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EDUCATION:

Dogwood Diploma	Howe Sound Secondary School	2004
Recreation Diploma Program	Langara College	2006
Coast Salish Wool Weaving Apprenticeship	Squamish Valley Education	2008
Skwxwu7mesh Language Certificate Program	Capilano University	2017-Present
Skwxwu7mesh Masters Apprentice Language Program	SFU	2017-Present
BC Provincial Instructor Diploma Program	VCC	2017-Present

Work History:

Traffic Control Person	Peter Kiewit	2006-2009
Customer Service/Retail	Siyamin Co-Op	2009-2011
Recreataion Assistant	Squamish Nation	2013
Culture & Language Assistant	Squamish Nation	2013
Culture & Language Worker	Squamish Nation	2013-Present

Professional Designations:

Co-Founder of My Sea to Sky	2014-Present
Co-Founder of Skwomish Action	2014-Present
Member of School District Shared Learnings Committee	2013-Present
Mentor for Aboriginal Youth Leadership Howe Sound Secondary	2013-Present
Member of Enhancement Agreement Committee	

Community & Culture Involvement:

Traditional Skwxwu7mesh Dance Group Anne Billy/Keekyick	1986-1990
Skwxwu7mesh Snichem Classes with Ernie Harry	1986-1988
Slhanay Ulh Manatsa Dance Group	1992-1998
Welh Tima Kexwusem Dance Group	2004-Present
Attend/Facilitate/Coordinate Community Gatherings & Info Sessions	2013-Present

Tribal Journey to Quatawas 2014
Regularly Attend Community Events and Ceremony

Chap men wa Ha7lh Siyam en Siyay en Skwatel en Siiyuxwa. Joyce Williams kwi n sna tina chen tla Waiwaikum Uxwumixw. Richard William(Kwetsim) and Linda Williams(Kwekwin Kwelthaynexw) nilh en elhtach. Josephine Williams i7 Wilfred Williams(Chelwechtn) i7 Elizabeth Lewis(Maakwa-aalth) i7 Allen Lewis(Pelkwilem) Kwi en Selsi7lt.

Greetings Siaym, friends, family, and elders. My name is Joyce Williams and I come from the traditional village of Waiwakum. My parents are Richard and Linda Williams. My grandparents are Josephine and Wilfred “Doc” Williams from my fathers side. Elizabeth and Allen Lewis from my mothers side.

It is my honor to accept my nomination to run for Squamish Nation Chief and Council. It is my intention to advocate for our Squamish Nation members and be a strong voice for our membership in the Squamish Valley.

Some of the key issues that I hope to address if elected are Environmentally Sustainable Economic Development, finding solutions for our Current Housing crisis, and as Leadership Regaining the Trust of our Community.

I have already been passionately involved in advocating for the protection of the sacred lands and waters in our traditional territory. I believe that we can create an environmentally sound economic development that does not risk the health and safety of our lands, water, and people. I have made it a priority in my life to educate myself about current proposed developments within our traditional territory. For example the proposed Woodfibre LNG facility at Swiyat, Burnco Aggregate Mine at Kw'ech'tenem, Garibaldi At Squamish Resort and the Kinder Morgan Pipeline Expansion. I have organized many community events to engage and inform community members about proposed developments and potential risks they pose to our environment and to our communities. I strongly believe that we as First Nations People need to lead by example as caretakers of mother earth when making decisions as our ancestors did before us for future generations.

Another one of my passions is the Culture of our Skwxwúmesh. I am very fortunate that my current job is going into the schools in the Squamish Valley to share our teachings with our youth. As a youth I really struggled in school and it was in our cultural teachings that helped aid in my completion. I can see and feel the pride within our students when they are able to engage in the traditions that I am sharing. They are truly our leaders of today and tomorrow and we need to continue to guide and support them in a good way.

It is detrimental that we focus on creating solutions to our current Housing Crisis. We need to look at multiple ways of addressing this issue: Single Person housing, Student Housing, Appropriate Housing for Elders, and Multi Family Housing Units. We need to build relationships with various organizations such as Municipalities, BC Housing, Native Housing, and learn from what other First Nations are doing to create solutions.

I feel an issue of utmost importance is the need for our leadership to regain the trust and faith of the membership to keep the best interest of our members and future members at the forefront of our minds when making decisions at the table. It is important for leadership to keep all members informed and create an inclusive governance where leadership not only inform its members about issues, developments, and proposed changes but also seeking input and guidance from the community.

I would like to take this time to thank all of the knowledgeable people that have generously shared their teachings with me. I would not be the person that I am today without their guidance and vow to hold their wisdom close to me and pass them on to the upcoming generation.

I acknowledge that it is a critical time for our community to elect new leadership and that it is a very important job. If elected I vow to be a humble and trustworthy leader and be forthcoming and inclusive of all that is taking place at the table. I give thanks to the community for entrusting me to represent you as a strong voice for our people.

Chen kwen mantumi.

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