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Council: Judy Rojo Katherine Hasbrouck Eric Magiera Thomas Magiera Misty Morning Dawn Rojo-Alvarez

November 10, 2016

Robert Eben, Superintendent Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Navada Agency 311 East Washington Street Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Winnemucca Indian Colony 2016 Election Results

Dear Mr. Eben,

On October 29, 2016, the Winnemucca Indian Colony held an Election for 2016 – 2018 elected Council Members.

The Election Committee Chairperson, Misty Morning Dawn Rojo-Alvarez and Katherine Hasbrouck called a special meeting on October 29, 2016 to listen via conference call while the votes were counted. After the election each candidate was notified of the out come of the election. Sheryl Serreze, Esq., placed each ballot received via mail into a locked box at the Reno Law Group at 595 Humboldt Street, Reno, Nevada 89509; Daryl Crawford, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, read each vote aloud; Rosemary Hanson, witnessed the Election; Katherine Hasbrouck tallied each vote as it was read and marked the appropriate name.

A ten (10) day waiting period was announced for any contest, protests, or grievance to be received. The ballots were held in a locked box at the Reno Law Group during this waiting period. As of November 9, 2016, there are no contests, protests or grievance made as to the out come of the Election.

On November 9, 2016, the Election Committee called a special meeting to certify the 2016 Election.

The Election Results are as follows:

Misty Morning Dawn Rojo-Alvarez Ruth Ann Nihoul Eric C. Magiera 13 votes 7 votes 11 votes Case 3:11-cv-00622-RCJ-CBC Document 277-6 Filed 12/28/17 Page 2 of 14 Robert Eben, Superintendent

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RE: Winnemucca Indian Colony Election Results

Thomas Magiera, II 7 votes Merlene Magiera 5 votes Judy Rojo 13 votes Katherine Hasbrouck 14 votes Mary Oliveira 8 votes.

The top five (5) candidates with the highest votes are counted and the new 2016 - 2018 Election Results for the Winnemucca Indian Colony Council Members are:

Katherine Hasbrouck	14 votes
Misty Morning Dawn Rojo-Alvarez	13 votes
Judy Rojo	13 votes
Eric C. Magiera	11 votes
Mary Oliveira	8 votes

I have enclosed a copy of the Election Committee Report and as soon as possible the newly elected council members will be sworn in by our Tribal Judge, Mark Mausert.

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Judy Rojo, Chairperson Winnemucca Indian Colony

Treva Hearne cc: Council Members

Home of the Western Band of Western Shoshone



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November 09, 2016

Winnemucca Indian Colony Council Members

RE: ELECTION OF 2016 REPORT OF RESULTS

The Election was held on October 29, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Reno Office, 595 Humboldt Street, Reno, Nevada, as per the Winnemucca Indian Colony Election Ordinance Number: 301 and Winnemucca Indian Colony Adopted Ordinance number: 301-1, Amendment of Election Ordinance, August 25, 2016, which now permits all enrolled members who live off colony to be deemed "absentee voters" and, if all voters are "absentee voters" then an election can be conducted as an Absentee-only Election. By Resolution Number (2016-08-25) on August 25, 2016, the WIC Council decided to treat the October 29, 2016, Election as an absentee-only Election. On August 29, 2016, a copy of the Resolution No: 2016-08-25 and Ordinance No: 301-1, Ordinance amending election of the Winnemucca Indian Colony was hand-carried to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Carson City, Nevada.

On August 13, 2016 in a regular meeting of the WIC Colony Resolution Number 2016-08-13 regarding the Election Ordinance amended for the upcoming Election.

On August 25, 2016 in a special meeting of the WIC Colony was called to elect the Election Committee Members. The Election Committee Members: Misty Morning Dawn Rojo-Alvarez, Chairman of the 2016 Election Committee, she is Shoshone-Paiute-Mission. The Election Committee Members to assist with the election process was Katherine Hasbrouck, Shoshone.

August 29 and 30, 2016, Misty began working on the Winnemucca Indian Colony membership mailing list of Eligible Voters was prepared by the Election Committee. The names appearing on the Eligible Voters List are those listed on the Original Tribal Membership Roll of Winnemucca Indian Colony, dated August 29, 2016.

September 1, 2016 each eligible member was sent an informative letter announcing the October 29, 2016 Election. Each eligible member was sent one Notice of Election 2016, one (1) Declaration of Candidacy, Official Filing Form; Resolution No: 2016-08-25, Resolution of the Colony Council of the Winnemucca Indian Colony – To Treat Election of October 2016 as an Absentee-Only Election; and the Ordinance No: 301-1, An Ordinance amending elections of the Winnemucca Indian Colony, Dated August 25, 2016; with a self-addressed stamped envelope with the return address to the Reno Law Group, 595 Humboldt Street, Reno, Nevada, 89509.

October 15, 2016, Sheryl Serreze, Esq., Certification of Service at the direction of Misty Morning Dawn Rojo Alvarez, Chairperson of Election Committee, mailed to each person on the attached service list a copy of the attached "Official Absentee Election Ballot for the election of the council. There were eight (8) Declaration of Candidacy, Official Filing Forms returned.

## **ELECTION DAY:**

October 29, 2016, at approximately 6:45 a.m., Katherine Hasbrouck, Election Committee Member was present.

As the mail arrived at the Reno Law Group, Sheryl Serreze, Esq., placed each ballot into a locked box. Approximately, 5:15 p.m., Daryl Crawford and Rosemary Hanson arrived at the Reno Law Group. The locked box was opened by Sheryl Serreze, Esq. and each ballot was handed one-by-one and read out loud, and tallied. There were thirty —two (32) ballots sent out, one (1) ballot returned. A total of eighteen (18) ballots accounted for. Daryl Crawford opened each ballot and announced names; and Katherine Hasbrouck tallied the votes and this was witnessed by Rosemary Hanson.

Misty Morning Dawn Rojo Alvarez was on phone via conference call.

## **VOTERS RESULTS OF ELECTION:**

The Winnemucca Indian Colony Official Election Results for the 2016 Election, as follows:

Mary Oliveira	8 votes
Katherine Hasbrouck	14 votes
Merlene Magiera	5 votes
Misty Morning Dawn Rojo-Alvarez	13 votes
Eric C. Magiera	11 votes
Thomas W. Magiera, II	7 votes
Judy Rojo	13 votes
Ruth Nihoul	7 votes

On November 9, 2016, a Special Winnemucca Indian Colony Meeting was called to announce the Election Results by Misty Morning Dawn Rojo-Alvarez, Chairman of the Election Committee; that the

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newly seated Winnemucca Indian Colony Council for 2016 -- 2018, are: Katherine Hasbrouck; Misty Morning Dawn Rojo-Alvarez; Judy Rojo; Eric C. Magiera; and Mary Oliveira.

## CONTEST

At this time the Winnemucca Indian Colony 2016 Election held on Saturday, October 29, 2016, has not been contested, protested or grieved.

Respectfully submitted,

Misty Morning Dawn Rojo-Alvarez

Chairman of the 2016 Election Committee

Cc: Treva Hearne WIC Council Members

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October	29, 2016 Election Results		
Candidates Names	Votes Registered		
Misty Morning Dawn Rojo-Alvarez	HH HH III	13	7
Ruth Ann Nihoul	MI II	7	
Eric C. Magiera	TH THI	1 1	,
Thomas Magiera	HH 11	7	
Merlene Magiera	1111	5	
Judy Rojo	THE THE 111	13	
Katherine Hasbrouck	M M III	14	
Mary Oliveira	JH 11	8	7

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18 BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR



Council: Judy Rojo Katherine Hasbrouck Eric Maglera Thomas Magiera Misty Morning Dawn Rojo-Alvarez

## NOTICE OF ELECTION 2016

Winnemucca Indian Colony (WIC) will be having our Regulary Scheduled Election to be held in compliance with the WIC Constitution and By-Laws pursuant to Ordinance Number: 301. WIC adopted Ordinance Number: 301-1, Amendment to Election Ordinance, on August 25, 2016, which now permits all enrolled members who live off-colony to be deemed "absentee voters" and, if all voters are "absentee voters" then an election can be conducted as an Absentee-only Election. (Please see enclosed Ordinance Number: 301-1). By Resolution on August 25, 2016, the WIC Council decided to treat the October 29, 2016 election as an Absentee-only Election. (Please see enclosed Resolution Number: 2016-08-25). An Absentee Ballot WILL Automatically Be Mailed to You at the Address on File With Wic on October 18, 2016. Please Ensure Your Address Is up to Date!!

DATE OF ELECTION: October 29, 2016, between 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

LOCATION: Because this will be an Absentee-only Election, all absentee ballots will be returned via U.S. Postal Service. Mail your absentee ballots to the Winnemucca Indian Colony – Election Committee, 595 Humboldt Street, Reno, Nevada, 89509. THERE WILL BE NO NOTICES POSTED AND NO POLLING PLACE LOCATED ON COLONY FOR THIS 2016 ELECTION – SEE ORDINANCE 301-1, ADDING NEW SECTION V(g).

ELIGIBLE PERSONS TO VOTE: All members of WIC, twenty-one (21) years of age or older shall qualified to vote. Per Ordinance 301, Section I – Voters, (d) 2; "Those tribal members who are incarcerated for minor offenses, with penalities of less than a Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) fine and/or a thirty (30) day sentence, shall be allowed to vote as absentee voter as provided for in Section I (d) 1 above." Therefore, persons owing to your particular situation would be ineligible to place your vote at this time.

ABSENTEE VOTERS: Per WIC, Adopted Ordinance Number: 301-1, all WIC members who currently reside off-colony, will be treated as absentee voters and sent an absentee ballot. All ballots are to be returned on or before October 29, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

<u>CANDIDATES ELIGIBILITY</u>: Only WIC members that are twenty-one (21) years or older, are eligible to run for a council seat. Candidates for Election must announce their candidacy in writing to the Council Secretary at least fifteen (15) days before the Election.

## ALL INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE MUST BE SENT TO:

Winnemucca Indian Colony – Election Committee 595 Humboldt Street Reno, Nevada 89509

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Judy Rojo, Chairperson Winnemucca Indian Colony

Enclosures - Ordinance 301-1; Resolution 2016-08-25; Declaration of Candidacy



WINNEMUCCA INDIAN COLONY

Council: Judy Rojo Katherine Hasbrouck Eric Magiera Thomas Magiera Misty Morning Dawn Rojo-Alvarez

**RESOLUTION No.: 2016-08-25** 

# RESOLUTION OF THE COLONY COUNCIL OF THE WINNEMUCCA INDIAN COLONY TO TREAT ELECTION OF OCTOBER 2016 AS AN ABSENTEE-ONLY ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Winnemucca Indian Colony Council is scheduled to hold a Regular Election in October of 2016 under the terms of its Constitution; and

WHEREAS, all enrolled members of the Winnemucca Indian Colony currently reside off-Colony and have either (a) elected to be treated as absentee voters under Section I(d)(1) of Ordinance 301; or (b) will be deemed absentee voters under Ordinance 301-1 and sent an absentee ballot; and

WHEREAS, the Winnemucca Indian Colony Council has no funds currently available to post notices or conduct an election on the Colony grounds in accordance with Sections IV and V of Ordinance 301 and all of the current enrolled members of the Winnemucca Indian Colony currently reside off-Colony;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Winnemucca Indian Colony hereby authorizes the October, 2016 Regular Election to be treated as an "Absentee Only Election" in accordance with Section V(g) of Ordinance 301-1.

#### C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

It is hereby certified that the Winnemucca Indian Colony Council is the governing body of the Winnemucca Indian Colony and is composed of five members of whom \_3\_, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Meeting on \_3 5\_ th of August, 2016, and the foregoing resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_\_ for, \_\_\_\_\_ against, and \_\_\_\_\_\_ abstention \_\_\_\_\_\_ abstention.

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Judy Rojo Chairperson Winnemucca Indian Colony

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# THE WINNEMUCCA INDIAN COLONY WINNECUMCCA, NEVADA

# An Ordinance amending elections of the Winnemucca Indian Colony:

WHEREAS, the Winnemucca Indian Colony Council is the governing body of the Winnemucca Indian Colony, a federally recognized Tribe organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Statute 948), as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Winnemucca Indian Colony Council deems it necessary to adopt an Ordinance amending certain provisions of the Election Ordinance No. 301 with regard to Absentee Voters; and

WHEREAS, the Winnemucca Indian Colony Council has the power to adopt this Ordinance amending election procedures pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 and Article VI, Section 1(g) of the Constitution;

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Winnemucca Indian Colony Council, that the following election rules and regulations, supplemental to those provisions in the Constitution and Bylaws and Ordinance No. 301 is hereby amended as follows:

#### SECTION I - VOTERS is hereby amended to add a new subsection in "d. Absentee Voters" which reads as follows:

(4) Enrolled members of the Tribe whose official address is off-colony who do not request an absentee ballot in writing may be "deemed" to have so requested an absentee ballot at the Secretary's sole discretion. All ballots must be returned before five (5) p.m. Pacific Time, on the day of the election.

# SECTION II – ELECTIONS is hereby amended to add a new subsection in "c. Notices" which reads as follows:

- (5) For absentee voters, the Notice described in sections II(c)(1) and (2) above may be mailed 30 (thirty) days prior to any election.

  (6) For absentee voters, the Notice described in sections II(c)(4) above may be mailed 10 (ten) days prior to any election, along with the absentee ballot.

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SECTION IV –ELECTION COMMITTEE is hereby amended to add a new sentence at the end of subsection "a. Appointment" which reads as follows:

If only incumbent Council Members or candidates for Council are available to serve as the Election Committee, they may do so with the addition of one neutral third party chosen by Tribal Council who shall oversee the counting of the ballots.

# SECTION V – CONDUCT OF ELECTION is hereby amended to add a new subsection "g" which reads as follows:

g. <u>Absentee-only Elections</u>. If any election involves only absentee voters, then the provisions of Section V(a) and (b) above will not apply.

## C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

The foregoing Ordinance 301-1 having been presented at a Special Meeting to a Quorun of the Winnemucca Indian Colony Council on	m
This Ordinance is effective as of the date of its enactment.  By:    Part   Par	POWER VENEZA POSTO
Katherine Hastrouck by Aley Luze, Esq.	

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Misty Morning Dawn Rojo-Alvarez, Secretary

Eric Magiera, Treasurer

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WINNEMUCCA INDIAN COLONY

Council; Judy Rojo Katherine Hasbrouck Eric Magiera Thomas Magiera Misty Moming Dawn Rojo-Alvarez

# WINNEMUCCA INDIAN COLONY DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY WINNEMUCCA INDIAN COLONY – ELECTION COMMITTEE

## OFFICIAL FILING FORM

OFFICIAL FILING FORM
I,, hereby declare myself a candidate for the Winnemucca Indian Colony Tribal Council. On the Date of the Regular Election, to be held on October 29, 2016.
I am twenty-one (21) years of age and meet the Winnemucca Indian Colony Constitution requirements to run for Council Member.
I REQUEST MY NAME TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS FOLLOWS:
Candidates Name as it is to appear on the Ballot.
Address:
I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.  Date:
Signature of Candidate
COMPLETE, SIGN, DATE, AND RETURN IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED.  DO IT TODAY IMPORTANT: MUST BE MAILED AND RECEIVED BEFORE OCTOBER 13, 2016

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Judy Rojo, Chairperson Winnemucca Indian Colony



WINNEMUCCA INDIAN COLONY ATTN: ELECTION COMMITTEE 595 Humboldt Street Reno, Nevada 89509

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL

**Election Day:** 

October 29, 2016

MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE 5:00 P.M. PACIFIC STANDARD TIME ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION.

Compiled and Distributed by WIC October 29, 2016

NEWE SOGOBI' TDOS-A-WEE

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this fifteenth day of October, 2016, pursuant to instructions from Misty Morning Dawn Rojo-Alvarez, Chairperson of the Election Committee of the Winnemucca Indian Colony Council, I mailed to each of the persons on the attached service list a copy of the attached "Official Absentee Ballot For The Election Of The Council" for Saturday, October 29, 2016 via first class mail, postage pre-paid, along with a return envelope, also postage pre-paid.

DATED: 10/15/2016

Sheryl Serreze Esq.