



MEMORANDUM

TO: Yakama Nation Enrolled Members and Tribal Employees
FROM: Yakama Nation Tribal Council Executive Committee
DATE: September 24, 2026
SUBJECT: Statement on Financial Governance and Support for Our Tribal Employees

The Yakama Nation Tribal Council remains steadfast in its commitment to transparency, fiscal integrity, and accountable governance. To ensure our enrolled members are fully informed about the Yakama Nation's financial health, the Tribal Government regularly prepares and presents detailed financial reports directly to the General Council body. This open disclosure is designed to uphold the trust and responsibility delegated to Tribal Leadership.

Regrettably, official financial data provided in good faith has recently been taken out of context, selectively manipulated, and circulated across social media to construct an exaggerated narrative of financial distress. While open governance requires examining hard facts and addressing areas for improvement, self-serving commentary on social media lacks both credibility and accountability, offering no real solutions and prioritizing personal agendas over the collective well-being of our people.

The established policy of the Yakama Nation is to share official information openly, accurately, and directly to Tribal members in public meetings and General Council sessions. Any Tribal member seeking factual, verified information regarding the Yakama Nation's finances is strongly encouraged to attend these regular updates, where complete financial records are accurately presented and constructive dialogue is welcomed. When public discussion moves away from these official channels, it frequently degrades into personal hostility against our public servants.

The Tribal Council strongly condemns the personal attacks, false statements, and unfounded allegations recently directed at our Tribal employees. The Executive Committee stands in resolute solidarity with the Tribal Administrative Director and our dedicated finance professionals. We maintain full confidence in their integrity, their expertise, and their diligent management of the Yakama Nation's resources.

Our Tribal employees work tirelessly to carry out the critical day-to-day administration of our government. They perform these essential duties with integrity, professionalism, and care, often under complex and demanding circumstances. Targeting dedicated public servants with sensationalized online attacks serves no constructive purpose; it only fractures our community and distracts from the vital work of our sovereign government.

The Yakama Nation will continue to protect its employees, uphold the integrity of its official proceedings, and maintain a respectful, stable environment dedicated to serving our enrolled members and advancing the Treaty of 1855. We invite any Tribal member with questions, concerns, or constructive feedback to meet directly with the Tribal Council. We welcome open, respectful, and factual dialogue that strengthens the Yakama Nation. Thank you for your continued cooperation, unity, and commitment to truth in our governance.