supports revising the immigration system and work visa programs for immigrants. Favors repealing the Affordable Care Act and expanding rural care, veteran healthcare and mental healthcare.
Lanier supports protecting resources like water for local farmers, favors regulations to protect other environmental resources and supports family-operated farms. Wants to improve healthcare funding, especially for rural hospitals. Lanier hopes to invest in infrastructure and grow the job market. Additionally, she is concerned about unfair drug laws, and calls for bias training for elected officials and government employees.

“OUR WORLD IS IN CRISIS RIGHT NOW AND WE NEED LEADERS THAT ARE WILLING TO PUT PEOPLE FIRST.”

Markwayne Mullin
Cherokee Nation
REPUBLICAN

Among Mullin’s priorities is giving local communities more control over their public schools. He opposes government standard testing. He is a proponent of the Veterans Choice Program and its accessibility to rural Oklahomans. Supports the military and President Trump’s national security leadership. Believes in protecting the Second Amendment. Mullin wants to lessen regulations for private businesses and reform the tax code. He aims to reduce the country’s debt and cut spending to drive economic growth. He is pro-life and supports defunding the Affordable Health Care Act. He is in support of a border wall and enforcing existing immigration laws. Promotes religious freedom and opposes same-sex marriage.

Cole was first elected to Congress in 2002. Wants to grow the economy by allowing the private sector more freedom. He is an Air Force veteran who wants to protect military installations by preventing Oklahoma’s AWACS airplanes from being defunded at the Tinker Air Force Base. His stance on immigration is to create a secure border and not allow immigrant housing in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Cole also opposes the Affordable Care Act and is pro-life. He supports funding veteran healthcare and services. Supports tax cuts.

Tom Cole
Chickasaw
REPUBLICAN

Danyell Lanier
Cherokee Nation
DEMOCRAT
Darren Parry
Northwestern Band of Shoshone
DEMOCRAT

Parry advocates for protecting public lands, including opposing the Bear River development and opposing logging interests in Utah’s National Forests. Wants to combat climate change by increasing funds for air quality solutions, supporting electric vehicles and adopting emission-reduction goals. Supports ending the trade war with China to help Utah’s outdoor industry. He supports investment in infrastructure and investing in youth. He wants to strengthen rural communities through higher-paying green industry jobs, improved access to healthcare, and better internet connectivity. He supports LGBTQ+ rights, as well as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) policies.

Tricia Zunker
Ho-Chunk
DEMOCRAT

Zunker wants to address issues such as the missing and murdered Indigenous women crisis, healthcare disparities, disproportionate rates of poverty, unemployment, substance abuse, incarceration and suicide, protecting the environment, environmental justice, and providing opportunity to people. She promotes expanding testing for COVID-19, offering more personal protective equipment for frontline workers and extending unemployment benefits. She supports expanding affordable and accessible healthcare for all, and legalizing marijuana. She is an advocate for higher education, safe schools, fair pay and working conditions for teachers. Wants equality under the law for the LGBTQ+ community and women.

Lynnette Grey Bull
Northern Arapaho/ Hunkpapa Lakota
DEMOCRAT

Grey Bull advocates for food security by methods such as providing disaster relief packages for restaurants and ending the practice of forcing farmers to destroy their produce and stock. Grey Bull advocates for having more Native representation in police forces. She opposes human traffickers and drug activity in vulnerable communities like reservations and underprivileged areas. She is an advocate for school administrators having teaching experience and an education background, providing job security for teachers, investment in higher education opportunities and online programs. Supports the interests of the LGBTQ+ community.

“REPRESENTATION MATTERS. WE NEED TO ACHIEVE A GOVERNMENT REFLECTIVE OF SOCIETY TO ENSURE THE BEST POLICIES FOR EVERYONE. IT SHOULDN’T BE HISTORIC IN 2020 WHEN A WOMAN OR A NATIVE PERSON WINS A SEAT.”

“WHEN OUR CHILDREN CAN LOOK AT OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND SEE SOMEONE WHO LOOKS LIKE THEM HELPING LEAD OUR COUNTRY, THEY WILL REALIZE THAT THEY TOO CAN BE ONE OF THOSE LEADERS SOMEDAY.”
Mary Kunesh-Podein  
Standing Rock  
Lakota descent  
DEMOCRAT

Kunesh-Podein states she values community, fairness and hard work. She supports investing in shared communities where everyone is in and nobody is out. Top priorities include promoting economic growth, championing policies that build community, ensuring equitable participation in safety nets and recovery programs, and supporting efforts to rebuild public safety and police reform so that everyone feels safe.

"REPRESENTATION REALLY DOES MATTER AND WHEN ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE NOT LOOKING OUT FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF THEIR CONSTITUENTS, AND THERE ARE OVER 5 MILLION NATIVE CONSTITUENTS IN OUR COUNTRY, THEN IT IS TIME FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS TO STEP UP AND REPRESENT IN A GOOD WAY." 

Jennifer Wilkinson  
Cheyenne and Arapaho  
DEMOCRAT

Wilkinson states on her campaign website that as a woman, a working mother, and a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Nation, she will bring diversity and dedication to represent the people of the 45th District. She states she knows how to listen and can relate to the problems of working Oklahomans.

Donny Olson  
Inupiaq  
DEMOCRAT

A doctor, pilot, reindeer herdsman and businessman, Olson has been a member of the Alaska Senate since 2001. He chairs the state Senate Public Safety Finance Subcommittee and the Senate Law Finance Subcommittee. He is the co-chair of the state Senate Village Public Safety Officer Working Group and sponsored a bill to create Ashley Johnson-Barr Day, in honor of an Alaska Native girl who died tragically in 2018.
Thomas Baker  
Native Village of Kotzebue  
REPUBLICAN

OFFICE SOUGHT  
Alaska State Senate, District T

Baker says the three biggest platforms involve education, public safety and jobs. He currently serves as the vice-mayor of Kotzebue, is a member of the Native Village of Kotzebue Tribal Council, an alternate commissioner on the Northwest Arctic Borough's Village Improvement Commission, vice chair of the state's Kotzebue Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee, and a member of the federal Northwest Arctic Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.

“When we can seek and attain public office and make positive changes, it shows that we are not only part of America's history but we are actively making its history and a better future.”

OFFICE SOUGHT  
Arizona State Senate, District 3 (I)

Gonzales was elected in 1996 to the Arizona House of Representatives, where she served two terms and was a member of the state House Appropriations Committee, the Government Operations Committee, and was a ranking member of the Public Institutions and Universities committee. She won her first bid for state senator in 2018. She is a member of the state Senate Commerce Committee, Education Committee, and the Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee. She holds a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Arizona State University and a master’s degree in multicultural education from the University of Arizona.

Sally Ann Gonzales  
Pascua Yaqui  
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT  
Arizona State Senate, District 7 (I)

Peshlakai is serving her second term in the Arizona Senate as the state’s first Native American woman senator, representing legislative District 7. She formerly served in the state House of Representatives from 2013 to 2015. She won her first bid for state senator in 2016. She holds a bachelor’s degree in history and a master’s degree in educational psychology from Northern Arizona University and is a U.S. Army Persian Gulf War veteran.

Jamescita Peshlakai  
Navajo Nation  
DEMOCRAT
Steele believes in the power of grassroots campaigning. Her priorities are equal opportunity for a world-class public education for all children, good jobs and a thriving clean energy economy. She is a supporter of solar energy.

Fielder’s vision includes: defunding the police, appropriating $100 billion for affordable housing, full funding for public schools, universal healthcare, and taxing billionaires.

"WE ARE KEEPERS OF THE LAWS OF NATURE. THOSE SAME VALUES OF INTERDEPENDENCE, COMPASSION, BRAVERY, SELF-SACRIFICE, INTEGRITY, EQUALITY, AND RESPECT, ARE NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER IN POLICYMAKING. WE ARE THE PAST, PRESENT, AND THE FUTURE — THE SEVENTH GENERATION."

As a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps, Bergstrom said she swore an oath to uphold the U.S. Constitution and believes running for office is an extension of her commitment to public service.

"AS A LEADER, I WILL FOLLOW THE SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS AND LISTEN WITH MY HEART IN MAKING DECISIONS. MY BROAD AND DIVERSE BACKGROUND ALLOWS ME A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE IN FINDING COMMON GROUND AND COMMON SENSE SOLUTIONS"
Roy supports affordable and accessible healthcare and investments in public education. He is an advocate of criminal justice reform, supports environmental stewardship and wants to invest in economic and workforce development, particularly in rural communities.

INDIGENOUS LEADERS SHOULD SEEK PUBLIC OFFICE SO THAT THEY CAN PROVIDE A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE THAT CAN HELP SOLVE PROBLEMS.

Fox is running to represent District 16 in the Montana State Senate.

MANY OF THE ISSUES ARE NATIVE ISSUES, INCLUDING WATER AND LAND ISSUES, ENVIRONMENTAL, HUNTING, PRISON, TAXES, ETC. ANY LAWS PASSED AFFECT US BECAUSE WE ARE MONTANANS NO MATTER WHAT.
Small was elected to the Montana Senate in 2016. He serves as vice chair of the state Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee. Small is a member of the state Senate Business, Labor and Economic Affairs Committee and the Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee. He sponsored bills to create the Looping in Native Communities Network Grant Program, create a Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force and revise laws related to coal-fired generation remediation activities.

“I AM RUNNING TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE PEOPLE WHO SURROUND ME AND IMPROVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MY CHILDREN.”

Pinto was appointed to the New Mexico Senate in 2019 by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham to complete the term of her late grandfather, Sen. John Pinto. She strives to follow the service priorities he set by helping people with fundamental needs of food, clean water, adequate housing and jobs. As an educator, she taught both middle school and high school math in Tohatchi. A leading priority is to improve educational resources on Native land, including access to high-speed Internet. Also supports improving the quality and accessibility of medical care on tribal lands, including mental health and addiction services.

Shendo has served in various capacities of management and leadership in business, tribal, university, and state government, and has held the state Senate seat since 2013. Education, economic development, and infrastructure improvements are areas that Shendo has focused on.
Brenda Grace Agyoorthé McKenna
Nambé Pueblo
DEMO CRAT

McKenna supports fully funding K-12 and early childhood education, new and better-paying jobs, a fast transition to wind and solar energy and solving crime by addressing the root causes of addiction and mental health. McKenna’s education positions include universal pre-K education for all 3- and 4-year olds in New Mexico, and raising public schoolteacher salaries. She supports relief legislation for small businesses hit hardest by COVID-19, and improved broadband internet access. Supporter of “common sense” gun legislation, and increased programs for substance abuse, addiction and mental health.

Lisa Finley-DeVille
Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation
DEMO CRAT

Finley-DeVille supports environmental protection while also protecting the rights of landowners, farmers and ranchers. Supports protecting public health, and advocates for the value of education.

Greg McCortney
Choctaw Nation
REPUBLICAN

McCortney supports conservative values, strong schools, protection of natural resources, and promotes agriculture and energy. A former pastor and mayor, he has served in the state Senate since 2016, including in the role as chairman of the state Senate Health and Human Services Committee. He has helped author bills on issues including training for school officials to treat opioid overdoses, and a bill that protects patient rights to choose their pharmacy.
Jett served six years in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, 2004-2010, focusing on issues such as job growth across Oklahoma, including the areas of energy, agriculture, tourism and manufacturing industries. A Navy veteran, Jett advocates for veteran issues. He is pro-life and believes in protecting the Second Amendment.

Shane Jett
Cherokee Nation
REPUBLICAN

Carina Miller
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
DEMOCRAT

Water issues and protecting water resources is a leading issue for Miller. Education is another priority, including better funding for education, support for educators, and improving trade/vocational education in public schools. Miller states her experience on the Columbia River Gorge Commission has taught her that forest health and fire mitigation are important aspects of environmental protection.

“I CHOSE TO RUN FOR OFFICE SO VOICES LIKE MINE CAN BE HEARD ACROSS THE STATE. IN OREGON THERE HAS NEVER BEEN AN OREGON TRIBAL MEMBER ELECTED TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE”

Red Dawn Foster
Oglala Sioux and Navajo
DEMOCRAT

Foster was elected to the South Dakota Senate in 2018. Foster has sponsored bills to revise provisions related to tribal identification cards, prohibit capital punishment for any person suffering from a severe mental illness, and provide a discount to senior citizens for state parks and recreation areas.
Heinert was elected to the South Dakota Senate in 2014, and was first elected to the state House of Representatives in 2012, serving one term. He currently is the minority leader in the state Senate. Sponsored bills to create a moratorium on oil pipeline construction, create a Commission on Indian Affairs, and another to require schools to provide instruction on South Dakota’s tribal history, culture and government.

Ellis was elected to the Wyoming Senate in 2016 and is the chair of the state Senate’s Select Committee on Tribal Relations. Legislation she has sponsored includes a bill for school safety and security, and a bill on essential health product dignity. She favors low taxes, educational opportunities, a strong economy and high quality of life.

Wesley supports funding to increase the quality of public education, higher education and career tech. She also supports using Oklahoma tax dollars to expand Medicaid and provide healthcare to Oklahoma citizens. Wesley is an advocate for additional education funding to provide job retraining programs for a diversified economy. She pledges to be accessible and accountable to her constituents.

“NATIVE PEOPLE BRING UNIQUE AND VALUABLE PERSPECTIVES TO PUBLIC OFFICE. I AM HUMBLED AND HONORED TO BE THE FIRST NATIVE WOMAN TO SERVE IN THE WYOMING LEGISLATURE AND HOPE TO INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF NATIVE CHILDREN TO BE INVOLVED IN ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.”

“SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE OCCUPATION OF THIS CONTINENT, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE HAD DECISIONS MADE FOR US, GENERALLY WITH DETRIMENTAL, AND EVEN TRAGIC, RESULTS. WE NEED ADVOCATES AT THAT TABLE IN ORDER TO MITIGATE SOME OF THAT HARM AND ADVOCATE FOR THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF ALL PEOPLE, NOT JUST THOSE OF PRIVILEGE.”
Scott Fetgatter
Choctaw
REPUBLICAN

OFFICE SOUGHT
State House of Oklahoma, District 16 (I)

DISTRICT
Okmulgee

RESIDENCE
Fetgatter was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 2016 and is the assistant majority floor leader. He is on the state House Appropriations and Budget Committee, the Business and Commerce Committee and the Wildlife Committee, and serves as chair of the Appropriations and Budget Finance Committee. Some bills he authored include expanding the applicability of the Oklahoma Energy Independence Act and eliminating certain prohibitions in the Oklahoma Local Development and Enterprise Zone Incentive Leverage Act.

“I RAN TO HELP BE A COMMON VOICE AND TRY TO HELP CREATE A BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR EMPLOYERS TO WANT TO BRING THEIR BUSINESS TO OKMULGEE. OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES ARE DYING AND NEED HELP WITH GROWING THEIR ECONOMIES.”

Ajay Pittman
Seminole
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT
State House of Oklahoma, District 99 (I)

DISTRICT
Oklahoma City

RESIDENCE
Pittman was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 2018. She is a member of the state House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee and the Public Health Committee. She also serves on the Appropriations and Budget Human Services Committee and the Appropriations and Budget Transportation Committee. Some bills she authored are the Oklahoma Cosmetology and Barbering Act and the Domestic Violence Offender Registration Act.

Bryan Terry
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
REPUBLICAN

OFFICE SOUGHT
State House of Tennessee, District 48 (I)

DISTRICT
Murfreesboro

RESIDENCE
Terry was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 2014. He serves as chair of the Health Committee, the Calendar and Rules Committee and the Insurance and Banking Committee in the Tennessee House of Representatives. Terry sponsored bills to require the state Health Department to include date of complications related to abortions, decriminalize fantasy sports leagues and sport pool gambling, and increase the penalty of controlled substance offenses.
Tiffany Zulkosky
Yup’ik
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT
State House of Alaska, District 38 (I)

DISTRICT
Bethel

Zulkosky supports fiscal responsibility in balancing Alaska’s budget as well as protecting programs like Medicaid, community assistance and grant programs, fisheries management, village safe water and senior benefits, in addition to programs that serve rural families, tribes and communities. Supports expanding partnerships with federal programs and deepening government-to-government relationships with Alaska tribes and tribal nonprofits. Advocates for maintaining the solvency of Alaska’s health, education and child welfare.

“I BELIEVE] IT’S IMPORTANT FOR OUR ELECTED BODIES TO REFLECT THE CULTURES, VALUES, AND HERITAGE OF THE POPULATIONS THEY SERVE.”

Edgmon has been an Alaskan state legislator since 2007 and has served as the Speaker of the House since 2017. He is on the Legislative Council Committee in the Alaska State Legislature and Rules Committee in Alaska House of Representatives. He was the Health and Social Services vice chair in 2017. Edgmon sponsored a bill to support village public safety officer grants, and bills that call for state recognition of tribes and the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. He is the first Alaska Native House Speaker in the state’s history.

Neal Foster
Inupiaq
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT
State House of Alaska, District 39 (I)

DISTRICT
Nome, Alaska

Foster has served in the Alaska House of Representatives since 2009, when he was appointed to replace his father who died in office. He is on the Legislative Council Committee and the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, and is the co-chair of the Finance Committee. Foster sponsored bills to prohibit commercial lease provisions, support infrastructure funding for the Nome Deep Draft Arctic Port, and designate May 15 as Katie John Day, in honor of an Athabaskan elder. He also served on the Nome City Council from 2008 to 2009 and was on the Alaska Workforce Investment Board from 2003 to 2009.
Tyler Ivanoff
Native Village of Elim (IRA)
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT
State House of Alaska, District 39

DISTRICT RESIDENCE
Shishmaref

Supports Alaska’s Permanent Fund dividend to boost local economies, help small businesses, improve rural transportation and provide needed supplies for families. He also supports the restructure of taxes for oil companies and wants to avoid using the Permanent Fund dividend to cover the deficit. In his support for education, Ivanoff advocates for keeping administrators and educators in districts. He wants to develop trades for Alaska job sectors.

WE LIVE OFF OF OUR LAND, AND ANY TIME DECISIONS ARE MADE THAT CONFLICT WITH OUR PEOPLE, WE NEED TO BE THERE IN THE FOREFRONT, TO SPEAK OUT FOR OUR PEOPLE.

Elizabeth Ferguson
Inupiaq
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT
State House of Alaska, District 40

DISTRICT RESIDENCE
Kotzebue

Supports protecting public services by preserving programs like the state’s Community Assistance and Power Cost Equalization. Ferguson wants to make funding more flexible for training, equipment and housing for village public safety officers. Wants to partner with tribes and transform rehabilitative processes to reduce recidivism and create opportunities for communal and familial healing. Supports seeking capital funding to increase access to broadband, school meals and after school programs, as well as investing in higher education to ensure a qualified, educated workforce. Advocates for investing in alternative energy solutions and wants to foster tribal partnerships in the areas of subsistence rights, language and culturally relevant curriculum.

WE NEED SOMEONE IN THE LEGISLATURE WITH EXPERIENCE, WHO WILL WORK HARD AND WHO WILL WORK ALONGSIDE EACH OF YOU TO FIGHT FOR OUR DISTRICT AND STATE.

Jennifer Jermaine
White Earth Nation
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT
State House of Arizona, District 18 (I)

DISTRICT RESIDENCE
Chandler

A priority for Jermaine is to have six weeks of paid family leave for state employees and healthcare rights for women. She wants the Equal Rights Amendment ratified and supports protecting the civil rights of the LGBTQ+ community, women, people of color and people with disabilities. Wants funds to be restored for teachers and school personnel. Jermaine serves on the state House Government Committee, Elections Reform Committee and the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, and is the chair of the investigative committee for Missing and Murdered indigenous Women and Girls.
Teller was elected to the Arizona House of Representatives in 2018 and is a member of the state House Land and Agriculture Committee and the Transportation Committee. Some bills he co-sponsored include appropriations for affordable housing, appropriations for Navajo veterans housing, greenhouse gas programs and grants for school counselors.

**Arlando Teller**  
Navajo  
DEMOCRAT

**Myron Tsosie**  
Navajo  
DEMOCRAT

Tsosie’s priorities include public education, veterans affairs and natural resources. Tsosie was elected to the Arizona House of Representatives in 2018 and is on the state House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, the Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee and the State and International Affairs Committee. Some bills he co-sponsored include paid family leave for state employees, rural economic development, and appropriations for Native American veterans.

**Domingo DeGrazia**  
Eastern Band Cherokee  
DEMOCRAT

DeGrazia, who worked as an appellate attorney in foster care cases, wants to invest in child welfare to ensure medical, social and economic support. Supports education through apprenticeships and post-secondary education, as well as affordable education for older students. He supports affordable healthcare, especially for children and the most vulnerable. DeGrazia wants fair wages and a skilled, educated workforce to attract more job opportunities. He supports gun safety laws by reinforcing comprehensive background checks, requiring those who are on probation from domestic violence to turn in their firearms, banning bump stocks and registering firearms.
Felicia French
Pascua Yaqui
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT
State Senate of Arizona, District 6

DISTRICT RESIDENCE
Pine

French promotes improving the quality of public education and wants to ensure that the public education system is well funded. She favors increasing funding for special education and prioritizing investments for trade and vocational education. She wants to ensure that Arizona residents have affordable healthcare with access to prescription drug programs, and wants to expand the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System and invest in rural and tribal community healthcare. Supports investing in safe roads, broadband access and emergency services for rural communities. Also supports small businesses and entrepreneurs. She wants to address uranium mining in Arizona, and protect water and land rights.

“WE NEED NATIVE AMERICANS TO BE ABLE TO BE SEEN, TO BE HEARD, AND TO BE ABLE TO PRIORITIZE THE LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS NEEDED TO CLOSE THE DIGITAL, ECONOMIC, AND EDUCATIONAL DIVIDE HOLDING TRIBAL COMMUNITIES FURTHER AND FURTHER BACK.”

Christina Blackcloud
Yankton Sioux/Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT
State House of Iowa, District 7

DISTRICT RESIDENCE
Tama

Blackcloud promotes creating solutions for Iowa’s county governments by closing tax loopholes, ensuring transparency and having better coordination across governmental bodies. She wants affordable healthcare, including lowering prescription costs, modernizing the health delivery system and providing access for rural communities. Blackcloud is pro-choice. Promotes investing more in students, developing partnerships with the private sector for apprenticeship programs and technical education. Supports maintaining veteran and senior healthcare and housing benefits. Wants to address climate change by building sustainable infrastructure, strengthening pollution standards, reducing energy waste and helping farmers decarbonize their agriculture. Supports protecting workers’ rights and equal pay.

“THE INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVE IS UNIQUE IN PUBLIC OFFICE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE THAT UNDERSTANDS AND SUPPORTS US AND THAT WE ARE NATURALLY STEWARDS OF THE LAND, AND WHO RESPECTS AND SUPPORTS TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY, WHILE CREATING A HEALTHY ECONOMY TO RAISE A FAMILY.”
Christina Haswood  
Navajo  
DEMOCRAT  

OFFICE SOUGHT  
State House of Kansas, District 10  

Haswood advocates for a science-based approach to COVID-19, expanding access to Medicaid and legalizing recreational marijuana to help the economy and the “school-to-prison pipeline.” Also supports releasing those imprisoned for marijuana possession. She backs reproductive rights, and supports passing gun laws that have stronger background checks and ban assault weapons. Wants to reform the policing system by ending qualified immunity, requiring liability insurance and extending whistleblower protections. Supports defending funding for public education. Also supports cutting the state’s food tax and eventually eliminating it. Promotes the development of renewable energy resources and to have an entirely clean energy operation by 2030.

“MANY OF OUR ISSUES BOTH ON AND OFF THE RESERVATION CAN BE TRACED UPSTREAM TO POLICY. AT THIS LEVEL OF DECISION MAKING, OUR VOICES ARE NOT REPRESENTED ON THE ISSUE THAT DIRECTLY IMPACTS US, OUR FAMILY, AND OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS.”

Ponka-We Victors  
Tohono O’odham and Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma  
DEMOCRAT  

OFFICE SOUGHT  
State House of Kansas, District 103 (I)  

Victors was first elected to the Kansas House of Representatives in 2010 and serves as the chairwoman of the Kansas Legislature’s State-Tribal Relations Committee. She is on the state House Transportation Committee and the Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee. Some bills she sponsored include recognizing the global climate crisis and requiring resident tuition rates for certain Native American students.

“EQUAL REPRESENTATION MATTERS AND IT’S IMPORTANT TO HAVE ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM VARIOUS BACKGROUNDS REPRESENTING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES. I WANT TO CONTINUE TO BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS.”

Stephanie Byers  
Chickasaw  
DEMOCRAT  

OFFICE SOUGHT  
State House of Kansas, District 86  

As a retired public schoolteacher, Byers wants to ensure adequate funding for public education. Another priority is expanding Medicaid to cover more people and to prevent medical bankruptcy. As a LGBTQ+ member, Byers wants to end discrimination and promote equality. She also wants to safely reopen Kansas and fight for fair, reasonable taxes.

“REPRESENTATION MATTERS. NATIVE AMERICAN VOICES ARE SORELY LACKING IN STATE GOVERNMENT.”
Becker-Finn supports funding public schools, reducing class sizes, expanding access to voluntary public pre-Kindergarten and increasing in-school services. She supports providing paid family leave, increasing the minimum wage and making it easier for workers to save for retirement. Wants to address climate change, protect public land and resources and hold polluters accountable. She is for stronger regulations, reporting and licensing for nursing homes and increasing disability service funding. Other issues include enforcing stronger gun safety laws, increasing funding to the criminal justice system for safe staffing levels of correctional officers and healthcare for emergency responders.

Keeler wants to address COVID-19 responses, such as making a plan for safe schooling, providing meals for children who rely on school lunches, expanding unemployment benefits and putting a moratorium on evictions. Wants to promote education equity through setting guidelines for curriculum inclusion and creating a tiered licensing system for staff and employees. Supports providing affordable healthcare for all and expanding affordable housing. Keeler wants Minnesota to be a clean energy state and opposes the Line 3 pipeline project. Advocates for upholding treaty rights of sovereign nations. Supports closing the pay gap for women and minorities, and supports the LGBTQ+ community, first-generation college graduates and people with disabilities.

Spolarich supports Medicare-for-all and universal healthcare. She opposes mining and pipelines and wants to create sustainable jobs like sustainable farming. Spolarich supports fair economic and community development decisions, such as upgrading the electric grid to create green jobs for solar panels, wind turbines and weatherization.
Bahr supports affordable healthcare and expanding Medicaid. Wants to protect Montana’s public lands and ensure clean, safe drinking water and public water. She envisions more sustainable energy by removing government restrictions from private or business use. Plans to oppose the “right-to-work” legislation and supports unions. She wants funds to continue that provide services for veterans, seniors and those with disabilities. Supports funding public education for afterschool programs, teacher preparation, newer textbooks and technology, but does not support funding charter schools with tax-payer money. Wants to make higher education and housing more affordable, and wants to increase access and funding to mental health services.

Bessette was elected to the Montana House of Representatives in 2018 and is a member of the state House Judiciary Committee and the Human Services Committee. Some bills she sponsored include requiring background checks for assisted living facility employees, asking Congress to improve healthcare services for veterans and requiring coverage of habilitative services for all Medicaid recipients.

Hawk’s priorities include defending workers by protecting collective bargaining rights. Wants to preserve hunting and fishing rights, and preserve public lands. Increasing public school funds is another priority. Hawk plans to defend and support legislation that contains solutions for climate change, and supports the development of having an economy that helps climate change. Wants to expand broadband access to rural Montana and on tribal reservations. Protecting and defending LGBTQIA+ rights is also part of his agenda. Hawk wants to protect Social Security, reduce prescription costs, improve services for people with developmental disabilities, expand voting rights and protect the rights of marginalized people.

“IN MONTANA SPECIFICALLY, WE HAVE EIGHT FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES. THE MAKEUP OF OUR STATE GOVERNMENT AND REPRESENTATION NEEDS TO BE REFLECTED IN THE PEOPLE ELECTED.”
Rhonda Knudsen  
*Turtle Mountain Chippewa*  
REPUBLICAN

OFFICE SOUGHT  
State House of Montana, District 34 (I)  

DISTRICT  
Culbertson

G. Bruce Meyers  
*Chippewa Cree*  
REPUBLICAN

OFFICE SOUGHT  
State House of Montana, District 32  

DISTRICT  
Box Elder

Tyson Running Wolf  
*Blackfeet*  
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT  
State House of Montana, District 16 (I)  

DISTRICT  
Browning

House Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee, Natural Resources Committee and the Taxation Committee. Some bills she sponsored are to require public notice for centerline rumble strip projects and to extend state lands reimbursement block grants for schools.

Meyers was elected to the Montana House of Representatives in 2014 and served one term. He then ran for the Montana Senate in 2016, but lost. In 2018, he ran again for House District 32, but was defeated. As a state representative, he served on the House Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee, the Education Committee and the Judiciary Committee. Some bills Meyers sponsored as a representative include requiring a bond for bison transfer, and requiring the creation of a state website that lists state dollars to tribes for tribal programs. Advocated for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes water compact, which passed with bipartisan support.

Running Wolf was elected to the Montana House of Representatives in 2018. He is on the state House Education Committee, Fish Wildlife and Parks Committee and the State Administration Committee. Some bills he sponsored are the revision of bison transfer laws and revision of the sale or trade of cultural patrimony and sacred objects.
OFFICE SOUGHT
State House of Montana, District 31 (I)

DISTRICT
RESIDENCE
Poplar

Frank Smith
Assiniboine Sioux
DEMOCRAT

Smith was elected to the Montana House of Representatives in 1998 and served three terms. He was elected to the Montana Senate in 2004 and served until 2008. He was again elected to the Montana House in 2010 and served one term. He was then elected to the state Senate in 2016. He is a member of the interim Business, Labor and Economic Affairs Committee, the interim State Administration Committee and the interim State Tribal Committee. Some bills he sponsored include a proposal to reroute the Keystone Pipeline in Montana, and requiring the state’s Office of Public Instruction to maintain and create an electronic directory photograph repository.

OFFICE SOUGHT
State House of Montana, District 42 (I)

DISTRICT
RESIDENCE
Crow Agency

Sharon Stewart-Peregoy
Crow
DEMOCRAT

Stewart-Peregoy was elected to the Montana House of Representatives in 2016. She was formerly in the Montana Senate from 2008 to 2016. She served as vice chair of the state House Business and Labor Committee, is co-chair of American Indian Caucus, is interim chair of the Economic Affairs Committee, and a member of the House Rules Committee. Some bills Stewart-Peregoy sponsored are to provide funding for school district programs serving English learners, to revise the definition of “high-poverty county” for Big Sky Economic Development and to create the reentry cultural programming grant program. Co-sponsored bills to establish and improve MMIW and MMIP laws.

OFFICE SOUGHT
State House of Montana, District 15 (I)

DISTRICT
RESIDENCE
Browning

Marvin Weatherwax
Blackfeet
DEMOCRAT

Weatherwax was elected to the Montana House of Representatives in 2018. He is a member of the state House Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee, the Natural Resources Committee, the State Administration Committee and the Montana Board of Veteran Affairs. Some bills he sponsored are to establish the Louis Charles Charlo memorial highway, and to revise laws related to the creation of a tribal monument and flag circle.
Whiteman-Pena won the Democratic primary against August Scalpcane for House District 41 in June 2020.

Rynalea Whiteman-Pena  
Northern Cheyenne  
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT  
State House of Montana, District 41

DISTRICT RESIDENCE  
Lame Deer

Windy Boy was first elected in 2002 to the Montana House of Representatives and was then elected in 2008 to the Montana State Senate, where he served until he was elected again to the Montana House of Representatives in 2016. He serves on the General Government Committee of the Montana State Legislature and the state House Appropriations Committee. Some bills Windy Boy has sponsored include a community health aide program for tribal facilities, a resolution to support the U.N. International Year of Indigenous Languages, and a study on the effects of drugs on infants.

Jonathan Windy Boy  
Chippewa Cree  
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT  
State House of Montana, District 32 (I)

DISTRICT RESIDENCE  
Rocky Boy

Supports raises for teachers and investment in New Mexico schools. Wants to expand access to high-speed internet for small business owners, students, educators and job seekers. Affordable healthcare is another priority, especially strengthening the Indian Health Service. He supports access to services, affordable housing and quality healthcare for veterans. Wants to address needs of Native American communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, strengthen the AMBER Alert system and address the REAL ID Act for the community.

Anthony Allison  
Navajo  
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT  
State House of New Mexico, District 4 (I)

DISTRICT RESIDENCE  
Fruitland
Johnson has served in the New Mexico House of Representatives since 2015. She is the vice chair of the state House State Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee, and a member of the Rules and Order of Business Committee and the Commerce and Economic Development Committee. Johnson sponsored a bill to create a health and safety task force, which gives the New Mexico Secretary of State “emergency authorization” and allows changes to be made to the Local Government Transportation Fund — a fund that also allows tribal projects to be supported.

Doreen Wonda Johnson
Navajo
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT
State House of New Mexico, District 5 (I)
DISTRICT
Rehoboth

Lente was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 2016. He is chairman of the state House Agriculture and Water Resources Committee and a member of the State Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee. Some of his priorities include fair compensation for teachers and adequate funding of public schools. Supports environmental issues, such as water quality and appropriating water to Native Americans, agriculture, species, recreation and municipalities. Promotes small businesses and wants to grow the economy and ensure workers earn a livable wage. Lente co-sponsored a meat inspection act and the Kiki Saavedra Senior Dignity Fund Act that relates to senior citizen services.

Derrick J. Lente
Sandia Pueblo
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT
State House of New Mexico, District 65 (I)
DISTRICT
Sandia Pueblo

Louis was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 2012 and serves as the chair of the state House Rules and Order of Business Committee. She is also a member of the state House Judiciary Committee and the State Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee. Louis sponsored the Clean and Beautiful Highways Act, the Violence Intervention Program Act and an act to fund a Native Women’s Business Institute.

Georgene Louis
Acoma Pueblo
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT
State House of New Mexico, District 26 (I)
DISTRICT
Albuquerque
Patricia Roybal Caballero  
Piro Manso Tiwa  
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT  
State House of New Mexico, District 13

DISTRICT  
Albuquerque

Supports increasing access to affordable healthcare and opposes cuts to Medicaid. Roybal Caballero also wants to achieve a livable wage, invest in schools and support small businesses. Wants to work with federal, local and state governments to create effective immigration laws. Supports gun reform and promotes climate change policies to address greenhouse gas emissions and to establish renewable energy systems. She wants to integrate cultural and language skills in early and higher education. Supports Indigenous rights and tribal issues, and wants to decolonize biases and barriers of tribal communities. Supports protecting labor unions.

Thomasina Mandan  
Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation  
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT  
State House of North Dakota, District 4

DISTRICT  
New Town

“IT IS IMPORTANT FOR NATIVE AMERICANS TO SEEK PUBLIC OFFICES BECAUSE THEY CAN IMPROVE TRIBAL AND STATE RELATIONS, AND BE A VOICE FOR NATIVE AMERICANS.”

Tracey L. Wilkie  
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa  
DEMOCRAT

OFFICE SOUGHT  
State House of North Dakota, District 16

DISTRICT  
Fargo

Wilkie supports affordable healthcare and quality K-12 education. She wants workers to have a livable wage.

“IT IS IMPORTANT FOR NATIVE AMERICAN’S RUN FOR OFFICE BECAUSE WE ARE FIGHTING FOR OUR SURVIVAL.”
Chelsey Branham  
*Chickasaw and Cherokee*  
**DEMO CRAT**

**OFFICE SOUGHT**  
State House of Oklahoma, District 83 (I)

**DISTRICT**  
Edmond

Branham’s priorities are to restore school funding, retain educators and invest in higher education. She aims to keep college and technical training affordable. She supports investing in the workforce by diversifying the economy, such as having workforce readiness programs that will grow job sectors. Branham wants to preserve funding for adult literacy and job readiness training. Supports criminal justice reform and addressing healthcare issues, including access to women’s healthcare and untreated mental illness.

Mark McBride  
*Potawatomi*  
**REPUBLIC AN**

**OFFICE SOUGHT**  
State House of Oklahoma, District 53 (I)

**DISTRICT**  
Moore

McBride was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 2012. He is a member of the state House Appropriations and Budget Committee, Business and Commerce Committee and the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. McBride sponsored bills that declared Israel a prominent trading partner, created the Oil and Gas Produced Water and Waste Recycling and Reuse Act and memorialized the 25th anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing. He is pro-life, wants to preserve the Second Amendment, supports limited government and opposes the Affordable Care Act. McBride wants to expand workers’ comp reform, tort reform and eliminate unnecessary government mandates on businesses. Wants veterans to receive quality services and healthcare.

Collin Walke  
*Cherokee*  
**DEMO CRAT**

**OFFICE SOUGHT**  
State House of Oklahoma, District 87 (I)

**DISTRICT**  
Oklahoma City

Walke was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 2016. He wants to increase education funding for the state. He favors expanding Medicaid in rural and urban areas, including preventative care. He wants to help promote mental health courts to ensure violent offenders are prosecuted and non-violence offenders are given a chance at “self-sustainability.”

“DIVERSITY OF OPINION AND THOUGHT IS IMPORTANT IN A DEMOCRACY, AND IT IS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE IN OKLAHOMA WHERE PARTNERSHIPS WITH TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS ARE NECESSARY FOR A BETTER OKLAHOMA.”
Sanchez was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 2016. She is vice chair of the Human Services and Housing Committee in the Oregon House of Representatives, and is a member of the Capitol Culture Committee of the Oregon Legislature. Sanchez sponsored bills to prevent the use of deadly force by police officers and prohibit evictions during an emergency period. She also supports strengthening services for early education, healthcare, workforce training, housing assistance, domestic violence victims and elder care.

Bordeaux was elected to the South Dakota House of Representatives in 2014. He is a member of the Government Operations and Audit Committee and the Transportation Committee in the South Dakota House of Representatives. Some bills he sponsored include legalizing the growth, production and transportation of industrial hemp and prohibiting the denial of benefits based only on a controlled substance felony.

Pourier was elected to the South Dakota House of Representatives in 2018. She is a member of the state House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, the Judiciary Committee and the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and the State Tribal Relations Committee. She was the prime sponsor of a bill to create and fund Oceti Sakowin community-based schools. Pourier also co-sponsored a bill to create a Commission on Indian Affairs and another bill to authorize certain veterans to attend courses offered at postsecondary technical institutes without paying tuition.
Tamara St. John  
Sisseton  
Wahpeton Oyate  
REPUBLICAN

**OFFICE SOUGHT**  
State House of South Dakota, District 1 (I)

**DISTRICT RESIDENCE**  
Sisseton

St. John was elected to the South Dakota House of Representatives in 2018. She is a member of the Judiciary Committee, the Health and Human Services Committee and the Tribal Relations Committee in the South Dakota House of Representatives. St. John sponsored legislation including a bill recognizing the 30th anniversary of Native American Day, a bill on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons, a bill to provide a rebuttable presumption in favor of joint physical custody of a minor child and a bill on childhood sexual abuse in boarding schools.

"I BELIEVE IT’S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO ENCOURAGE TRIBAL MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND EMBRACE THEIR OWN ROLE IN IT AS CITIZENS OF SOUTH DAKOTA."

Ernest Weston Jr.  
Oglala Lakota  
DEMOCRAT

**OFFICE SOUGHT**  
State House of South Dakota, District 27

**DISTRICT RESIDENCE**  
Oglala Lakota County

Weston is running to represent District 27 in the South Dakota House of Representatives.

Debra Lekanoff  
Tlingit/Aleut  
DEMOCRAT

**OFFICE SOUGHT**  
State House of Washington, District 40 (I)

**DISTRICT RESIDENCE**  
Bow

Lekanoff was elected to the Washington House of Representatives in 2018. She serves as the vice chair of the House Environment and Energy Committee and is a member of the Capitol Budget Committee. She is also a member of the Rural Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. Some bills she sponsored are to enact a Native American voting rights act and to address the suicide and addiction crisis among American Indians and Alaska Natives. If re-elected, Lekanoff pledges to invest in efforts to help the state recover from COVID-19, economically and from a health standpoint. Wants to expand environmental policy and community changes to address climate change. Supports clean energy industries, green infrastructure projects, jobs and workforce training.

"AS THE ONLY NATIVE AMERICAN SERVING IN THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE AN EDUCATOR AND BRIDGE BUILDER BETWEEN TRIBAL, LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL COLLEAGUES."
Clifford was first elected to the Wyoming House of Representatives in 2018. She is a member of the Joint, Elections and Political Subdivisions Committee and a member of the select committee on Tribal Relations of the Wyoming House of Representatives. She co-sponsored bills to defend the Guard Act, give support to food banks, and repeal the death penalty. She also co-sponsored the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Bill and the Tribal ID Bill.

“ I WANT TO CONTINUE TO INSPIRE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE TO REGISTER, VOTE AND GET INVOLVED IN POLITICS AT ALL LEVELS. ”

Whiteman is running to represent District 33 in the Wyoming House of Representatives. She is pro-life and pro-gun.

“ NATIVE AMERICANS NEED TO BREAK THE BARRIER IN EVERY ASPECT OF THE POLITICAL REALM. WE ARE HIGHLY CAPABLE OF REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE WHO WE SERVE IN OUR AREAS WITHOUT REGARD TO OUR COLOR OR POLITICAL AFFILIATION. ”

Ramos supports assisting homeless veterans by providing housing and services. He is an advocate for increasing funding for public safety, improving economic development in California and improving education by investing in public schools. Ramos wants to create more jobs and increase skills training for workers. He was the first Native American to be elected to the State Board of Education and to the San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustees. Ramos also was previously the chairman of San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, co-founder of the San Manuel Band’s cultural awareness program, and is the director of the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference.
One of White Eagle’s priorities is climate change by ensuring clean drinking water, sustainable agriculture, clean energy and providing green jobs. She also wants to invest in public education, affordable college and technical training. Promotes expanding access to Medicaid and funding rural healthcare for Wisconsin citizens. White Eagle also wants to improve internet access for rural Wisconsin to strengthen economic development and for educational and work purposes. She worked for the Ho-Chunk Nation tribal government for the past 15 years as the tribe’s associate judge, interim chief judge, attorney general and senior tribal counsel.

“IF ELECTED, I WOULD BE THE FIRST INDIGENOUS WOMAN TO HOLD A STATE ASSEMBLY SEAT, AND I WOULD LIKE TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THAT TO OCCUR.”

Montoya-Lewis was appointed to the Washington State Supreme Court in 2019 by Gov. Jay Inslee and became the first Native American justice to serve on the state’s Supreme Court. She is also the second Native American to serve on a state Supreme Court in the country. Montoya-Lewis previously served as a chief judge for the Lummi, Nooksak and Upper Skagit Tribes in Washington. She was also appointed as a judge to the Whatcom County Superior Court in 2014 and served until 2019.

Katherine Mary Nepton previously ran for the Michigan Senate in 2018, but lost. She was nominated to the Michigan Supreme Court by the Libertarian Party at the Libertarian convention on July 18, 2020.