

Chairman Serrell Smokey Biography

Washoe Tribe Chairman, Serrell Smokey, was elected to office in 2018. He was nominated as the President of the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada in 2019. He is a graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno. He has an educational background in Psychology, Business, and Tribal Law.

Chairman Smokey is a Veteran, serving in the United States Army and the Nevada National Guard. He was deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003-2004) and Operation Spartan Shield (2016-2017). Chairman Smokey actively utilizes the leadership skills acquired in the military, to progressively lead the Washoe People.

Chairman Smokey serves many functions, such as: working towards better economic development opportunities, stable administrative functions, and giving Tribes a bigger voice in the Federal Government. “For too long have Tribes been left out, and the government neglected their trust responsibilities”. Chairman Smokey has also played an integral part in the fight against local racism, with the name change of “squaw” valley resort and fighting the Minden, NV sundowner siren.