



Hello, my name is Stephanie Walden and asking for your vote for Councilperson for Bay Mills Indian Community. I am excited and proud to throw my hat in the ring and officially announce my candidacy!

I am the daughter of Albert and Deborah Walden, the granddaughter of Donna and Frank Lyons, and the great granddaughter of Francis "Pontie" Xavier LeBlanc and Emily "Gladys" Foster. I have the honor of serving on the Boys and Girls Club Advisory Council and I volunteer as often as they need me. I'm a Bay Mills Health Board representative, and I'm over the moon that all the dreams of a new facility are coming true!

Currently, I am the Executive Assistant of Bay Mills Resort & Casinos. My 27 year career has been in service to Bay Mills Resort & Casinos and Bay Mills Indian Community. I have worked in the Food & Beverage area for Bay Mills Resort & Casinos for 23 years, 18 of which were in supervisory or managerial position. I worked at our Human Resources department for 2 years as well, but I realized I wanted to go back home to the enterprise side and I have never been happier. I attended Bay Mills Community College throughout my years and I'm a few credits shy of an Associates Degree in Business Management. However, what I might lack in education, I more than make up for in experience and hard work. I have 3 beautiful children and 1 fantastic grandson. All my children are grown, thriving, and moved out of Momma bear's home, which gives me more time to dedicate myself to my community.

I believe our leaders have put us on the path toward success, but we still have a long journey in front of us. While I am very thankful to our current and past council, along with our department directors for their dedication to BMIC, I would like to continue to advocate for childcare, youth & young adult activities beyond the B&G Club, mental health support, housing, and community events. I would be honored with the privilege to serve my community and I will do so by listening openly to the concerns of all our community members, with the ultimate goal of growth for Bay Mills.

Bay Mills is a beautiful place! Let's work together to make it an even better place to live, work and play!