

Hello Bay Mills

My name is Robert Passage II and I am running for councilperson in the 2021 Bay Mills Indian Community Election.

I am the son of Robert Passage, and I have two sons of my own that currently attend Brimley and the Child Development Center.

I was born in Detroit and moved to the area when I was 13. I graduated Brimley High School and earned an Associates in business for Bay Mills Community College.

I have primarily worked with food most of my life as I worked in the first Golden Corral to open in Michigan while living in the metro Detroit area. I also was a branch manager for Advance America for 5 years. I have work for the tribe for a total of 14 years in various positions but current work as a restaurant manager at Sacy's.

I am running for councilperson because I want to help Bay Mills continue to move forward in the progress that has been made. The current council has done a great job of helping build our tribe in ways that have not been done in a long time. They have added an increase in wage to our employees as well as gaining some financial security in our enterprise and governmental operations. I would like to help continue those initiatives while adding a different perspective to the discussion. I think we are just beginning to see what we can do and I believe I can help realize more that potential.

While there are several things that I would like to work on, the top of that list is childcare for our community. Our current childcare options are limited. Our child development center does an outstanding job with our children and do not get enough credit for what they do. But the reality of the situation is they are only able to provide childcare for a very short period of time, and the need for childcare doesn't end at 2pm. We have several members and employees of our businesses that struggle daily to find options so that they can go to work and provide for their family. We often see our employees calling off work because they cannot find a sitter. I consider this as one of the top reasons that we cannot fill positions that work shifts outside school hours. We need to explore and find other ways to assist in this problem.

I look forward to the opportunity to work on this problem and many others that face our members daily. I hope to get your vote in both the primary and the general election.

Thank you for your time

Robert Passage