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## Donald "Rocky" Trump Elected President



# God, Family & America

"The greatest political movement of all time"

"A Golden age for America"

### MY VIEW Ernie C. Salgado, Jr.

Donald "Rocky" Trump, simply because like the fictional Rocky, he has overcome overwhelming odds to become the 47th President of the United States of America. I can't think of a more fitting way to celebrate the American Indian Heritage Month and the next four years of prosperity.

The opportunity for the American Indian Tribal Governments to bring about real changes in the Federal Government rules, policies and administration that hamper the economic development of the American Indian Tribes has arrived. However, the Tribal Governments must take the initiative at every level, from local counties, states and the U.S. Congress to bring about positive changes. Efforts to work with the various Government agencies has proven to be a losing cause.

First, a well established American Indian organization or even better yet, would be a consortium of organizations to unite and develop a strategic plan. However, knowing my people, it is going to be hard enough to get even one group to consider this model. A consortium would be even more difficult simply due to the old adage, "To Many Chiefs and No Indians." Still another suggestion is to encourage a local congressional representative or senator to sponsor a Tribal Advisor Council or a Tribal Liaison.

A few Tribal Organizations come mine that could take the leadership as proposed. First, the National Congress of American Indians which is a national group, but appears to be more focused on their internal power structure than real Tribal issues.

The other Tribal Organization that could make thing happen is the California Tribal Chairpersons Association, Inc., under the leadership of Bo Mazzetti, who also serves as the Tribal Chairman of the Rincon Band of



Luiseno Indian. However, the CTCA has yet to establish a professional administrative staff, possible to maintain the "Grassroots Image," which is good to a point.

And, the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, Inc., has an outstanding Executive Board of Directors, but may have their own Tribal priorities.

The opportunity of a second Trump Administration for the American Indian Tribes may not be recognized or understood by many of the current elected Tribal leaders. For some, their political ideology may be a critical factor. And a large majority view as the same crap, different day or President in this case.

However, it is my view based on what President Trump did for many of the American Indian Tribes during his first term and what the late Leroy Miranda, Jr. told be me about

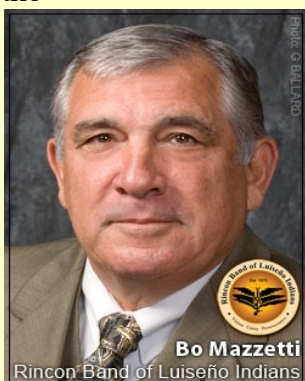
Trump when he worked with him at a Tribal Bingo Casino back in the early 80's. Leroy said that Trump cares about people, but was not willing to cope with the micro-management & nepotism that pledged many of the Tribes.

Tribal Sovereignty as applied to Jurisdiction, Self Governance, Law Enforcement, Water, Land, & Treaty Rights need to be clearly defined.

The American Indians Political relationship with the U.S. Government need to be addressed to avoid the courts ruling which in most cases are made on the political ideologies of the sitting judge or judges.

Congress has the primary responsibility to enact legislation regarding Tribal right and procedures, but has failed to define the regulations. The supreme court has ruled that congress can not delegate the regulatory process to unelected bureaucrats.

This is, in my view, an unprecedented opportunity for the American Indian Tribal leaders to provide guidance on how past legislation is defined as opposed to the bureaucrats & courts.



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