

Terry Rambler

Chairman 2010 - 2018

San Carlos Apache Tribe

Terry Rambler is a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe and speaks and understands the Apache language. He was elected to the San Carlos Apache Tribal Council in 2004 and 2008. He was elected Chairman of the Tribe in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. He served as Chairman of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA) from 2013 – 2015 and as President of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA and now known as Inter Tribal Association of Arizona) from 2012 – 2014.

As Chairman of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, Terry Rambler has focused on projects that meet critical needs for his people – today and in the future, such as improving education and training, creating jobs, providing better health care, protecting the Apache homeland and ancestral lands, and developing the infrastructure to support future growth and development. Because of his concern about unemployment for Tribal members, Terry Rambler's administration established the San Carlos Training Institute in 2012 where Tribal members are being trained as heavy equipment operators, diesel mechanics, electricians, welders, and plant equipment operators. His administration spearheaded efforts to establish the San Carlos Apache College on the Reservation, which opened in 2017. Education and training are now available to tribal members at home. His Administration also continued the development of a second casino, the opening of the Apache Sky Casino in 2017, which has provided more jobs for Tribal and non-Tribal members.

The Rambler Administration helped continue and finished the construction of a new hospital and medical campus, which opened in July 2015. This project has not only improved health care for Tribal members, it has provided professional and administrative job opportunities. The Rambler Administration spearheaded plans by the Tribal Council to assume the management and operation of the I.H.S. San Carlos Service Unit through a self-determination contract, which the Tribe assumed in July 2015, and turned the management over to the newly created San Carlos Apache Health Care Corporation.

On the federal level, his Administration is leading negotiations to settle water rights issues for the Tribe, and formed a nationwide coalition to help protect Apache homelands and ancestral lands.

As a Councilman representing the Bylas District, Terry Rambler served as Chairman of the Transportation Committee, the Finance Committee and the Housing Board. He also helped spearhead the development of a community master plan to open up new lands for housing,

school, farming and business development. Within the master planned area, there now sits a new Mt. Turnbull Elementary School and approximately 50 homes. During his time as a Councilmember, the Tribal Council appointed him as Acting Tribal Treasurer for a year to help improve the Tribe's financial management system.

From 2004 to 2012, Terry Rambler served on the Fort Thomas Unified School District Board. As a member of that board, he helped build a new learning center which led to the formation of an Alternative School. The school has graduated many Apache youth that would've dropped out of school. The board also initiated a new elementary school in the Bylas Community. The Mt. Turnbull Elementary School opened in the fall of 2015 serving grades K-3.

In 2002, Terry Rambler served as Executive Assistant to Chairwoman Kathy W. Kitcheyan. From 1995-2002, the Tohono O'odham Nation employed him as a Senior Contract Administrator. From 1980 to 1990, Rambler worked for the San Carlos Forestry Program as a Southwest Fire Fighter. He helped fight forest fires in Arizona, Nevada, California, Idaho, Washington, New Mexico and other states.

Terry Rambler attended the University of Phoenix. He is a single parent of five children. Chairman Rambler has a strong faith and believes in the power of prayer.