

Nooksack Indian Tribe

March 22, 2018

The disenrollment was never a fight between two warring factions within a Tribe over the proceeds generated from economic development that is often found to be the case in so many disenrollment battles within Indian Country. This was simply a case of a sovereign nation protecting what is theirs from a group of non-Indians attempting to take control of a federally recognized tribe and the finances used to provide services for the people within its community. To complicate matters even further, you took advantage of the movement within Indian County against the concept of disenrollment to turn the Tribal court system into a constitutional court.

Your family's membership has been hotly contested since the first member of your family was erroneously enrolled at Nooksack over 30 years ago. The amount of due process provided to you and your family has been extensive, and yet not once did you, or anyone else from your large family, provide a birth record that would have supported your claims of being a lineal descendant of the Nooksack Tribe or even a Native American. Furthermore, at your disenrollment hearings you all refused to provide birth records to support your claims of being a lineal descendant of any person on any of the three lists that are referenced in the Nooksack Constitution for membership. To make matters even worse, your attorney made a statement during oral arguments in Nooksack Tribal Court that "my clients were no longer claiming to be lineal descendants of any of the allottees".

None of the court proceedings that took place in Nooksack Tribal court directly addressed your lack of eligibility for enrollment because the court does not have jurisdiction to do so. However, the court could and would have overturned a decision by the Tribal council to disenroll you had you provided the necessary birth records to support your claims of being a lineal descendant of someone on one of the three lists outlined in the Nooksack Constitution. Fortunately, we both know that never happened.

The Nooksack Constitution clearly states that in order to become an enrolled member of the Nooksack Tribe you must provide birth records to establish your blood quantum. Those same documents are also used to confirm that the applicant for enrollment is a lineal descendant of a person on one of three lists referenced in the Nooksack Constitution. Your enrollment, your family's enrollment, has been and continued to be erroneous and fraudulent for over 30 years.

Sincerely,

Robert Kelly, Jr.

IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF INVOLUNTARY DISENROLLMENT

March 20, 2018

Gilda Lois Corpuz #0804 7068 N. E. New Brooklyn Rd. Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

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RE: Notice of Involuntary Disenrollment

Dear Gilda Corpuz,

Please be advised that in accordance with Title 63, section 63.04.001(b)(2), the Tribal Council officially removed your name from the roll book of currently enrolled members of the Nooksack Indian Tribe. Pursuant to Title 63, the Tribe sent you a Notice of Intent to Disenroll. According to Title 63, you could request a meeting with the Tribal Council to dispute the Notice of Intent to Disenroll within thirty (30) days of receipt of that Notice.

In 2016 the Tribal Council passed a Resolution officially removing you from the roll of currently enrolled members. On March 15, 2018, after reviewing your file to ensure that your enrollment complied with Title 63, the Tribal Council ratified and reaffirmed that Resolution. In accordance with Title 63, you are eligible to request reconsideration of the Tribal Council's decision. Your request for reconsideration must be received within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of this Notice in order to be considered. The date stamped on the receipt of the certified letter shall be considered the beginning of that thirty (30) day period.

Under Title 63, all requests for reconsideration must be typed and include the individual's name and enrollment number prior to disenrollment and be mailed to:

Nooksack Indian Tribe Nooksack Tribal Council P.O. Box 63 Deming, WA 98244

A request for reconsideration must clearly state the grounds for the request, and include any additional evidence or documentation the disenrollee will present. Copies of documentary evidence including affidavits, birth certificates, baptismals and other documents relevant to the disenrollee's original claim for membership may be submitted. All exhibits must be identified in an Exhibit List. The Exhibit List must include the document title and assigned Exhibit number. Exhibits must be marked with an exhibit label on the lower right hand corner. Labels must include the disenrollee's name and enrollment number, exhibit number, and total page numbers for each exhibit. Example: Member John Doe, #8, Exh. , 1 of 2.

All evidence must be submitted as one complete packet that includes a cover page clearly marked with the disenrollee's name and enrollment number. Failure to comply with these format requirements will result in rejection of submissions.

Within 14 calendar days of receipt of the request for reconsideration, the Tribal Council Secretary will notify the disenrollee of the Tribal Council's decision whether or not to grant reconsideration.

You will be notified by the Tribal Council of the Tribal Council's decision whether or not to grant reconsideration within 14 calendar days of receipt of the request. Alternatively, you may submit a new application for membership when adequate documentation of eligibility has been obtained.