



District 4 Candidates



Nada Celaya

DISTRICT 4 - SANTAN

Hello,

I'm Nada Celaya, the current District Four Council Representative, and I am running for Re-Election for the District Four Council seat.

My mom is the late Leatrice Celaya, my sister is Karin Jackson and my brother is the late Derwin Stevens. I have two children and five grandchildren. My dad is the late Lloyd Celaya. My maternal grandparents are the late Miles Terry and Alice Baptisto Terry. I live in Lower Santan, Zone 1.

Our mom worked at Sacaton Schools for 30 years as a Teacher Aide. She worked with kids that had special needs. Later she worked with kindergarten children. Her devotion to helping the kids, helping people, and teaching is one of my fondest memories. By doing this she helped people grow up to become independent, responsible and resourceful. She was a single mother, devout Christian and spoke, wrote and read the O'otham language. She taught by example to live a life with Integrity, Respect, Always Help others, Have unwavering Faith in Our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ and never let our O'otham Neok become extinct. It is her Legacy that I strive to life up to.

I have 30+ years of work experience and knowledge of the Gila River Indian Community's departments and entities. I worked for the Gila River Indian Community, Gila River Health Care (Emergency Medical Services), and Tribal Courts (Mental Health Grant Coordinator). I am a recipient of the Student Services Scholarship program and obtained a Masters in Business Administration (MBA). I use my experience and education to defend the Community against any and all threats that may harm our sovereignty, language, culture, natural resources, health, and education.

The past three years serving as your Council Representative allowed you to evaluate my work ethics, public speaking, attendance, critical thinking skills, writing and knowledge of the resources the Community offers. These unprecedented times we live in, increases my determination to protect our Way of Life for the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh members.

Thank you for your support and confidence in me. I will continue to promote and protecting the best interests for the District Four community members and the Gila River Indian Community as a whole. Thank you and May God Bless You and Your Families.

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