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# Soboba

## Indian Reporter

SOBOBA INDIAN REPORTER: ERNIE C. SALGADO JR., PUBLISHER/EDITOR

## Notice To All Soboba Tribal Members

### This is The Last Soboba Indian Reporter Publication

#### “BIA INDIANS CENSORSHIP”

This publication of the Soboba Indian Reporter is the last tribal newspaper with the display of the Soboba logo.

And since the “BIA Indians” are trying to shut me down and prevent me from keeping you informed I will also stop using the Soboba name to save them to trouble of making bigger fools of themselves.

The usage of the Soboba Logo and name was out of respect for the tribe and its members.

*The conflict is not about the usage of the logo or Soboba name, it's about power and control and to prevent the exposure of misdeeds and lack of transparency.*

Since one of the concerns is the “content” of my reporting my suggestion is, don’t read it. But, common sense tells us that some folks have a problem with the truth.

And since I’m a “Seasoned Citizen,” high mileage and experienced it’s not my first time at the rodeo.

Over the years I have witnessed some incredible tribal politics at the hands of the “BIA Indians.” One vivid example took place during the mid-sixties when they (*The BIA Indians*) wanted to give up our water rights to EMWD in exchange for the privilege of buying our own water back from them. Yes, you read it right!

#### INDIAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

If for no other reason the tribal membership should take note of the fact that I am only one voice and I have been singled out as an example is to be made of me.

This is more reason for the tribal member to adopt the “**Indian Civil Rights Act**” to protect our individual rights.

It is so sad that these folks don’t respect the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution. “**Freedom of Speech.**” And as most “Socialist” they view individual rights as a inconvenience to be ignored and undermined.

In fact the Tribal Council has adopted policies that discriminate against the elders, over weight tribal members and tribal members that do not live on the reservation, all violations of the Constitution of the USA.

Soboba is going through a political transformation from Tribalism to a Dictatorial Socialism Government.

#### SOBOBA TRIBAL PAPER?

The Soboba Indian Reporter has published a monthly newspaper for the Tribal Membership for the past two-years and 10 -months. And has not missed one due date for the past 34-months. And it’s a one man operation.

Since the Tribal Council didn’t want to support the Soboba Indian Reporter because I refused to allow them to censor it.

So they decided to established their own monthly newspaper. The problem was they assigned to task of publishing the paper to Carrie Garcia and she did an excellent job. However, she still had her primary responsibilities and was not provided with any support staff. Still another problem she faced was that she had no authority over her co-department heads and was not able to demand timely submission of news items.

This should tell you something about the



Seated Left to right—Kelli Hurtado, Rose Salgado and Monica Herrera. Standing— Isaiah Vivanco, Vice Chairman and Scott Cozart, Chairman.

management abilities of the Soboba Tribal Manager. It is his responsibility to make sure the tribal newspaper is published on a timely monthly basis. Yet, he nor the Council most likely still don’t see the basic management problem which is still fixable. And with all the financial and human resources at his disposal and access to all tribal departments And he still can’t get the job done.

Please understand my analysis of the Tribal Manager is not to challenge or diminish his intelligent, he is very bright young man and has a lot to offer the tribe but, my point is that management at the administrative level is not in his skill set.

In other words. You don’t put you number nine batter as your number three or four hitter on the roster. A winning team uses its player in their area of strength.

#### LET’S TALK PER CAPITA?

But, who cares as long as the per capita checks get mailed. Which is another matter all together. Around April-May of next year let me know how you feel about you per capita check.

While we are on the subject of the “BIA Indian Family,” the Tribal Council has promoted the son of our Tribal Chairman as the “Acting General Manager” for the Tribal Casino and the Chairman’s wife as a “Management Consultant.” Conflict of interest be dammed since the rule of law only applies to us traditional folks.

It’s not a matter of if it’s legal or illegal it’s a simple matter of right and wrong.

But in all fairness, here again we have an intelligent young tribal member put into a level of management he is not qualified or experience to perform. It’s not fair to him or the tribal members.

#### OK LET DO IT BY THE NUMBERS

A brief math lesson only because I can’t help myself. First off, we are going to have to re-pay the money the tribe has borrowed to build the Casino/Hotel, which is getting close to \$300 million, for arguments sake.

That means we will be paying about \$3 million per month to pay off the loan, even if we don’t increase our monthly gross income.

Secondly, we will be increase our staffing cost for the hotel, maintenance and fire department personal at about \$1 million a month, at a minimum. And another half a million in additional cost.

Oops, we now have a total of \$4 to \$4.5 million is additional operating cost per month than we are spending now.

OK lets say we increase our gross income by \$2 million a month we are still \$2 to \$2.5 million short of what we are currently netting.

So the bad news is that it will cost each one of us about \$2,000 to \$2,500 per month which, will be taken from our current per capita amount to cover the shortage. And the tribal administration will lose about half a millions dollars per month. So what services will be cut?

Like Vice Chairman, Isaiah Vivanco said, “*They will just have to tighten their belts.*” They, meaning us folks. But we got a big shinny new building.

And if that’s not enough stupidity for you, the Council is still planning to build a giant toilet next door to the new Casino/Hotel.

#### GIANT TOILET

A giant toilet next to the new casino/hotel. Right On! I wonder how the toilet view will be listed as on the promotional materials? “**Environmental Crapola View**” How does that sound to you?

The giant toilet I am making reference to is the sewer plant the Tribal Council has its heart set on build between the river bottom and golf course.

“*It won’t smell*” our trusted tribal leaders keep tell us. I have news for them, *Shit stinks, plain and simple*, and no one is going to convince me otherwise.

EMWD already has a sewer line in place next to the tribal property. Come on down “*Let’s make a Deal?*”

#### SOBOBA GOLF COURSE

The Tribal Council recently spent \$4.5 million renovating the golf course with no forethought or consideration on how we would increase sales or Return on our Investment.

When I asked Chairman, Cozart how the Council planned to generate a return on the \$4.5 million investment he just looked at me like who cares and said, “*it looks good.*” A very expensive photo op don’t you think.?

**THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CLAIMS SOBOBA MISSPENT \$774,229 AFTER AUDIT**

**See full Report on page 4.**

#### NEED FOR FULL AUDITS

The Tribal Council has yet to conduct a full audit of the tribal administration or the casino business. We, as a tribe own a profitable multi-million business and yet, are managing it like a mom and pop store.

Until a full audit is done the tribal membership will never know the real financial position of the tribe and how their money is and/or was spent

#### NOT EVERYTHING IS NEGATIVE

The Tribe is providing a lot of great program that we can all be very proud of as tribal member.

- 1) Day Care, Pre-School & K-garten
- 2) Noli School
- 3) Cultural Program
- 4) Adult Education
- 5) Vocational Training
- 6) Higher Education & Post Grad
- 7) Mentor Training
- 8) Youth Program
- 9) Student Achievement Recognition
- 10) Elders Program
- 11) Housing Program
- 12) After School Tutorial
- 13) Recreation Program
- 14) Sports Facilities
- 15) Water & Trash Service
- 16) Fire and Emergency Services
- 17) Health Benefit
- 18) Credit Union

Sorry if I missed some, but I think you get my point.

#### CREDIT UNION

The credit union is a great move forward even though it took over 20-years to bring it about.

My suggestion is to merge or transfer the tribal credit department responsibilities to the credit union. This would be more cost effective and the tribe could underwrite (Guarantee) the loans.

#### SEPTEMBER ISSUE

Since the “BIA Indians” want to censor the publication they most likely will not allow for the paper to be displayed at the Tribal Administration office.

If you would like to receive the new edition in September please send me your e-mail address or mailing address.

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However, I will continue to provide the Soboba Tribal Members with a monthly newspaper under a different name.

How about “*Ernie’s View,*” “*The Renegade?*,” “*The Tribal Beat*” or “*The Tribal Watch Doggs*”

I will do my best to keep you up-to-dated on what is happening on the reservation and else where that may have an impact of the Soboba Tribal Members. And I welcome your support and help.



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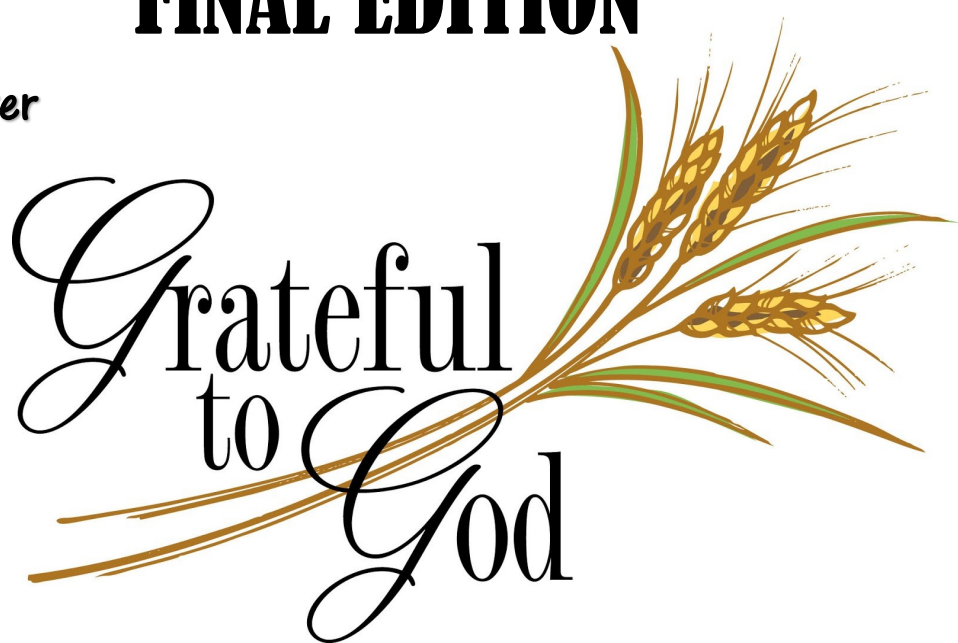


**MARTINA MICHELLE RESVALOSO**  
January 21, 1968 - June 29, 2018

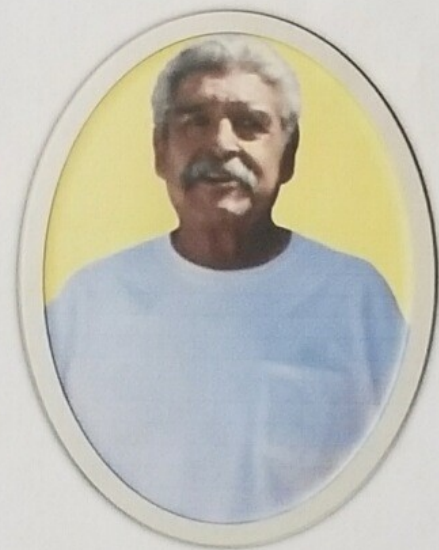
Martina Michelle Resvaloso a tribal member of the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians. She was 50 years of age and was born January 21, 1968 on the Soboba Indian Reservation. She passed away on June 29, 2018. She received her GED and was a security guard for the Soboba Indian Bingo Hall. Martina is survived by her husband, Ronald J. Resvaloso Sr.; daughter, Helen Rose Resvaloso; son, Ronald James Resvaloso Jr.; sisters, Rosemary Morillo; grand-children, Ki'at Na'wishmal and N'diyilii, Ronald Resvaloso III, Chelesh, Lilliana and Martina Resvaloso, all from the Soboba Indian Reservation.

Viewing and visitation was held on Friday, July 6, 2018 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm with a Rosary at 7:00 pm at Inland Memorial Harford Chapel, Hemet.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, July 7, 2018 at 10:00 am at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church followed with the burial at Soboba Indian Reservation Cemetery. The traditional dinner was held after the grave side services..



**1 Year Anniversary  
for  
Gregory Joseph Helms  
11/7/51-08/09/2017**



**Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**Graveside Service and Unveiling of the  
Headstone @ 10am at Soboba Cemetery.**

**Lunch to follow at the Soboba Sports  
Complex**

## In Loving Memory



**WILLIAM "RODDY" RHODES**  
JANUARY 21, 1960—AUGUST 5, 2016  
SOBOBA INDIAN RESERVATION



**DARREN (BIG D) KITCHEN**  
NOVEMBER 18, 1986—AUGUST 31, 2016  
SOBOBA INDIAN RESERVATION



## Soboba Elders on The Move

August 2-3: Brad Paisley Concert - Agua Caliente  
August 29 - September 1: Viejas Casino/Hotel - Dinner Cruise, Padre Ballgame  
September 11: Tiny Tots bag stuffing Soboba Tribal Hall  
September 10-13: National Indian Conference on Aging, Pechanga  
September 14-16: Soboba Pow Wow - September 15: Tiny Tots  
September 27-30: Hearst Castle & Santa Ynez Chumash Casino Hotel  
October 2: Elders Meeting Soboba Tribal Hall Noon  
October 26 - 28: Las Vegas, National Indian Rodeo  
October Date-to Be-Decide: Preschool Trick-Or-Treat.  
November 10: L.A. Pantages Theater "The Bronx Tale Play" 2pm  
November 13: Elders Thanksgiving Lunch Tribal Hall Noon  
December Dates-to Be-Decide: Elders Christmas Party Soboba and at other reservations.  
December 27: Soboba Elders News Years Celebration noon.

**Call Erica for information and sign up**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Donald Resvaloso	2
Dolores Benitez	9
Magdalena "Maggie" Arrietta	12
Benny "Junie" Helms Jr.	15
Charles Resvaloso	22
Ronald Resvaloso	23
Gabriel "Boney" Castello	26
Victor Meza	28
Gordon Placencia	30

## NEWLY MINTED ELDERS

Romi Petterson	8
Richard "Eat-em-Up" Logo	22
Janice Serrato	24
Gerald Gilmore	30

## "You're Next." *Funny Bone*

Ever time this young man would attend a wedding for one of his relatives his elders would lean over and whisper in his ear "You're Next."

He knew they meant well but it irritated him. So, when they went to a funeral he would lean over and whisper in their ear, "You're Next."

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To my Beautiful Great-granddaughters  
Isabella Salgado-Vallejo - 7 years old, August 11, 2011  
Lucy Salgado-Galvan 2-years old, August 16, 2016





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**FAMILY EVENT FREE ADMISSION FREE PARKING** | **EVERYONE IS WELCOME, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
Soboba Pow Wow Committee, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians & Soboba Casino will not be responsible for loss, theft and short funded travelers.

## ST. JOSEPHS CATHOLIC CHURCH

The friends of St. Josephs Catholic Church at Soboba Indian Reservation invites you, your family and friends to stop and visit us at the St. Josephs Catholic Church Food Booth at the Soboba Pow Wow. Best heavenly Pow Wow food in the world. We kid you not. **It is a must stop & visit zone!!**



## THE INDIAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968

- No Indian tribe in exercising powers of self-government shall –**
1. make or enforce any law prohibiting the free exercise of religion, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition for a redress of grievances;
  2. violate the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable search and seizures, nor issue warrants, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the person or thing to be seized;
  3. subject any person for the same offense to be **twice put in jeopardy**.
  4. compel any person in any criminal case to be a witness against himself;
  5. take any private property for a public use without just compensation;
  6. deny to any person in a criminal proceeding the right to a speedy and public trial, to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, to be confronted with the witness against him, to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and at his own expense to have the assistance of a counsel for his defense;
  7. require excessive bail, impose excessive fines, inflict cruel and unusual punishments, and in no event impose for conviction of any one offense any penalty or punishment greater than imprisonment for a term of one year and a fine of \$5,000, or both
  8. deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of
  9. pass any **bill of attainder or ex post facto law**; or
  10. deny to any person accused of an offense punishable by imprisonment the right, upon request, to a trial by jury of not less than six persons.
- The legislation also addressed the crises of domestic violence that pledge the American Indian community.
- The act also requires tribal courts to afford due process and other civil liberties. evidence, pleading, and other requirements similar to those in state and federal courts.
- The Soboba Tribal Member do not have this protection.**



At mid-day on July 7, 2018 with the mercury hitting 108 degrees almost a thousand supported showed up for the first “Indigenous Bowl” held at Mesa College in San Diego.

American Indians high school graduates from through out the Nation participated in the event.

The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians contributed two \$2,500 scholarships that were awarded to the

outstanding player from each team.

Soboba was well represented with The Helms Boys: Benny IV, Jayden and Dakota Helms, the twins as grandparents, Benny (Junie) and Diane Helms affectionately refer to them, and Wayne Garcia III, the Grandson of Wayne and Cécile Garcia Sr.

The event was promoted by the G7 organization.

*Photos by Keith Vasquez:*

**SOBOBA’S MICA DIAZ:  
RANKED 4TH IN NATION  
WOMEN’S PROFESSIONAL  
MOTOX RACING**

In her rookie year she has already gaining national recognition as a fearless and complete rider. Mica is the only American Indian Woman Professional MotoX racer in the nation.

With only three races left this year she is looking to move up in the standing with a close eye on the number one spot.

Three races remain to finish the 2018 calendar years and all are in southern California. November 5, at Gorman, November 25-27, at Glen Helen and the final race on December 6, at Lake Elsinore.

While Mica is making history Professional Women’s MotoX still faces an uphill battle for recognition.

Although the ladies are outstanding rider no one had picked up the helm and really promoted them.

This might be a great opportunity for some of the gaming tribe from through out the country to promote the Professional Women’s MotoX on Indian lands.

Something for the tribes to think about. This is an industry that has yet to be tapped and who else better than the Tribes to promote the underdog than the Res Dogs

**Three cheers for Mica! Go Girl!!**

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### To The Soboba Tribal Members

**Open response to the Soboba Tribal Council** regarding the letter displayed on the right.

First, I want to thank you for your relentless efforts to censor me. In the American Indian world of journalism it's considered an honor to be censored by a tribe or group of their supporters for reporting facts, misconduct and truths.

Secondly, I know of no tribal or federal laws that protects the usage of the Soboba logo by its members or otherwise. There are federal laws that protect copyrights, logos, trademarks and brand names that are registered. Please enlighten me with any tribal documentation of such.

It was never my intent to cause such wide concern within the tribe over the reporting of issue that should be of concern to the tribal membership.

It seems that the interest of a few is preventing the exposure of questionable activities within the current administration.

When I initially begin the Soboba Indian Reporter it was my intent to expose the unscrupulous leadership of the then tribal leadership. However, as I looked more closely I saw that it wasn't the actions of only one person.

I was elected to the Soboba Tribal Council at that time from July 2015 to the end of March 2016. There is no way to explain the underhandedness

and pettiness I witnessed during those few months.

The first attempt to censor me was the directive to all department heads that they were barred from talking to me. This directive was made by the tribal administrator while I was serving on the Tribal Council. This in its self is ground for termination however, he was not acting on his own as he had the full support of the majority of the Council.

Just as I was seated on the Council the then director of the accounting department expressed some concerns over the credit card expenditures of some of the Council members and department managers. She was fired shortly their after and I was never told until a tribal member asked me about her termination.

When I asked about her termination at the next Council meeting. I was told that it was an **"Employee Personnel Matter"** and never got an explanation.

And somewhere along the line the Chairwomen's daughter was appointed as the head of the Human Resources Department.

With all due respect for the people of Soboba I will remove the Soboba logo and Soboba name from any of my publications.

However, until they ring the bell for me I'm here to report it like I see it and to be honest, factual and truthful.

### THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. CLAIMS SOBOBA MISSPENT \$774,229 AFTER AUDIT

First, in all fairness the current Tribal Council members were not serving on the Council during the time the program was administered. However, the current Council has a responsibility to keep the general membership informed especially when their money is at risk

In a press release date July 31, 2018 the Office of the Inspector General announced that the Soboba Tribe had recently repaid \$353,721 to the U.S. Department of Justice for funds the agency declared were unsupported expenditures. (*See press release at right*)

In 2014 the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) at the Department of Justice (DOJ) conducted a full program audit on a 4-year grant administered by the Soboba Tribal Council from September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2007.

The OIG's audit findings stated that \$774,229 of the total grant amount of \$777,869 which, included \$184,694 matching fund were "Questionable" and Unsupported."

The audit findings also stated that the majority of the unsupported expenditures were for two employees. That failed to meet the required qualification. It seems like the Tribal Council missed the point as it continues to employ unqualified people. However, the audit didn't identify the two employees.

It is still not clear if the \$353,721 is a partial payment of the original amount of audit findings of \$774,229 or the \$353,721 was payment in full. If the \$353,721 was payment in full,

the \$184,694 in matching funds or the lack of matching funds was set aside as were another \$235,814 in expenditures.

However, it appears that the tribe has repaid A total of **\$710,671** to the Department of Justice as it is explained in the Office of the Inspector Generals press release. In paragraph one of the press release, it state that the tribe recently paid \$354,721 and in paragraph three it states that the tribe had paid \$356,950 totaling \$710,671.

The Tribal Council has paid out a lot of our money for the incompetence of the actions of a former Council and have not bothered to tell the people. This lack of transparency and secretiveness are not justified.

It's time for the general membership to demand a full audit of all tribal finance including the tribal administration, casino and its construction.

The General membership should authorize a "Special Audit Oversight" group to oversee the audits.

Our continued failure to conduct a full audit of our casino in its self shows seriously poor business practices and management.

A full audit of the tribal finances has nothing to do with anyone it is just simply good business.

One of my greatest concerns is that the Federal Government might step in and conduct its own audit and their finding may not be in the best interest of the tribe.

The Tribal Council was not able to comment on the issue at this time.



### OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL U.S. Department of Justice

(202) 514-3435 | [oig.justice.gov](http://oig.justice.gov)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 31, 2018

#### Update: DOJ OIG Audit of OJP Tribal Victim Assistance Grant Results in Repayments of \$353,721

Department of Justice (DOJ) Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz announced today that the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians (Soboba) of San Jacinto, California, recently repaid \$353,721 in crime victim-related funding to the DOJ as a result of a DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) grant audit. In recognition of these repayments and other corrective actions taken by OJP, the OIG has closed all six recommendations from its audit.

The OIG's April 2014 report assessed an Office of Justice Programs (OJP) grant to improve Soboba's ability to provide services to victims of crimes such as child abuse, homicide, elder abuse, driving while intoxicated, and gang violence. During the audit, the OIG found weaknesses in the areas of expenditures, matching, reporting, and program performance and accomplishments, and we determined that Soboba's records were commingled and inadequate to determine if it had accomplished grant objectives.

Since the audit, Soboba has repaid the federal government \$356,950 to address the portion of its grant expenditures for which it could not furnish appropriate support or demonstrate the accomplishment of grant objectives. In addition, OJP has taken steps that address the OIG's other recommendations, including working with Soboba to implement significant

improvements to Soboba's internal controls over accounting records, payroll expenditures, and the preservation of supporting documentation.

The OIG's April 2014 report is available on the OIG's website at the following link:

<https://oig.justice.gov/reports/2014/g9014002.pdf>.

### TRIBAL INFRASTRUCTURES NEEDED

**Infrastructures** is just a big word for roads, home sites, water, natural gas, and electrical power. It also include health care, security and fire protection. These re important to the future development of the reservation.

We have an abundance of land and the financial resources, yet we fail to provide simple home sites for our members. Nor do we even have a plan or even a tribal planning committee to at least address the problem.

As a tribe we have a moral responsibility to provide for the future of our children. We have the resources to develop the reservation that meets with our tribal customs,

cultural and traditional values for generations to follow.

Maybe its time for the general membership to take it up a notch and established a Steering Committee. And funding for the group, since we have so much to shell out for incompetence.

To first thing would be to establish a review group of youth, adults and elders to involve the total community in the planning.

We have a great wealth of youngsters that are educated and want to live on the reservation but either have no land assignment, fear the absents of civil rights protections and lack an understanding of the tribal custom, traditions and values.



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