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KEEP THIS SAMPLE BALLOT FOR YOUR REFERENCE

NOTICE
If for any reason you have lost your Mail Ballot, promptly contact the Election Department:

Yurok Tribal Election Department
PO Box 1027
Klamath, CA 95548

Your application must reach the Election Staff by September 28, 2023. For further information call:
(707) 482-1350

PLEASE SIGN THE BACK OF YOUR POSTAGE PAID ENVELOPE AND MAIL IT BACK AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE IT

IN PERSON DROP OFF BOX LOCATIONS:
Aawok Marjorie Buckskin Office
1485 Parkway Drive
Crescent City, CA

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23023 Hwy 96
Weitchpec, CA

Klamath Main Office
190 Klamath Boulevard
Klamath, CA

YUROK TRIBE
PRIMARY ELECTION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

SAMPLE BALLOT
AND
VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

NOTICE:
Last date to request a Mail Ballot by mail is September 28, 2023.

Compiled and distributed by the Yurok Election Board.

This will be a Mail Ballot Election.

Please sign the back of your postage paid Mail Ballot Envelope.

The Locations of drop boxes if you prefer to drop off your ballot will be shown on the back cover.
Thank you Weitchpec for allowing me to serve as your representative on tribal council. It has been an honor and a pleasure. In my time in office there have been many exciting things happen that I have been a part of, some of the highlights are creating the TERO day labor workforce, the new paving of our reservation roads, and construction of the new police station and wildland fire buildings. Some of the projects currently underway are construction of the new Community Center at Tulley Creek, as well as planning and design of the new wellness recovery village at Rube Ranch. One of my goals for the next 3 years is creating a “Habitat for Humanity” program to address the housing crisis in the district by milling lumber from our forest thinning projects to build homes for our members. Weitchpec has always been a strong resilient district, and our current fentanyl crisis continues to be at the forefront of my focus, we’ve lost too many to this drug and it is the responsibility of tribal council to protect our people during this crisis by whatever means necessary.

I am always available by phone or text at 707-382-5487. I look forward to working with you the next 3 years.

Wokhlew’
Toby Vanlandingham

End of Candidate Statements
Council Weitchpec District
Isaac S. Kinney


Great to see you friend/relation since long time! My name is Isaac S. Kinney. I’m from the villages of Weych-pues, Pek-tuehl, and Erhl-erger’. I live in the New Village of Weych-pues Village. My wife is Priscella Kinney. My father is Robert L. Kinney Jr., my mother is Laura Kinney, and my (paternal) grandmother is Zelma Kinney and my (paternal) grandfather is Robert L. Kinney Sr. My (maternal) grandfather is Rafael Ramirez and my (maternal) grandmother is Josepahina Ramirez. My brothers are Javier Kinney and Robert R. Kinney. I talk Yurok for the human friends and family now and that have passed, I speak Yurok for the salmon relatives, the condor, the elk, the redwoods, and the dugout canoe. I work/run to speak for the water and the Klamath River. People of Weitchpec, speak Isaac S. Kinney Yurok Tribe – Weitchpec District Council Member on October 11th, 2023. Speak Yurok Language.
CANDIDATES STATEMENTS

COUNCIL NORTH DISTRICT

**Edward “Horse” Aubrey**

Aiy-ye-kwee Tribal Members,

My name is Edward Aubrey. I come from the villages of Pecwan and Notchko. I have 30 years of experience in construction, started as a laborer, finally becoming a contractor. Eventually, I started to do native style wood working and casket making. I learned my unique style from my stepfather Awok David Reece, a native artist and carver. I served as North District council member from 2017-2020. My goals for this election are to initiate strong economic growth, continue the development of completed projects, and improve the services to tribal members, with an emphasis on elders. The reason I ran and continue to run for council is that I personally understand the struggles of not being able receive services through grant funded program assistance that should be more transparent. With the uncertainty of climate change, fentanyl epidemic and rising inflation, our tribal members are being greatly affected within the job market, homelessness, and health. I am passionate about pushing for economic growth so that all tribal members regardless of income or where they live will be able to receive services. With the Construction Corporation’s being successful we should be seeing the dividends trickling down through programs such as elder’s assistance. I also believe that our corporations are top heavy with council members, council should not sit committees or boards unless it is a liaison position. It should be filled with like-minded people with the same vision to see corporation’s successful.

Wok-hlew Edward Horse Aubrey

CANDIDATES STATEMENTS

COUNCIL WEITCHPEC DISTRICT

**Jewel C. Frank**

I yee quee, My name is Jewel Frank, I have resided at Ada Franks Ln (Weitchpec) since 2006. I am coming forth asking for your Vote, in the upcoming Yurok Elections, October 11th 2023. My contact information is 530-625-1127/jcfwwrw@hotmail.com.

I will serve in your best interests, of the Weitchpec District, because I am hard working, honest, fair, & reasonable. I have been attending Yurok Council Meetings and it’s been quite concerning in how Yurok Tribal Members are being served. Yurok People / Families / Voters / are being treated with unfairness. Therefore, Yurok Tribal Weitchpec voting members, REGARDING OUR YUROK COUNCIL/LEADERSHIP PROFORMANCE, ARE YOU HAPPY? With what is currently happening, I have concerns regarding our resources. A closed mouth, doesn't get fed.

Community (Strategic Planning-Weitchpec Area only)

Employment (OPPORTUNITIES)

Communication (Regular District Meetings)

Thunderstorms are beautiful, yet scary. We are not ready for a natural disaster. We would do ‘okay’ but no planning is just that, no planning. I have noticed Pectach store being closed, no running water, no regular district meetings. **Strategic Planning** is key for our survival of health, home, & liberty. I’m confident, I will be a loud voice, in getting those services & plans for you, with less stress. Employment opportunities are available, and I have noticed some tribal members are out. [why?] Again, I can be a loud voice in being of support for employment. **RE: Communication** I will also have district meetings regularly. Vote for Jewel Frank / Weitchpec District. Wokhwew.
Phillip L. Williams

Aiy-ye-kwee from the current North District Council member. My Yurok ancestors came from the villages of Pecwan and Sregon. I was born in Crescent City at Seaside Hospital and I joined the US Army and was discharged honorably in 1988.

My first accomplishment was being the primary facilitator of the Klamath River Promise Neighborhood grant bringing in $30 million dollars in 2021. This is a collaboration between the Yurok Tribe, Del Norte County School District and True North. It will bolster underperforming schools and unify the diverse community groups.

During my term in office I sponsored some important changes in Tribal policy that directly benefit tribal members. I was the original motion maker to increase minimum wage to $17 an hour. I brought the agenda item that raised our Vocational Education grant from $3000 to $5000. Another policy change that I accomplished was to increase our burial fund to $7000 per tribal member.

During the pandemic many of our Artisans were struggling, so I created the annual Arts and Crafts Fair in Crescent City.

In the past three years I have been able to assist families with medical emergencies, youth sponsorships, elder fish deliveries, and Christmas gift deliveries.

The North District members have given me the opportunity to represent Yurok people on some important issues. With your support, I would be honored to serve another term and continue to be the voice of the North District.

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End of Candidate Statements
Council North District
CANDIDATES STATEMENTS

COUNCIL REQUA DISTRICT

Ryan Ray, Sr.
(No Candidate Statement Submitted)

End of Candidate Statements
Council Requa District

FULL SAMPLE BALLOT

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COUNCIL REQUA DISTRICT

Vote For No More Than One (1)

RYAN RAY, SR.
INCUMBENT

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YUROK TRIBE
REQUA DISTRICT
2023 PRIMARY ELECTION
October 11, 2023