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## Tribal Council Candidate 2020

I am the daughter of Herman D. Laffoon Jr. and Vicki D. Laffoon(Homer), born in Lake Havasu City and raised on our C.R.I.T. Reservation. I have a son and daughter, their father and I have been together for 19 years and raising our two-year-old niece. I am of Shasta and Mohave decent and a member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes. I have worked in customer service as a manager at Pete's Smoke Shop, C.R.I.T. Residential Center as a lead and moving up to Supervisor for one year. I moved to Yuma, working for C.P.E.S.- Community Provider Enrichment Services as a Residential Supervisor overlooking two houses. Working with staff to provide the best service for our patients suffering from mental, physical development and growth helps them create a positive independent living. I came home to help with family and found a position at the C.R.I.T. Public Library Archives as the C.R.I.T. Library First Things First Early Literacy coordinator. After one year and six months becoming the Library Technician. I coordinated with the Library staff Arts and Crafts, Traditional workshops, Language classes, Beading, Pottery, Gourds, utilizing the C.R.IT. Artisans Group, Elders Committee, reaching out to community to help and teach our youth and community members all that want to learn the traditions and more. I am the Miss Indian Arizona Association president, a member of the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums-First Things First Regional Council Board member. I received an AZ 2020 Senate Congressional Recognition as the 2020 First Things First LaPaz Regional Early Childhood Champion.

Greetings, Colorado River Indian Tribal members. I am Daris Q. Laffoon, and I am running for the two-year term seat in the December 2020 Colorado River Indian Tribes Tribal council election. I am writing to ask



for your support in my campaign. For us to move forward, "us" as a tribe, a community, all need to work together for the greater good for future generations, for our council to stand united and work together with our tribal members in support of our Tribal government. We need our tribal members to come together and to stand by your council in full UNITY. Our tribe has faced many challenges in the past. At the same time, blessed with the potential and opportunity to solve our problems and continue to increase our resources and services to our tribal members and community. With strong leadership and a focused vision on the Future for our tribe, we can become the tribe we once were.

If elected, I would like to take an in-depth review of our policies, procedures, constitutional requirements, and departmental administration and initiate changes that would improve communications, responsibilities. I believe in the development of our Reservation for our C.R.I.T. Tribal members and community's future security and working together is vital to our progress as a working unit. I will commit to the C.R.I.T. Tribal membership to work in unity with the Tribal Council, abide by the constitution, and keep an open mind and positive attitude on all issues to ensure all actions are in the best interest of the Colorado River Indian Tribes. I will strive to improve our working administration to make a stronger credible Tribal government representing all four tribes and Reservation that will expand its resources and development to secure our people's Future.

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Vote for Daris Q. Laffoon

Two-Year Term C.R.I.T. Tribal Council Candidate

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