Dear Yurok Tribal Members:

My name is Marjorie Donahue Buckskin, I have lived in Crescent City all my life. Have strong ties to the community and people in the North District. I would like to ask for your vote on October 8, 2014. I have worked for the Yurok people, and would be honored to serve you.

My goal still is fairness to all tribal members and for them to be given such an opportunity like going to college and succeeding with a job.

Not just one person can get a job done, it has taken all council to see all our projects being done.

When you call and leave a message and phone number, I will call you back, 707-464-6559.

Love to hear from you. I appreciate your time and consideration, come out and vote or send in your ballot.

Vote Marjorie Donahue Buckskin

Jack Mattz Aiy-yu-kwe’:

My name is Jack Mattz; my grandmother was Geneva Mattz (Brooks) from the village of Rek-woi and my grandfather was Emery Mattz. I am seeking to be re-elected to Yurok Tribal Council as North District representative and I would appreciate your vote so I can continue to work for you-the people. We all know that jobs-real jobs that can provide for a family-are hard to come by and harder to keep in this economy. I am also a supporter of the Tribe’s newest economic endeavor, the Redwood Hotel, which is full almost every night and it is providing much needed employment to our membership. As your North District representative, I have ensured that job creation is front and center of the Tribal Council’s and Tribal government’s agenda. As a Board Member to Yurok Economic Development I have been a part of new growth of businesses-currently Pem Mey Fuel Mart has 17 employees, 15 of them are Tribal Members, 4 out of 5 Jet Boat Tours’ employees are Tribal Members, as well as the campgrounds, the YEDC management office and our brand new landscaping business all employ a majority of Tribal Members. Yurok Economic Development has a total of 31 employees with 85-90% are Yurok Tribal Members. In the past three years YEDC has acquired the Bates building, Jet Boat Tours, Village trailer Park and Cats RV Park.

We need more opportunities for tribal members-on and off the reservation-that provide decent wages that you can raise a family on and that provide experience and opportunities to grow careers not just jobs. I will continue to work with you to explore your ideas for business creation.

Vote Jack Mattz

On The Cover

Hazel nuts, an important traditional food, are in season right now.
and will work to help any tribal member have access to the resources and opportunities they need to start and grow their own business. I believe that the tribal government has not been specific of deliberate enough about job creation. As your representative I have pushed for a ten year economic and job creation plan that details how we will create a more prosperous future for tribal members and against which we can hold the Council and government accountable. I also continue to believe that the new jobs and opportunities in the 21st century require a higher education-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, college mentoring or access to resources – for themselves and their families.

As your representative you, the people, have voted to place me in Council as your representative. I have an open door policy where many of you have visited with me, hashed out your concerns and, more importantly, worked with me to develop your plans for me to take to Council. I ask that we continue this open dialogue and stay committed to helping our families and Tribal government flourish. Not every plan is viable and not every plan is guaranteed to work, but I believe that as your representative you deserve a person with an open ear who will work with you and your ideas rather than dismissing them. It’s far more powerful for our whole district and that your ideas have dignity and a place to be heard. With me as your representative I can guarantee that I will focus on job creation and economic opportunities; on better access to higher education and improvement for all tribal members; and an open door policy where I will directly and honestly with you to make sure your ideas and solutions have a voice at Council. More importantly, I can guarantee that I will run as your representative and that major decisions that affect all of us will be put before you so that we can all discuss the issues and give me clear directions about how I should vote. I hope that you will consider me, Jack Mattz, to once again be your representative for North District.

Jack Mattz
Our tribe has seen much profitable growth with the businesses that have been established and constructed in the past years. I am interested in being a part of our community growing and succeeding and I wish to help with other proposals for opportunities towards more jobs, education, and economic strength to our Tribe.

At this time we are experiencing a severe water drought and our rivers are being choked with algae and pollutants. Being stewards to our community, culture, and livelihood I wish to stress the importance of finding solutions along with bringing awareness to our Nation about the severity of the life of the Salmon and other Aquatic life in the rivers, streams and estuary that sustain life to our birds, mammals, and our people. This is a rippling effect and if no resolution is made, it may become catastrophic. Let’s not have a repeat of 2002 fish kill.

I also believe that equal opportunity needs to be rectified. I have seen many families and elders in need, neglected. I would also like to see our Tribal members receive the proper training and education to be employed as supervisors, directors, and specialists. Not the middlemen nor the lower employee in the chain of command. We need to stand up and make a new name for us. No more stereo types, or poor representations. I agree with the statement that was said on the radio about our people being artists, musicians, storytellers, teachers, healers, and builders, we are an embodiment of good.

If you elect me as your North District Representative, I will serve this community and my fellow Tribal members with great pride and dignity. Our needs change over time, but right now, as of today, the top priority is education. It the most precious and valuable resource a person can have. Another concern is our environment, our elders, and our economy. Vote Charity Miller for North District, and you’ll be voting a promising new future for the Yurok Tribe and it’s members.

I will demonstrate the oath to solemnly swear that I will uphold and defend the Constitution, Sovereignty and Traditions of the Yurok Tribe, and I will perform the duties of my office with honesty and fidelity. I further affirm that I will devote my best efforts to help the Yurok Tribe achieve its objectives as stated in the preamble of its Constitution.

I ask you to cast your vote for me on Oct. 8, lets strive for a brighter future.
Wok-hlew
Charity Miller

LEWIS NOVA

Hello North District Members,

My name is Lewis Nova, and I have lived in the North District for the last 25 years. As a child, I lived and grew up in the Klamath Glen. My parents are the late Lewis and Delores Nova. I have four brothers and one sister. Some of them are current Yurok Tribal employees.

I am a teacher at Castle Rock Charter School and an Independent Insurance Agent. I have worked at the middle school, high school, alternative education, Adult Ed Program and Vocational Education for 25 years. I have been an Insurance Agent the last 14 years. I had large and small groups, and individual clients in Shasta, Humboldt, and Del Norte Counties.

For the last 25+ years, I have worked with people and businesses to better their lives mainly in Del Norte County. Current situations have made it possible for me to make a commitment to helping my tribe. I know that my professional and business background will be an asset for this position. Accountability, Business, and Children are the areas I wish to address first.

Accountable to you—the North District—is my promise. To me this position is the extension of your voice. Topics will be discussed; decisions will be made; and people will not be happy with all those decisions. I am accountable to the decisions that the majority feels will better the North District and the tribe.
Business adventures will better prepare the Yurok Tribe to be more self-sufficient. It was great to hear our Tribal Chairman say that our current businesses are successful. I was a member of the Economical Committee that oversaw the construction and implementation of Pem-Mey Fuel Mart. I will be accountable to you that our businesses are profitable and job opportunities grow.

Children and education go hand in hand. We have programs that guide our students through school, but we need to increase the light at the end of the tunnel. They may all not be comfortable with traditional school; we have alternative education schools. They may all not be college-bound. We need to have quality Vocational Education Programs in place to ensure options for success.

In the past I worked with 10 students and partnered with Yurok Housing Authority to complete a handicapped ramp and wood shed. Now I supervise Castle Rock students and work side by side with Del Norte H.S. students to complete a house. I introduced an introductory Culinary Arts course and look to increase the program this next semester. This course will also certify the students in Food Preparation. Hospitality, office skills, and small engine repair are other careers that will increase the light at the end of the tunnel. Every student will have a set pathway to success.

I do not have access to your addresses or phone numbers. Please contact me so we can explore other options to better prepare for the future. If you feel I will address these issues, listen to your concerns, and be your voice, then vote for me on October 8th 2014.

Thank you,
Lewis Nova
Cell (707) 218-8322

Kues son’ ‘ne-too’mar, I come from the village’s of Waukell, Pec-wan and Big Lagoon. My parents are Bruce and Fern (Charles) Bates, grandparents, Robert and Ada (Waukell) Charles, greats, Harry Pecwan Waukell and Nettie Harry Waukell. I am a father, grandfather and soon to be great grandfather. I am involved in our traditional ceremonies, and still keep abreast of the modern challenges. I have a strong connection with the community, and all the people that create this community. With your help I will be the next Requa representative.

I am certified as an alcohol and drug counselor, probation officer, batter’s intervention facilitator, mediator, as well as positive Indian parent, strengthening families facilitator. Listening to people and the different ideas that are out there helps to make informed decisions. One of my biggest strengths is my communication skills, with which, would be a benefit on council.

I have been working with the Yurok Tribal Courts for the past four years, in this capacity I have had the privilege of assisting many of our tribal members with their daily struggles.

I try to stay away from promises, although, I do have a couple that I can assure you, I am a honest person, hard worker and out spoken, good qualities for a representative. I look forward to serving you, our district, and our Tribe. The power of change is up to “you” please come out and Vote for Ronald Bates on Oct. 8th

Wakh-lew’
Ronald Bates
Hello, my name is David L. Gensaw Sr., candidate for Requa District Representative to the Tribal Council of the Yurok Tribe. I am the current Requa District Representative. My father is awok William Gensaw II from Requa Village and my mother is Alma (Nova) Gensaw from Moreck Village. My grandparents were Bill and Bell Gensaw. I am 59 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 to all Yurok families. 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 college in order to understand how to protect or assert our sovereignty and expand our homelands. As your representative, I have used this knowledge to fight outside the tribe for our land, river and our salmon. I have 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**
  - Tribal Council needs a **LEADER** with **VISION** who will **LISTEN** to all the people and **ACT** in their best interests.
  - 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 knowledgeable tribal 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**
  - The dams must come down on time.
  - We mustn’t give away the water that our salmon need.
  - I voted against the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement and the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Act, not that 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 must go out to a referendum so the people can decide!

- **LAND**
  - Maintain land acquisition activities without waiving our tribal sovereignty.
  - As Requa District Councilman, I have helped make sure we paid in full all our timber properties, and I have participated in the purchase of the Weitchpec, Pekwan and Kepel lands. I have been working toward buying our sacred Blue Creek Watershed.

- **SOCIAL SERVICES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING**
  - Elder outreach and assistance programs.
  - More responsive health and nutrition services.
  - Make sure Social Services and TANF respond to tribal member needs.
  - Provide cultural activities.
  - More opportunities to volunteer.
  - Made Sure Pem-Mey is making profit.
  - Oversaw purchases of major businesses in Klamath.
  - Oversaw construction of the new Hotel, which is now doing well.
- Get Tribal Council out of economic development and housing activities.
- Listen to the tribal membership’s concerns and comments when council sends the Ordinances out for public hearings.
- Obtain more funding for K-12 education and vocational education.
  - All levels of education should be available for all who want it.
  - Our people must be given the opportunity to rise above poverty.
- As a current Council representative, I have an open-door policy and provide assistance for individuals in navigating tribal programs.

The Casino, on the other hand, continues to be a problem. You did not want it and I did not vote for it, but will now do my best to see that it succeeds, so the money we have invested in it is not wasted.

I will continue to have district meetings and 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 my 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. PLEASE VOTE!

David L. Gensaw Sr.

---

**RYAN RAY**

My name is Ryan Ray Sr and I am running for Requa District council member for the Yurok Tribe. I was raised in Klamath my entire life, love fishing, eeling and spending time with my family. I am very aware if the perks and downs falls of the community and hope to get the chance to try and improve our community. I have four children and another on the way. I enjoy taking them to our culture activities such as the brush dance, jump dance, salmon festival among other activities. It is very important to teach our youth our heritage to keep it alive and going. Some of my ideas to improve our community are as follows:

First, providing youth activities within our community is very important. In order to better our community and keep our children out of trouble and away from drugs we need to provide an alternative. In March I began softball practices at the Klamath baseball field open to all ages of youth interested in participating. At the first practice 23 youth showed up. However, at that time we had very limited equipment. Since then I have purchased and gathered enough equipment for two teams, including the catcher’s safety gear and cleats for those unable to obtain our own. I am planning a co-ed softball tournament for the youth following the salmon festival. Also, I am preparing-gathering equipment to begin football practices in Klamath. It is my goal to provide sports in Klamath for each sport season. A recreation building would also greatly benefit our youth in the future too, hopefully providing a computer lab, tutoring, counseling to those in need, mentoring and an indoor gym. Incentives are needed for all our tribal member youth to be active and productive with their education.

Next, more support for drug and alcohol recovery. I feel tribal members need more support when immediately completing rehab and returning home. Upon returning to environment where using drugs and alcohol chances for relapse are higher because it is very stressful trying to obtain a job and housing. So assistance with transportation, application, and meetings to stay clean would benefit to avoid relapse. In the future consideration of an aftercare home located in Klamath would be great. This helps adjust and make stronger being back in the community. While participating in aftercare, recovering addict can get
MEKIILA PETERMAN

Aiy-yu-kwee’ my name is Mekiila Peterman I am running for council in the Requa District. I don’t know a lot about this area I just moved here 1 year ago. What I have experienced here is nice everyone here is practically related to me and each other, the community seems to work together like one big family. Since I have moved here I have taken a ceremonial dress making class, I have learned how to catch Salmon in a net, I tried to weave bear grass that was hard and I am still trying to perfect crocheting the tribal hats everyone wears. I work for the tribes Watershed department now, and I used to be the secretary at the front desk at the Tribal office for six months, that’s where I got to meet a lot of you. I am determined to make the peoples voices heard; I think we should have open council meetings at all times, why not? I believe that the tribe as a whole needs to be more informed about opportunity’s and services available to them and their children.

Wok-hlaw’

Mekiila ✿

assistance obtaining job, and save money for housing. As well as continued meeting, groups, and other positive support from own community. I personally started a NA meeting every Wednesday.

Another part of the tribe that needs more attention is our elders. Our entire culture-heritage begins with our elders experience and knowledge. Therefore, they need to be acknowledged and heard more. Also, many of our elderly are disabled and in need of assistance of homecare. A youth program to assist our elders with basic homecare-like chopping and carrying in wood, mowing yards, basic home clean-ups-would benefit both our elders and youth. Our elderly would benefit from the help, and youth by the financial assistance. At the same time, our youth would be interacting with our elders, and learn from the experience.

Finally, treating and assisting ALL tribal members equally is a major priority. Many tribal members feel “left out” or receive less than other tribal members. For instance, tribal members that live off reservation or out of state, do not qualify for some programs offered on the reservation. Keeping all tribal members informed of all tribal activities is important also.

These are just a few ideas to help make our tribe stronger and more connected. If elected for the Requa District Council Member, I can assure to work my hardest to improve our tribe as a whole, making it stronger. I will listen to ALL tribal member concerns when addressed and do my best to assist them to the very best of my ability. I will be the voice for our people to making our community more productive for all our people.

Thank you for your time and support! ✿
Victor Knight for Weitchpec District Representative, Yurok Tribal Council

Other candidates may promise you the world. I promise you that I will be open, accountable, and to do my very best to represent you on our Tribal Council. I will keep an open mind and look for solutions to the difficult challenges that face us as a people. Most importantly, I will listen to you—all of you—and your concerns and represent you in Council.

I can do a good job for our Weitchpec district. I am the grandson of Rachel Knight, one of the first advocates for our people, and I have inherited her passion for improving conditions for our tribe. I am a lifelong resident of Weitchpec and I love it here. I’m very proud to be a small business owner—V&P Services, Inc.—and to be able to work where I live and live where I work. I’d like to help other tribal members develop small businesses and I think that should be a priority for our Council.

I get along well with everyone around me and I am not partial to any one group or family in the district. I
look forward to working with folks outside our area and with different opinions and backgrounds as we look for solutions to the problems of the Klamath River and our fish. I can sit down at the table with anyone and work for a solution.

Weitchpec and the rest of the tribal area need jobs. We need good jobs that benefit our whole community and that allow us to develop as we want to develop. Thousands of acres of forestland have recently been restored to us. It will be very important to everyone that we figure out how to manage these lands carefully and sustainably to benefit all tribal members. We need to be realistic as we expand our forestry program and learn as we go. We can also expand our fire management and fire science. There is a lot of traditional knowledge and customs regarding fire that can be applied now to reduce fire danger for residents of the district and to improve the health of our forests. We can employ more of our young people as firefighters but also as fire practitioners, people who know how to use fire wisely.

All of our people are proud of our heritage, our language, our ceremonies, and our traditions of fishing, gathering, and hunting. We need to do more to preserve our culture and promote participation among our young people.

VOTE FOR VICTOR ON OCTOBER 8! ✩

Primary Election - October 8, 2014
Runoff Election - November 5, 2014

Aie-ee-kwee Weitchpec District Voters. My name is Rob L. Kinney, Jr. and I’m the villages of Weitspus, Pecta and Erhlerger. I am honored to be running for the Weitchpec Council representative position. I’m committed to gaining more services and programs that our Weitchpec community deserves. Our community has come a long way since we have become an organized tribe but I want to work to continue to improve our legal, political, social and cultural lives. As your representative, I plan to continue my career in serving our tribal people and the needs in an excellent and respectful manner. The three assets I bring to this position included, Reliability, Cultural Restoration, and Experience.

I truly believe that I bring valuable skills sets to serve as your tribal leader. The ability to solve problems, communicate effectively and comprehend and resolve complex policy issues is my strengths. For example, my valuable military experience as a Sergeant in the United States Air Force provided me the ability to act effectively as a leader.

I learned how to be a reliable team member when I was in the United States Air Force for four years. I served in Southeast Asia for a year during the Vietnam War. I taught pilots how to use their survival gear in an emergency situation such as being shot down in combat. Crew members depended on my expertise for their survival.
radios, parachutes, food and water to be ready for them in time of need. I also taught at a Sea and Jungle Survival school for three years before I received an Honorable Discharge with the rank of Sergeant. Additionally, my thirty year career in public education has given me the diversity and flexibility in working with other teachers to service children and their families.

As the Weitchpec Council representative, I will strongly promote Yurok cultural values including the use of Yurok Language and support for our ceremonies. The Yurok Tribe is a leader in protecting our cultural way of life as well as the natural resources that we are blessed to have. In today’s world of technology, Yurok members need to use every source of communication to learn about our culture. The Weitchpec Yurok Magnet School is a prime example of how to develop partnerships with other agencies to help us to keep our heritage strong. Young people and elders could form partnerships on a continuous basis in after-school programs or in weekend emersion workshops. As the Council representative, I will work diligently to see an increased amount of resources to support elders, parents and young people in their efforts in learning and teaching our values and beliefs. Furthermore, I encourage that we continue to build our professional capabilities and capacity of Yurok work force to provide for our tribal communities. Our values and identity as a people are rooted in our culture.

I have been involved in tribal affairs for many years. While attending college, I travelled to Weitchpec and Klamath to advocate for our fishing rights during the SalmonWars, I actively participated to secure the inherent legal rights fought for in the Jessie Short case litigation and have continued to be a strong supporter of building our tribal economy. My educational background also prepared me when I worked in the California’s Governor’s office. During these times and I worked to secure legislation to refinance the California Indian Rural Health program of 2.5 million dollars. I have also had the honor to serve as a delegate to the White House Indian Education Summit in Washington D.C. to secure funding for Indian education in California and nationwide.

My Council priorities are:
- Protect our Natural resources and culture
- Increase services for our district and community
- Support and increase services for Yurok Veterans and their families
- Promote education and vocational excellence
- Support and Improve Elder services
- Develop and implement Business Plans for Weitchpec and upper reservation

I am highly qualified with the professional experience to help the tribe to move in the right direction as the Weitchpec Council representative. My education, work ethic and experience have prepared me to be a strong tribal leader. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Yurok people and your vote. Thank you.

THOMAS WILLSON, SR.
No Statement Submitted

ALICE CHENAUFT
No Statement Submitted

GET UP AND VOTE
Primary Election - October 8, 2014
Runoff Election - November 5, 2014
The Yurok Tribe recently broke ground on the new Yurok Justice Center. The new Justice Center is being built next to the main tribal office in Klamath.