



# SHOALWATER BAY INDIAN TRIBE

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## Letter of Support

March 28, 2025

TO: North Pacific County Voters  
FROM: Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe Council  
RE: Healthcare Facility Replacement Bond

The Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribal Council is in full support of Proposition 1 – a bond to replace the aging healthcare facility in South Bend. Ensuring access to local healthcare is one important aspect of our commitment to supporting the Shoalwater Bay Tribe's vision for a more resilient future.

Our community values essential services including healthcare, education, infrastructure, and climate resiliency. Our Tribe is taking many proactive steps to ensure the safety and longevity of our community.

We must stand together, protect our community, and ensure that our Tribe thrives for generations to come. A new healthcare facility will play a pivotal role in the economic well-being of rural communities, including North Pacific County.

We know the current facility is well past its functional capacity and needs structural, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical updating and replacement. The current campus is too small for expansion and is not designed to provide medical care in the 2020's and beyond.

Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe has inherent sovereign governmental powers to protect and promote the health, safety, and/or general welfare of the people of the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe. We believe replacing the current healthcare facility in South Bend will support these goals, both for our Tribe and the greater community of North Pacific County.

Please support Proposition 1 on the April 22<sup>nd</sup> ballot.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dante Swanson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Shoalwater Bay Tribal Council