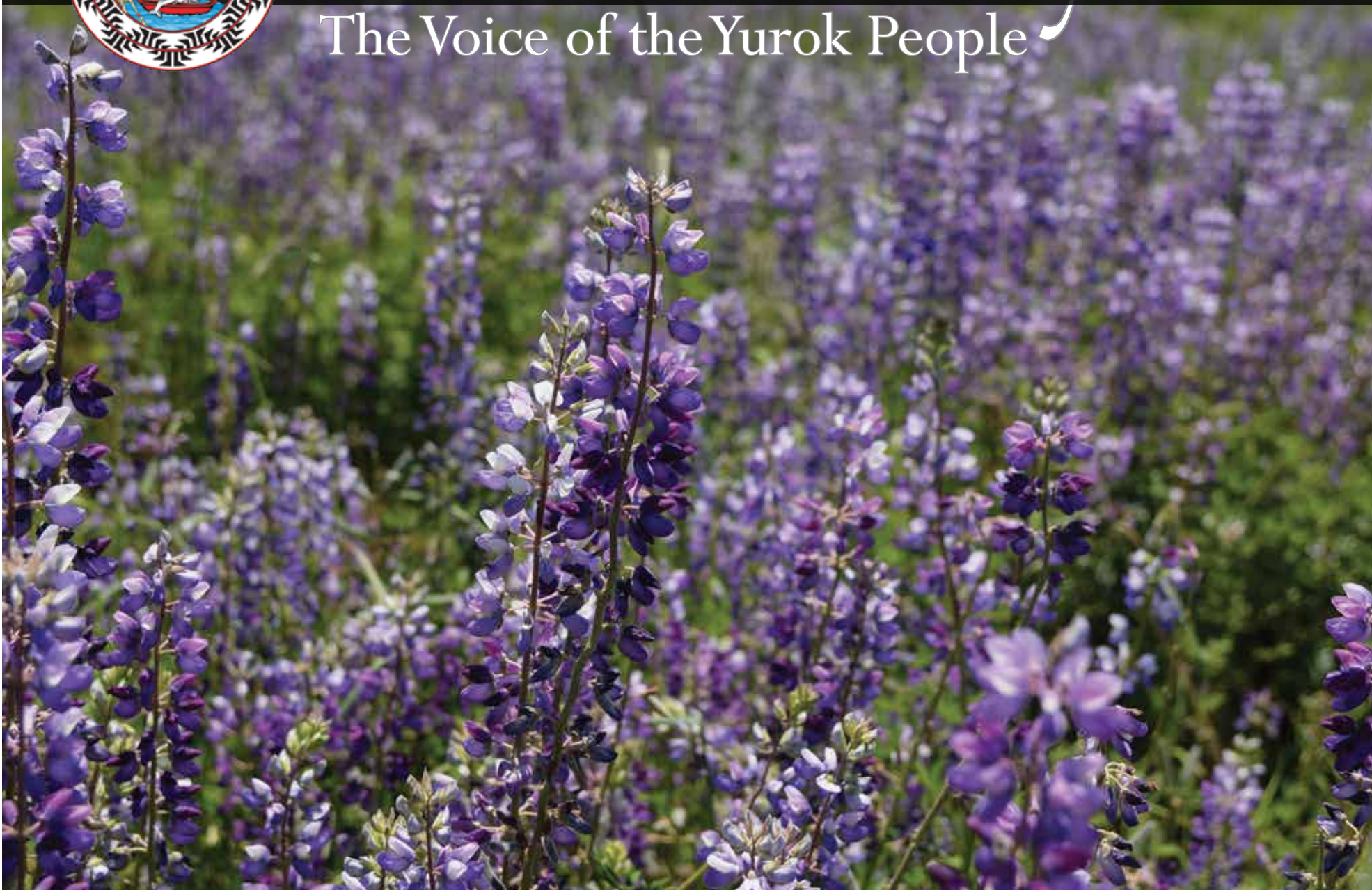




Yurok Today

The Voice of the Yurok People



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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James E. Dunlap
Joseph L. James
Emery W. Mattz, III.

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Susan Masten
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PUBLIC NOTICES



YUROK TRIBE 2018 ELECTION SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 10, 2018	PRIMARY ELECTION
NOVEMBER 7, 2018	RUNOFF ELECTION
AUGUST 31	MAIL OUT SAMPLE BALLOTS TO REGISTERED VOTERS (40 DAYS)
SEPTEMBER 7	MAILING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS (32 DAYS)
SEPTEMBER 28	LAST DAY TO RECEIVE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST BY MAIL (14 DAYS)
OCTOBER 9	LAST DAY TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOT IN OFFICE (1 DAY)
OCTOBER 10, 2018	PRIMARY ELECTION
OCTOBER 26	LAST DAY TO RECEIVE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST BY MAIL FOR RUN OFF (14 DAYS) <i>ONLY IF YOU DID NOT REQUEST AN ABSENTEE FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION</i>
OCTOBER 19	MAILING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR RUN OFF (19 DAYS)
NOVEMBER 6	LAST DAY TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOT IN OFFICE FOR RUN OFF (1 DAY)
NOVEMBER 7, 2018	RUNOFF ELECTION

Five ballot measures are included in this election. The topics include: Blood Degree Amendment, Relinquishment Criteria Amendment, Election Background Check Requirements and Qualifications Standards, Selling Land Outside of Yurok Ancestral Territory & Leasing Land to Tribal Members & Tribal Entities for a Period Longer than 20 Years and Medical Marijuana. To learn more about the proposed measures, please visit, <http://bit.ly/2w79not>

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mabel Sarah Long has filed a Petition, at the Yurok Tribal Court at 230 Klamath Blvd, Klamath, CA 95548 to change the present legal name of Petitioner, to the name Mabel Sarah Butts. The hearing will be held at The Yurok Justice Center on: **October 4 at 10 AM.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person having objection to the changing of Petitioner's name as aforesaid shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within ten (10) days after the last date of the last publication of this Notice.

TRIBAL COURT NOTICE

Salina Meyer, by order of the court you are hereby advised that you are summoned to Yurok Tribal Court at 230 Klamath Blvd, Klamath, CA 95548, in the matter of Andrew Salinas v. Salina Meyer YT-FL-2017-25 on October 5th at 10:00 AM. You have 20 days to respond. The court may make decisions in your absence if you fail to respond.

TRIBAL COURT NOTICE

Chey-Anne Williams, by order of the court you are hereby advised that you are summoned to Yurok Tribal Court at 230 Klamath Blvd, Klamath, CA 95548, in the matter of Thomas Williams v. Chey-Anne Williams YT-FL-2015-51 on October 5th at 10:00 AM. You have 20 days to respond. The court may make decisions in your absence if you fail to respond.

On The Cover

Purple lupine flowers bloom on the top of the Bald Hills. This photo was taken in the spring of 2018.



EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10, 2018



CHAIRPERSON CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



Lavina **Brooks**

I am the daughter of awok Charles and Janet Butrick, granddaughter of awok Emery and Geneva Mattz. I have two daughters Onna Joseph



James E. **Dunlap**

Aiy ya kwee,

My name is James Dunlap. I am a Cooper-Billy Descendant of the House of Tse-Kwel from the Village of Weitchpec. My Grandparents were Henry Cooper and Elizabeth Logan. I grew up in the SF Bay area and attended school at San Jose State University. I just recently attended and became part of the first Graduating Class on Tribal Leadership and Governance offered by California Tribal College.

I was President of the All Indian Boarding Schools Association from 2001 until 2006.

I am Chairman of the Board of Directors for Drug & Alcohol Detox & Treatment Services. I have developed programs for high-risk kids with the Sacramento Sheriffs Department, San Juan School District, and Kaiser Hospital Chemical Dependency Treatment Program. I carry in

and Bessie Shorty and blessed with four grandchildren Wynter, Napooi Chee and Rotah. I live in Crescent, Ca.

I have worked for the Yurok Tribe For Over 20 years as a Fish Tech, Environmental Tech, Receptionist, Planner 1, Cultural Monitor and other part time or seasonal jobs. I make traditional dresses, regalia, also contemporary jewelry. I teach beading, dress making, beargrass weaving, how to gather basket materials and prepare them.

I retired in February, but I will continue cultural monitoring and teaching. Both are very important to the Yurok people...protecting our past and teaching our young people to care for our future.

Now that I'm retired I have the time and experience to give, that we all know it takes to be Chairperson. ✨

my pocket a Chip celebrating 29 years of Sobriety.

In 2008, I founded YurokVoices.com, to get information to Tribal members that live away from the Rez. As a result, Tribal members are able to find information and activities concerning Tribal events they otherwise would not hear about. 6 years ago, I organized the first Inter-Tribal Elders Program, Salmon for Buffalo Trade, with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe.

Economic Development, Fiscal Transparency and Personal Accountability. These three things are indispensable and crucial for the well being of the next and all future generations of our Tribe. I am offering a new perspective to our problems and hardships. I am proposing new ideas for short term and long-term sustainability of our resources. And most importantly,

A Single Point of Accountability.

In building for the future of Our Tribe, I will begin the Process of Providing an Opportunity for our Youth and Connecting Up-River and Down River Communities by Creating a Job/Works Program. It will begin by Developing and Re-Opening our Ancestral Trail from Watek to Klamath Glenn. A Foot Path/Bike Trail that will provide jobs for our Youth and a Sense of Pride and Accomplishment. By giving them an opportunity to participate in developing something that has long been missing. A Team will proceed from each direction, until we have one continuous Path connecting the Entire Reservation.

Transparency is the Essence of Good Government.

My goal of Accountability and Transparency will begin with the Documentation of ALL Council meetings; both Open and Closed, via the use of Digital Video and Auditory Recordings. Thus providing the Tribe with a verifiable record for Legal Protection and Future Reference, through a Member Accessible Video Archive/Library. Closed Meetings will of course remain Restricted.

During Open Council Meetings, a Live Streaming Interactive Feed to the Weitchpec and Eureka Tribal Offices will enable Tribal members to attend and participate without having to spend money on the 1 to 2 hour road trip.

Creating a Member Verified, Encrypted On-Line Access for:
The Advance Posting of the Council Agenda
Council Meeting Minutes
Continual Program Services Available

A Mandated Minimum Response/Acknowledgement Time, in which All Tribal Departments will respond to Tribal Member inquiries in a timely manner. 5 Days for a Letter, 3 days for an E-mail and 24 hours for a phone call. The creation of an Ombudsman, who can resolve conflict and reach across interdepartmental beaucrocies, is a necessity for an organization as large as we are.

As for Long Term Economical Development:



Joseph L. James

Aiy-ye-Kwee' Yurok Families,

My name is Joseph L. James and I come from the village of Sregon. I am the son of awok Becky James, grandson of awok Jimmie and awok Josephine James, and nephew of awok Dewey George. My wife is Tiffany and I have three children, Joseph, Noo-me-koy and Trevor James. I am honored to be running for the Yurok Tribal Chairman position with running mate Frankie Myers for the Vice-Chairman position.

In order to serve as an effective Yurok Tribal Chairman, I truly believe that Frankie Myers will be a good Vice-Chairman to move and grow our Yurok Tribal Government. Frankie's integrity, cultural background, leadership skills and work experience is important for

The Creation of a Separate and Independent Economic Development/ Business Council.

Responsible for Creating Financial Opportunities for Tribal Members. Continuing the Tribal Construction Dept. for Last Chance Grade, Dam Removal and Cal-Trans Hwy Contracts.

The Development of a Timber Corporation. To create and manage a Small Scale Timber Harvest, Lumber Mill, Cabinet/Furniture Manufacturing and Bio-Waste Plant. The lumber and products, Mandated for Purchase by any and all construction projects under authority of the Tribe.

The Development of an Ammunition Manufacturing Facility. To Create a Brand Name Ammunition Manufacturing/Assemble Facility. The Multi-Tax Exemptions afforded to us as Sovereign Nation is a great unique Opportunity that needs to be used.

Our Legal Resources should be used on Securing Our Ocean Fishing Rights, and The Financial Compensation from 50 years of the CVP/ Westlands Water Theft.

If these are Ideas and Goals you'd like to see our Tribal Government Pursue. I will put my Trust in you to Elect me as Your Tribal Chairman. I am a New Name but I come from Old Blood.

Koweesho Woklaww
James Dunlap ✨

the actions we will be taking for all of the Yurok Tribal Membership. Thank you for voting Joe James for Yurok Tribal Chairman and Frankie Myers for Yurok Tribal Vice-Chairman.

I believe that my cultural background, leadership experience, passion, and commitment to lead the Yurok Tribe into the future is proven. I want to share my qualifications, areas of expertise and projects that I have successfully completed. I am a proud 1993 graduate of Hoopa High School and I have worked for Tribal Governments for the past 20 years.

Qualifications and Work Experience

- Yurok Tribe Fisheries Technician
- Yurok Tribe Watershed Restoration Assistant Manager
- Hoopa Tribal Forestry Technician
- Hoopa Tribal Environmental Water Quality Technician
- Yurok Tribe Transportation Planner
- Yurok Tribe Transportation Manager

-Yurok Tribe Elected East District Councilmember

Areas of Expertise

- Fisheries
- Watershed Restoration and Management
- Water Quality and Water Monitoring
- Transportation and Infrastructure Development
- Budget Planning, Development and Implementation
- Financial and Investment Planning
- Staff and Employee Supervision
- Liaison with Local, State and Federal Governments and Agencies
- Leadership Development and Governance

Projects and Initiatives

- Yurok River Otter Boat and Ferry Services
- Bald Hills Road Paving Project
- Yurok Visitor's Center
- Yurok Scenic Byways Program
- Klamath Boulevard Project

-Yurok Transit Services – Klamath and Weitchpec

-Yurok Youth Trails Program – Klamath and Weitchpec

- Last Chance Grade Technical Advisory Committee - Highway 101
- Humboldt County Association of Governments Technical Advisory Committee
- Federal Tribal Transportation Coordinating Committee
- North Coast Tribal Transportation Committee
- Yurok Elders Investment Plan
- Yurok Employee Minimum Raise Plan
- Yurok Education Higher Education and Youth Investment Plan
- Tulley Creek Transportation Building
- Yurok Redwood Canoe Adventure Project
- Leveraging Funding Sources for additional Yurok Program Services
- Developing the Yurok Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) Services and Investment
- Expanded tribal service area to include Trinity County

Vote Forward. Vote for Change. Vote for Vision, Growth and Action. Vote James/Myers. ✨



Emery W. Mattz III

Hello my name is Emery Mattz III

I am running for Chair because it is my observation that we need equal representation both on and off the reservation.

While I strongly believe we need solid representation up river. We also need to be addressing all tribal needs and wants both on & off the reservation. We have a large membership and while I understand we cannot make all tribal members happy. We need to be paying attention to what is and has been being voiced over the years. In an ideal world more members would attend meetings; council planning sessions would include members, not closed to membership. Dependable scheduled transportation would be made available for members to attend meetings. Over the years I have heard our member's voice that council doesn't listen and meeting are the same old story. I would like to change that up and be the listening ear for our members. I won't make campaign promises or use words that have been said over and over again. I won't make promises that I can't guarantee. What I can say, is that as Chair it would be

my responsibility to ensure that there are active conversations happening as we move to take votes on agenda action items. It is the chairs position to ensure that all district representatives' voices are heard. I want to be the leadership that ensures voices are heard.

Some concerns that I have in mind are as follows;

- Water system training, monitoring the water system on a regular basis, maintenance and repair on a regular basis. At this time if we don't have staff that is adequately trained, we need to be looking into training. It is important for our water systems to be safe for the health of our membership.
- Tribal Police is an ongoing safety concern. Many times there is limited or no coverage and lives are potentially at risk and endangered. Our tribe needs to be more proactive and diligent while recruiting. We also need to address our retention. We also need to have officers hired with the understanding that they will need to live on the reservation. Possibly working out an understanding with housing to ensure there is housing available for on reservation officers.
- Fire response is also an ongoing safety issue. Although we have a fire station and some equipment up river that can be used to assist, it is currently managed by volunteers. We need to develop a Yurok Fire Dept. with paid staff and volunteers to serve the reservation as a whole. At this time down river has nothing in place and depends on a handful of local volunteers to make the 911 call and get the word out. We also need to ensure ongoing training. At this time we have the potential for a disaster, if we do not start being fire safe for our families and resources.
- Fisheries we need to have a new approach to our bidding process and to be more assertive in our marketing. We need to be looking into stronger enforcement concerning our fishing rules and regulations. People continue to sell fish illegally both during a commercial season and non-commercial seasons.
- Employment on and off the reservation members feel there are not enough jobs. I would like our tribe to be looking into creating more efficient work force centers. Although TERO is responsible for contracts and

some employment, we need walk in work force centers where tribal members can help themselves or ask for assistance.

- The Base funding we are currently receiving is based on a membership of 3,500. Our current membership is now 6,000+. We need to be correcting and updating this information with the BIA to ensure we are receiving our fair share.
- Marijuana seems to be a hot topic. First and foremost these grows create environmental disasters, secondly current Yurok Tribal polices state it is illegal to grow on the reservation. With that being said, during my time working in the environmental program I witnessed massive dump sites. Some of these dump sites are 6ft+ deep. The Fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides that are being used are not environmentally friendly. The water that they are stealing from our river diverts from our fish and the natural habitat
- Water rights need to be settled to assure we have cleaner water and better flows in the future

In finishing I'd like to ask for your support as Tribal Chair and simply encourage you to vote. ✨

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Yurok Tribe will hold public hearings to accept comments from Yurok Tribal members on the following draft legislation and existing policy:

- **SPECIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDINANCE.** This Ordinance reaffirms the jurisdiction of the Yurok Tribe over perpetrators of domestic violence.
- **AMENDED NON-TRUST PROBATE ORDINANCE & AMENDED TRUST PROBATE ORDINANCE.** This amendment makes the application of the Ordinance retroactive to persons who died before the enactment of the Ordinance and cleans up cross referencing errors.
- **PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT ORDINANCE.** The purpose of the Ordinance is to establish the Yurok Public Utilities to provide for the management and maintenance of the various public utilities and essential community services owned by the Yurok Tribe.

The Yurok Tribal Council has referred the above draft legislation and existing policy to public hearing in accordance with the Yurok Tribal Public Hearing Ordinance. Public hearings are scheduled for:

Monday, September 10, 2018 2:00PM to 4:00PM Weitchpec Tribal Office Hwy 96 Weitchpec, CA	Tuesday, September 11, 2018 5:00PM to 7:00PM Klamath Office Administration 190 Klamath Blvd. Klamath, CA	Wednesday, September 12, 2018 5:00PM to 7:00PM Former Worthington School 3400 Eric St Eureka, CA
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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY
Hard copies of the referenced legislation will be available at the public hearings, and at the Worthington, Weitchpec, and Klamath offices. You can also get a hard copy by contacting Shawna Bowen at 707-482-1350 x 1389 or email shbowen@yuroktribe.nsn.us to request an electronic copy. Documents are also available online at www.yuroktribe.org.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
The Yurok Tribe is interested in receiving comments from members of the Yurok Tribe and Yurok Reservation community regarding all aspects of the legislation. Oral comments can be made during the public hearing. Comments may also be submitted in writing. All comments for the proposed Ordinances must be received by **5:00pm on Monday, September 17, 2018.**

Comment letters may be submitted by email at shbowen@yuroktribe.nsn.us, by fax at (707) 482-1363, or by mail addressed to: Public Comment, Yurok Tribe Office of the Tribal Attorney, PO Box 1027, Klamath, CA 95548. Please indicate in your comment the draft legislation and specific section, if any, to which the comment is directed. For example, "Comment Letter—Special Domestic Violence Ordinance." Please also include your full name and Yurok Voting District or, if not registered to vote, Yurok District of primary residence.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



Laura A. Borden

Hello tribal Members

Let me start by saying I believe the tribe has been established long enough, it's time to work towards things we can do to help our OFF the reservation membership as well as on the reservation. We have been putting a lot of our tribal dollars back into the tribe with very little in return.

I was one of those working members who never qualified for anything.

I would work hard towards making us all eligible.

It all starts with a strong strategic plan.

Prioritize

Know your financial budget

Completing projects

Set time frames, dead lines very important etc.

I would really like to see our membership be able to qualify for different programs regardless of your Income, because WE as members have been putting our funds into the Tribes many different programs.

I believe that the following need to be revised:

First they need to have more user friendly paperwork for our membership

Housing

EPA

Education (tribal dollars)

Social Services

TERO Vocational Training

Economic development: New business, business owners

Payout of last funds, RAMAH monies and all other monies that we receive should have and needs to go to the VOTE of our membership we as members rarely benefit as a whole.

Housing:

We need to build a bigger and better

Housing program to server more of our membership.

As an example: tiny house in all district's, I was working on this with planning department prior too, rent or rent to own etc.

Better and easier paperwork to qualify for the different programs.

More staff to take care take care of all the Districts

Hire more qualify tribal members

Housing for our healthcare providers. It sad when we lost a tribal member doctor due to NO housing help, it was devastating

Health issues

We need to seriously look at the drugs, opiates, suicide issues that are effecting our membership which is leading to health issues.

It was sad to hear Beverly Miller was at the Tribal Office regarding these issues with not a lot of response

Clinic expansion, Care home near the clinics, Ronald Mc Donnell type housing near the local hospitals, and a lot more

Political

Met or contact our Politicians, on quarterly basis.

Keeping them abreast of our issues so when we do go back to DC with our issues they are more prepared to support our issues.

Met with other tribal leader thru out California and other state to become stronger, as native people.

I was fortunate enough to have been a panelist on the hiring committee that hired Beverly Miller as IHS director for California .

Working on the CHSDA Contract Health Services Delivery Area. Not completed

Ordinances: all need to be reviewed and user friendly

We need LESS not more laws, we are guided under public law 280 already, we need ordinances to strength our membership not tear them down, making thing difficult.

Departments

Example: Social Services, school clothing & supplies allowance for all our children.

Social Service ordinance (simplify for our members not the state and county but our own)

Elder visits in all districts.

Land & buildings permits, not just copy the county, less and user

friendly to the member.

Just a few examples

Economic development:

Their Budget

Tribal member business

Grant writer to bring in financial gain

Conduct external and internal audits to get a clear understanding of the marketplace, the competitive environment.

We the tribe have helped finance all of the businesses up to this point, we need them to help the members after they finish vocational training to start up their businesses Examples IT schooling, computers etc. Mechanic:boats, cars, heavy equipment, equipment operator, and many more. This training can be from the EDUCATION or TERO departments.

Education vocational school, the paperwork should be user friendly

TERO: more on the job training

Elders

I would like to see that our Elders received a regular allowance.
More slots for our Elders to receive housing help in all our districts
More Social Service help/elder check in

Not a fan of airing tribal business on facebook, please call me 707-496-4274 I would like to hear your concerns, if you have suggestions or a solution, great, but would like to know what you want to see as end results

I worked 7 days a week a lot, never once did I think I wasn't compensated.

I am asking for your support & vote on October 10, 2018 get your absentee ballots in early

I welcome all good constructive ideas. looking forward to hearing from you. 707-496-4274 or message me. ✨



Jewel Frank

Aiy yee quee' nak new – (Jewel Frank), Weych-pues-ok – (I live in Weitchpec.) I am humbly coming forth and asking for your vote as Vice-Chair of the Yurok Tribal Council. I grew up in the South District/ Humboldt Co, and came home for “End of Life Care” for my elderly uncle in Weitchpec. For starters, there are over three issues that I will work to address, as I have seen us struggle in such interesting times. In regards to my name Frank, its pronounced “Franks” while growing up in Eureka, it was often said, “That Franks Girl!” I am 54 years old, the youngest of nine children.

First and foremost is you, your needs. I know from my background that the struggle is real, being honest and realistic, whether it be clothing, safe housing, transportation, food, or just someone to talk with, I am here. I grew up poor in Eureka, California from historical trauma to politics I know what it's like to go without good food, safe housing, running car, and good resources, a recipe for disaster. I must

have been watched and prayed over, due to those challenges, in the last eleven years I have served as an Advocate, recently, since 2015 as an Legal Advocate becoming certified by National Tribal Trial College. I have helped people flee abusive situations and these necessary needs that were most important, were met. Another concern is of untapped dollars for mental health issues. Our tribal members suffer in the streets, rez life, and sadly caught up in the court systems, plus other systems. I will work to improve our ‘mental health’ resources in ways that address our historical trauma, this will be healing work for us all. It's my understanding there are untapped mental health dollars in both counties of Humboldt and Del Norte, that are not spent on Yurok People. Our heads are being counted, but our needs are not being met, resulting in a downward spiral of Yurok people suffering, not being able to fully utilize our Yurok programs, or other programs to improve Yurok lives.

Second, will be our teamwork. Working in hostile work environments has hurt some of our own people on what some call business, it's been bad business if you ask me. As I, have survived hostile work environments, this will be the biggest task. Yurok Tribe will work for you, whereas “How can I help you?” will become the professional mission. Your needs will be realistically addressed in a timely fashion. **In the best interest of Yurok Tribal Members, fairness, honest communication, to keep the peace. If we have a problem, then let's talk about. “Real Solutions” that are Yurok-based, and not un-Yurok.**

Third, will be quality water and our land base of our Yurok Reservation, these are our main resources, aside from membership. In regards to Klamath River, its been an ordeal to watch algae blooms infest our river where our fish struggle to get upriver to spawn. Water is life! Our lives, over 6000 Yurok Members and \$40 million dollar plus budget(a guess). Its been frustrating to see our reservation abused and mismanaged for timber and carbon credits are manageable and it's a missed opportunity. Our Fire Department is overdue for improvements, when I came home we had first responders in case of emergencies. Although, I am impressed with cultural burns for our basket materials, our area has an abundance of basket and traditional food resources that need attention and strategic planning. In

reality, our reservation needs management, of community building, education, health, water management, more housing, civic engagement, grant making, sustainability. I have seen for myself garbage, litter, sore spots that need cleaning. The Klamath holds lessons to the World of creating healthy sustainable landscape for other basin in the West that are water-stressed. Our “water” is golden and “Macho law” needs us intact. As a tribal member, when was the last time you came home? When you came home, were you happy, sad, mad, or glad? All I am saying here, is that we are all in this together! I have been all of this happy, sad, mad, and glad. Happy to be home, Grateful to be able to go home, if you were ever termed “homeless” you know what I mean.✘



David L. Gensaw Sr.

Hello, my name is **David L. Gensaw Sr.**, candidate for re-election for Vice Chairperson of the Yurok Tribal Council. I served as the Requa District Representative for six years and three years as Vice Chairman. My father is awok William Gensaw II from Requa Village and my mother is awok Alma (Nova) Gensaw from Moreck Village. My grandparents were Bill and Bell Gensaw. I am 63 years old and for most of my years, I have lived in the Requa area, fishing, hunting and gathering on and around the River. I understand the tremendous importance of the river; ocean, mountains and forest lands are to the Yurok people. I have upheld and will continue to protect this tribal connection and responsibility our Creator made for Yurok people. As a young man, I attended Yurok meetings and became aware of the many challenges to our tribal sovereignty. To better serve Yurok people, I graduated from Humboldt State University in order to understand how to protect or assert our sovereignty and expand our homelands. In my nine years on council, I have used this knowledge to fight outside the tribe for our land, river and our salmon. I also used it within the tribe to push for better service in tribal offices and for more open meetings and Tribal Council accountability.

- **GOOD GOVERNMENT**
- o **Tribal Council needs a LEADER with VISION who will LISTEN to**

the people and ACT in their best interests.

- o **Accountability, due process and transparency are keys to our prosperity as Yurok people. Tribal members should be informed and able to vote on major decisions.** All council members must understand that we have very smart Yurok people who can and need to be involved in major decisions. I have voted no on some important issues, not because I thought they were wrong, but because they are major issues that did not have enough input from the people!

- **RIVER**
 - o The dams must come down on time.
 - o We mustn't give away the water that our salmon need.
 - o **I voted against Dam removal**, not because I do not believe in Dam removal – they absolutely have to come down so our salmon can survive – but Dam Removal is a Major Decision that should have gone out in a referendum so the people could have decided!
- **LAND**
 - o Keep buying land back without waiving our tribal sovereignty.
 - o When I was Requa District Representative, I helped make sure we paid in full all of our timber properties, and I participated in the purchase of the Weitchpec, Pekwan and Kepel lands. I worked toward buying our sacred Blue Creek Watershed.
- **SOCIAL SERVICES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING**
 - **What I have done while on council:**
 - o Made sure Pem-Mey was making a profit.

- o Oversaw purchases of major businesses in Klamath.
- o Oversaw construction of the new Hotel, which is now doing well.
- o The casino is doing better but still a work in progress. However, I will now do my best to see that it succeeds, so the money we put into it is not wasted. I will work hard navigating through problem areas.

- **We need:**

- o Better elder assistance programs.
- o More responsive health and nutrition services.
- o Make sure Social Services and TANF respond to tribal member needs.
- o Provide cultural activities.
- o More opportunities to volunteer.

- **What council must do:**

- o Make sure the Boards and staff of Economic Development and Housing are in compliance with all ordinances and policies; listen to tribal membership's concerns and comments when council sends the Ordinances out for public hearings.
- o Obtain more funding for K-12, higher education and vocational education.

- o All levels of education should be available for all who want it.
- o Our people must be given the opportunity to rise above poverty.
- For instance, as Vice Chair, I have an open-door policy and provide assistance for individuals in navigating tribal programs.

I will continue to work hard for and to communicate with you. I will continue to make the best decisions based on your input as well as on knowledge, wisdom and courage. I will continue to take direct action for the good of Yurok people based on honesty and respectfulness, from the heart. I strongly believe, as you do, that we should never give up our sovereignty, our water rights or our children's future to exist ... let us decide our future together.

I appreciate your vote for Re-election as Vice Chairman. PLEASE VOTE!

David L. Gensaw Sr. ✨



Susan Masten

Aiy-yue-kwe',

I'm running for Vice Chair at the urging of many elders and members because of the critical issues facing our Tribe. These issues will shape our future for generations to come. With pending work for dam removal, water and fish negotiations, land legislation, economic development opportunities and internal Tribal government growth, the Tribe needs an experienced leader who is familiar with the Tribe's history, has strong negotiation and communication skills, business experience, political contacts and vision.

As your Vice Chair, I commit to being accessible to you, listen and learn from you and to make positive changes to the Tribe's existing practices. Together we can create improved services regardless if you live down or up river on or off the Reservation or how much money you make. I will work hard for you and I will be an advocate to move our government to better serve your family, protect our resources and build our government in a way that is grounded in culture and tradition.

Tribal Government Accountability: I made a motion to live-stream Council Meetings three years ago because you deserve to be informed on issues facing our Tribe and to know how your Council votes on issues impacting you. You deserve to have a say in all major decisions before action is taken by Council. Live streaming will make it possible for you to participate in Council Meetings regardless of where you live. I will make sure this action is implemented. I will also see that Tribal minutes are posted on the Yurok website every month and I will continue to write my newsletter

Long Range Plan: The Tribe needs to have a long range plan that reflects the membership's vision. I will ensure that we develop a

plan that reflects your hopes and dreams for the Tribe. Having a Plan will save time, money, ensure accountability and keep us focused on meeting the needs of our Membership. I will make sure the meetings are accessible to you on weekends and evenings.

Economic development: The Tribe has a Community Development Financial Institution CDFI that can be used to provide low interest loans for Tribal Member businesses, homes and community development. I will work with the CDFI board and staff to make this a reality. We need to develop incentives, codes and ordinances that promote business development. I believe that every tribal member should have equal opportunities to work and support their families.

Youth: I have a deep love for the people and our communities and know how important it is to invest in our future. Our children deserve to have a quality education and services that ensure their school success. We need more affordable child care services to support our working families. I will work to secure funding for community center/gyms and I will do what ever it takes to stop drugs from being delivered to our children.

Elder/disability Services: We need to provide resources to meet current needs including regular home visits to check on elders and people with disabilities. I made the motion that created an Elder Advocate position. This person has been working with our elders meeting many of their needs. We need to look at what we have learned and develop services and programs to meet more of our

elders needs. With the funds set aside for an Elder Program we can move forward **NOW**.

Klamath River Basin: Fish and water are vitally important to the well being of the Yurok people and I have dedicated my life to fight for the protection of our rivers, our sovereignty and our way of life for future generations. I spent many years meeting up and down the river with Yurok fisherman gaining knowledge to ensure that our rights and resources are protected at the local and national levels. A hasty uniformed decision at this time could be devastating to our tribe for generations to come.

Housing: We need to work with the Housing Authority and its Board of Commissioners to improve how we provide affordable housing for all Tribal Members regardless of income.

I believe in Yurok people, our values, our strength and resiliency. Together we can create a improved Tribal government that reflects our Yurok values and honors our Yurok People. I'm looking forward to working with you to make our communities a safer place to work and live.

I humbly ask for your vote on October 10th. I would love to hear your ideas or concerns call (707)951-2489.

Wokhlew,

Susan Masten ✨



Frankie Joe Myers

Aiy-ye-Kwee' Yurok Families,

My name is Frankie Myers and I come from the village of Sregon. I am the grandson of Awok John and Georgiana Trull. My parents are Richard and Debra Myers. My wife Molli and I have five children together and are raising them on Yurok Reservation in the traditional village of Kenek. Joe James and I have chosen to run for Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Tribe not because we agree on every issue but because we believe in the same vision for the Yurok People.

Our vision for our people is a vision of prosperity for all of our Tribal Members regardless of their geographic location or economic status, a vision of growth for our Tribal Programs and Economic Development and a vision of better communication between the Tribal Government and the Tribal People.

Our campaign has not been filled with empty promises but with transparency and honesty. It was the goal of our campaign to get out and talk to the membership and use all the technology available to open better lines of communication with our membership to show what transparency looks like in action. What we honestly can promise is that we will take the same dedication and work ethic that we have shown in our careers to our Offices as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Yurok Tribe.

I have worked for the Yurok Tribe for 18 years. I have worked in several departments during my career including Social Services, Fisheries, Public Safety, Watershed, Planning and now I am currently

the Yurok Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer. What has been consistent throughout is my love for the people and my desire to serve the people while working to protect our Cultural, Spiritual and Environmental Resources. It is the love for my community that drove me to work hard during my time with the social service LIHEAP program bringing a much needed service to areas where individuals were having a hard time getting resources. It was that same sense of responsibility that led me to working with the Yurok Tribe Planning and Community Development Department helping bring electricity to the Upper Reservation.

My parents and grandparents taught me the importance of our environment and how critical Ne-puy (Salmon) is to who we are as a people. It was my work with the Fisheries program that brought me firsthand knowledge of the devastation that the Klamath River Dams were doing to our fisheries. It was that knowledge made me travel to Portland, Scotland, Utah, Sacramento, Omaha and everywhere in-between to stand up and fight for our salmon and for our people. It was that dedication and the dedication of so many amazing people fighting for our river that will ultimately lead to Dams decommissioning in 2021.

Restoring our fisheries and our Salmon runs is absolutely critical

to the prosperity of our people as well as striving to truly become a sovereign nation. We must move towards a diversified economy if we ever want our tribal government to become independent from the Government Granting Cycle. The Tribal Government must change the way we look at the relationship between the membership and the tribal organization. The Tribal Membership must be viewed as potential partners with the tribe in every venture that the Tribe looks to engage in. I know that we have many intelligent and innovative members that would be willing to work with the tribe if we would only open up to them and be more transparent about our economic development ventures.

With each new venture the Tribe looks towards we must balance that with our Traditional Values. Having worked in the Cultural Resources field for the last several years I can tell you that this concept has to be implemented at the Tribal Council level. It is only at that level where we can move the Tribe clear of the pitfalls that we have gotten into in the past and avoid deals that negatively impact who we are as a people. It's time to throw away the old playbook and look toward new methodology, leading people into the future and creating fresh and viable opportunities. Vote for Vision, Growth and Action. Vote Frankie Myers for Vice-Chair. ✘



Ryan Ray

Aiy-U-Queue

My name is Ryan Ray, son of Delray Bates and Fred Ray, grandparents Bruce and Fern Bates, and Awok Ada Charles is my great grandmother from the village of Waukell. I have lived in Klamath my whole life where I am now raising my five children with my wife Tara Ray whom I've been with 20 years.

I was raised fishing, hunting, eeling, and participating in culture ceremonies, and now I enjoy sharing and teaching my children. I have had the privilege to be part of the land acquisitions securing river flows for the salmon, etc. I will always be at the forefront when it comes to our culture and natural resources.

I am currently serving as Requa district councilman. I ran for office

in 2014 because I wanted to make a difference within my community. By 2016 we built a youth center that transitioned into the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods. We also have sport programs with the community, batting cage, etc. In 2018 council invested \$1.5 million into youth services and education fund. Community input is instrumental to develop a plan on how to best spend these funds to serve all our tribal youth.

In 2018 tribal council invested \$2 million for an elder's program, something our elders deserved and waited far too long for. In order to this in affect we to reach out to and talk to all our elders through more district type meetings with all council, to have program(s) implemented by 2019.

At this time, I am asking for your support for the position of vice chair of the Yurok Tribe. My first goals are to increase services for tribal members in all areas. Create higher paying entry level job opportunities within the tribe for our tribal members. It's time to allocate funding for membership to develop a three year plan to find common interest to meet needs of all tribal membership. In 2016 I chose to donate \$2000 out of my annual salary to help tribal families, community programs, school supplies, and fundraisers.

I love my people and will do whatever it takes to help ✘



Jack Mattz

THIS STATEMENT FROM VICE CHAIR CANDIDATE JACK MATTZ WAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM THE ELECTION NEWSLETTER. PLEASE READ HIS STATEMENT BELOW.

Aiy-ye-kwee'

My name is Jack Mattz. My grandmother was Awok Geneva Mattz from the village of Rekwoi and my grandfather was Awok Emery Mattz who was Tolowa. I live in Crescent City with my wife, Sandy, of 34 years, our grown children and our adopted middle schooler. I am a proud grandpa of seven wonderful grandchildren. I am seeking election as Vice Chair of the Yurok Tribal Council and I would appreciate your vote to bring a better direction to the Yurok Tribe.

I previously served as the Yurok North District representative and feel compelled to run again given the current direction of the Tribe. We need strong leadership who understands our people and represents our values.

Jobs: We all know that jobs, real jobs that can provide for a family, are hard to come by and hard to keep in this economy. As Vice-Chair, I will ensure that job creation is front and center of the Tribe's agenda.

For many years, I served as a Board member of the Yurok Tribe's Economic Development Corporation and during that time jobs on the reservation grew from YEDC's businesses including Pem Mey Fuel Mart, Jet Boats, campgrounds, Pek-Tah Fuel Mart, Person's grocery store, the Bates building as well as adding the Yurok Visitor's Center and Cultural Knowledge Park. The Redwood Hotel and Casino is doing well and providing employment opportunities for our membership.

As your Councilmember, I pushed for a ten year economic and job creation plan that details how we will create a more prosperous future for Tribal members, and which we can hold Council and government responsible and accountable.

Education: I believe that the new jobs and opportunities in the 21st century require education beyond high school AND constant learning and improving even as adults. I will continue to demand better outcomes from our vocational education programs and work to ensure that all Tribal members, regardless of income or location, receive superior education support whether tutoring, technical training, college mentoring or access to resources for themselves and their families.

Water Rights: I believe that we need to control our own water and will represent the best interests of Tribal members, the Klamath River, fishermen and our fish, as we have tough battles ahead to protect our water.

Your Vote and Voice Matter: As your Vice Chair, I guarantee that your ideas will have a voice at Council. I guarantee that major decisions that affect all of us will be put before you so that we can discuss issues and give me clear directions about how I should vote. I hope that you VOTE this election. Elections are won by just a few votes. Jack Mattz as Vice Chair October 10, 2018!

ORICK DISTRICT CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Wendy Lee Kull

My name is Wendy Lee Kull and I have been married to John Kull Sr. for seventeen years – we live in Westhaven. My mother is Judith Marasco and my father was aaawok Gerald Worth. I was born at Trinity Hospital in Arcata and raised mostly in Westhaven -Trinidad and Wausek, from where my family originates.

In my younger years, I worked in nearly every aspect of the restaurant business; then spent time as a nursing assistant, grocery store manager and commercial fisherperson. While raising my family, I attended college where I completed classes in legal assistance and general education for transfer to university. I worked at a tribal nonprofit in administration for more than a decade and currently work as a bookkeeper in the fiscal department at Yurok Indian Housing Authority.

In addition to taking care of my family and working everyday, I offer my time at the Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) – as a WVFD volunteer for most of my life, I have seen the importance of community and taking care of one another. I truly believe we are here to help one another...

I have spoken with a number of my fellow tribal members in regard to their concerns in relation to our tribal government. As members, we have solid ideas, from strengthening our social services department to economic development concepts, but mostly, I hear the need for transparency in our government.

Many members have said our government needs to focus on expanding services such as assistance with affordable housing and utility payment programs, including electricity, propane and firewood. Members want more funding for education – school supplies and clothes for minor students. Our children deserve a safe, warm house, a full belly and clean clothes to wear to school.

We have more than 800 Yurok Elders. It seems reasonable to focus on developing services for our Elders – simple everyday chores like yard work, housekeeping and food distribution go a long way in caring for our most valuable assets. It is our responsibility to keep our Elders happy and healthy.

There are many programs and services outside the Yurok Tribe available to our membership and I would like to assist in connecting people with the services they need.

Sustainable economic development that embraces the most tribal members is key to our financial future. In addition to tribal endeavors, we need to support individual members with their goal of becoming business owners. Assistance with developing business plans and gaining financial support is imperative to those seeking to start their own business. Our long-term goal should be absolute self-sufficiency.

Tribal members need to know and believe our voices count. When it comes to long-term planning and short-term decisions, we all need to be in the loop. Our government belongs to us all. Without the membership, there would be no tribal government.

As your representative, I will keep you in the loop. I will regularly provide you with updates relating to all tribal activities, including, but not limited to fisheries, forestry and dam removal. Members will be kept apprised of the status in our government-to-government relations.

After thoughtful consideration and all the reasons stated above, I have decided to run for Orick District Council Member. My primary goal is to be a conduit between the members and our government – as your elected official, I will be ACCESSABLE and ACCOUNTABLE – I will bring YOUR ideas and concerns to the table.

It would be an honor to represent YOU, as Orick District Council Member and I would appreciate your vote on October 10th. ✨



Sherri Provolt

'Aiy-yu-kwee' 'ne tom'-meyr. Nek-new Sherri Provolt. Ne kue-chos wew 'aawokw Mabel Hodge es-see ne peech-o-wos wew 'aawokw Irving Hendrix. Ne chek wew Susie Long. Ner-er-ner' es-see Pue-lik-lah mey'-wo-me-chok'. I come from villages on the coast as well as along the Klamath River. I have fished on the rivers, picked tea in the mountains, and have learned the responsibilities of gathering and dress making. I have been blessed to live in the Orick District my whole life.

I attended Trinidad Elementary School, McKinleyville High School and Humboldt State University. I obtained my Multiple Subjects California Teaching Credential through the Indian Teacher and Educational Personnel Program (ITEPP) and a Master of Arts Degree in Education. Upon graduation from HSU, I worked at Indian Action Council, Tri-County Indian Development Council, Alice Burney Elementary School and Dows Prairie Elementary School. I gained employment at United Indian Health Services (UIHS) as the Program Director of the first employer-operated child care center in the State of California. During these seventeen years as the Child Center Director, I was privileged to collaborate with Trinidad Rancheria, Salmonberry Head Start Program, Trinidad Elementary School, Humboldt Child Care Council, and McKinleyville High School. As UIHS grew and moved to Arcata, I lead the health care team to learn about, and successfully achieve Joint Commission Accreditation, which are nationally recognized health care standards. My career continued to expand with both UIHS and Open Door Community Health Centers to provide me responsibilities and oversight as a health care director and administrator. During my 25+ years as an administrator, I worked with staff on programs, grants, policies, legislative initiatives, financial planning, and personnel matters. I understand and value clear communications, strategic planning, teamwork, follow through and accountability.

My family continues to call Orick District home. My children attended Big Lagoon Elementary School, McKinleyville High School,

and now my grandchildren attend both Trinidad and Margaret Keating Elementary Schools. I understand the unique needs of Orick District and am committed to serve the members of Orick District with a focus on health, education, and the wellbeing of our tribe. Immediate areas that I foresee focusing on include:

- Follow through with funding and services outlined by the current Tribal Council on the Ramah Settlement. Assess feasibility of any plans, forecast financial viability of such plans and communicate with members on the progress of services.
- Follow through with programs and services outlined for funding received from disaster relief commercial fishing. Assess feasibility, obtain progress reports and analyze sustainability.
- Prioritize communication to membership regarding programs, services and events. Attention is needed to update the website and other means of communication with current information on projects, department goals, event dates, contacts, and pertinent information that aids our members to find information they desire to stay informed.
- Establish good rapport and expectations with newly hired Executive Director. Evaluate meeting structures to eliminate duplication of work and develop policies.

If elected by my community to represent the Orick District, I will work with the Tribal Council to:

- 1) Improve access to health care services; continue to work with UIHS to increase services at the Hop'ew Puel and Weitchpec Clinics located on the Yurok Reservation.
- 2) Support and increase services for all levels of our educational programs from Head Start to College. Emphasize vocational training and programs, and help our students succeed.
- 3) Manage our natural resources, taking care to plan responsibly utilizing traditional practices for fishing, forestry, water and land use.
- 4) Develop sustainable economic enterprises with forward thinking innovations. Look at opportunities specifically in Orick District, highlighting and supporting current Tribal members successful businesses.
- 5) Promote traditions of the Yurok people; supporting repatriation of cultural items, language, ceremonies and values. Work with National and State Parks, Cal-Fire, and other entities to restore our traditional practices. Work and plan for permanent setting for additional repatriation of basketry and regalia.

- 6) Build relationships with Food and Housing Programs that can support Orick District members.
- 7) Plan programs that build accountability and responsibility. Work closely with Department Directors to ensure our tribal members have every opportunity to understand and participate in services that strengthen families and our community.

Lastly, I value and honor the work done by our elders and leaders of our past which created the opportunities we have today. It's important to understand our history so we can make good decisions today and in our future. I am committed to working hard to serve the Orick District and the Yurok Tribe. Wo'khlew' for your vote. ✨



Laura White Woods

Aye-ye-Kwee! Nek-new Laura White Woods, I identify as Ner-Er-Ner, I am an Orick resident running for Yurok Council Representative. My family originates from the villages of Orek'w and Cha'pekw, my grandparents are Aawok Ed and Eunice (Frey) White, my father Aawok Emil Edward White and his siblings were all born and raised in Orick. My mother Aawok Margaret "Sandy" White was born and raised in Northern California. I have a brother Ed White who with his family lives in Albuquerque, NM and my sister is Aawok Lisa Faye White. My Uncle Aawok "Bebe" White and my Auntie Aawok Blanche Blankenship were longtime Orick residents. I have two sons and two granddaughters.

I was born in New Mexico and attended New Mexico State University on a music scholarship. After college I owned my own business, Woods Automotive, for several years and later worked in State Court as a Court Clerk and Trial Court Administrative Assistant before moving back home to Orick. I currently work as a Paralegal and Family Law Mediator for the Yurok Tribal Court where I provide legal assistance to our tribal members in both tribal and state courts. In my current position I have learned good negotiation and mediation skills that I believe will serve me well if elected to Council.

I am very active in our Yurok culture and traditions as I participate in our ceremonial dances, Yurok language and basket weaving classes, WEWIN, Klamath River Cleanup and Salmon Festival to name a few. I feel it an honor and a privilege to be able to learn and be a part of our rich culture and traditions.

My vision for the Orick District is as the "Gateway to Yurok

Country," full of economic potential. If elected, I will work to bring Yurok economic development to our district, expand elder services in our area and strengthen Yurok families. I believe we can explore business opportunities with an eye toward economic self-sustainability, while preserving our culture and protecting our natural resources.

If you vote for me, I will treat my position as Orick District Representative as a full time job. I will attend each and every Council meeting with diligence and determination and I will do the best job possible. I will make myself available to the members in my District and will keep them up to date on important issues facing the Tribe and my need for their input and opinion. I will report my "work product" to the people I represent and I will conduct myself with integrity and respect at all times. I feel that my presence on Council will provide the people of the Orick District the respect they so deserve. I will be open, honest and available to the needs of the people I represent.

I believe in the philosophy of "servant leadership" and if elected my term will be characterized by a set of practices that will enrich the lives of our tribal members and their families through listening, empathy and healing. My vision is to build a better commitment to the growth of our people while creating a healthy community.

If elected, I will use all of my education, my common sense and business expertise to work effectively to represent our district in a good way. I appreciate your support. Wok'hlew. ✨

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