YUROK TRIBE

PRIMARY ELECTION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019

DRAFT SAMPLE BALLOT
AND
VOTER INFORMATION
PAMPHLET

NOTICE:
APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT ENCLOSED
(ONLY IF YOU HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED ONE)

[Last date to request an Absentee Ballot by mail is September 26, 2019; last day to pick up Absentee Ballot in office is October 8, 2019]

Compiled and distributed by the Yurok Election Board

THE LOCATION OF YOUR
POLLING PLACE
IS SHOWN ON THE BACK COVER

POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 8:00AM AND CLOSE AT 7:00PM
SAVE THIS SAMPLE BALLOT TO HELP YOU LOCATE
YOUR VOTING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

Each Ballot will include the names of the Candidates for all open offices: District Council Representative in this election. You may vote for one candidate for each office on the ballot. Voting for more than one candidate for the same office invalidates that vote. Remember that no write-in candidates will be allowed in this election, and that marking your ballot in any form other than described herein could invalidate the entire ballot.

Each Ballot will include a brief summary of the legislative measures proposed in this election. You may vote YES or NO for each legislative measure listed in this ballot. Voting both YES and NO for the same legislative measure invalidates that vote. Remember that no write-in edits or alternatives will be allowed in this election, and that marking your ballot in any form other than described herein could invalidate the entire ballot.

To vote on the ballot use the marking items provided by the Elections Board to mark the voting arrow of your choice. All other distinguishing marks or erasures are prohibited and may void the ballot.

If you make an error in marking the ballot, or tear or deface it, return it to the Polling Official and obtain another.

Absentee Ballots must be marked with a __________. Remember that Absentee Ballots can be mailed or on election day they can be dropped off at any Yurok Polling Location.

HOW TO VOTE YOUR BALLOT

STEP 1

Place the Ballot on a flat surface and, using the special pen provided, complete the arrow by the candidate of your choice for Council Representative.

STEP 2

INSPECT the Ballot and make sure that there are no other marks on the voted Ballot and that you complete the arrow like this:

STEP 3

After voting and inspecting the Ballot, place it in the special envelope provided. Return the envelope to the District Polling Official designated.
# Sample Ballot

**Yurok Tribe**  
**Official Ballot**  
**Initial Primary Election**  

**October 9, 2019**

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**End of Ballot**
SAMPLE BALLOT

YUROK TRIBE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
INITIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

OCTOBER 9, 2019

Council South District
Vote for One

NAME ____________________________

NAME ____________________________
Occupation

NAME ____________________________
Occupation

END OF BALLOT
End of Candidate’s Statements for Council South District
SAMPLE BALLOT

YUROK TRIBE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
INITIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

OCTOBER 9, 2019

Council Pecwan District
Vote for One

NAME ____________________________
Occupation

NAME ____________________________
Occupation

NAME ____________________________
Occupation

END OF BALLOT
End of Candidate’s Statements for Council Pecwan District
SAMPLE BALLOT

YUROK TRIBE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
INITIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

OCTOBER 9, 2019

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES
Please Vote Yes or No for each Referendum

REFERENDUM #1 – STAGGERED TERMS

“Article III, Section 3(a) - Terms of Office – to add an amendment that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall not be elected in the same year, with the exception of filling a vacant position under section 10.”

A vote “Yes” means to stagger the terms of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson so that they will not be elected in the same election year. This would take effect in the next Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Election, with a One-Time 4 year term to the elected Chairperson and a 3 year term to the elected Vice-Chairperson.

A vote “No” keeps the terms of office unchanged.

Yes ☐
No ☐

REFERENDUM #2 – ELECTION SCHEDULE AMENDMENT

“Article III, Section 8, - Primary Election, and Article III, Section 9-Run Off Election – to amend the Primary Election date from October to April of Each year and to amend the Run-Off Election date from November to June of each year.”

A vote “Yes” means that the new Election schedule would be changed from the Fall to a Spring Election each year.

A vote “No” means that there would be no change to the Election Schedule.

Yes ☐
No ☐
REFERENDUM #3 – LAND ASSIGNMENT/ LEASE AMENDMENT

“Article IV, Section 5(h) – amend the ability of the Tribe to assign or lease Tribal land for up to 50 years without a referendum vote.”

A vote “Yes” means that the tribe could approve a land assignment or lease tribal lands for a period up to 50 years.

A vote “No” means that the tribe can only approve land assignments or lease land for a period up to 20 years.

END OF BALLOT
INFORMATION ABOUT REFERENDUMS

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A vote “Yes” means to stagger the terms of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson so that they will not be elected in the same election year. This would take effect in the next Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Election.

Text of Changes (underlining shows additions, strikethrough shows deletions)

Article III
Section 3- Terms of Office
A) The terms of office for the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and the Council Members shall be three (3) years, except that in the first election, the terms of office for Council Members shall be staggered and determined as follows:
1) The candidate receiving the highest percentage of votes in his/her District shall be elected for a three (3) year term;
2) The candidates receiving the second, third and fourth highest percentages of the votes in their respective districts shall be elected for two (2) year terms;
3) The remaining three (3) candidates shall be elected for one (1) year terms;
4) In the event of a tie among or between the candidates who, by reason of the percentage of the votes received in the candidates; respective districts, would be entitled to serve an initial term of more than one (1) year; any such tie shall be broken by the tied candidates drawing of lots to determine which candidates shall be entitled to serve an initial term of more than one year.
5) Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall not be elected in the same year, with the exception of filling a vacant position under Section 10.
**Intent**

The Purpose of this Referendum is to propose a change to ensure that the two highest positions on Council are not elected in the same Election Year.

If passed, this referendum would take effect in the next Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Election. Meaning, the Chairperson to be elected would serve a one time four (4) year term and thereafter the next Chairperson election would be a three (3) year term.

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**Examples of the Election Schedule by Years (If Passed):**

2019: South, East, and Pecwan Districts  
2020: North, Requa, and Weitchpec Districts  
2021: Chairperson (4 year term), Vice-Chairperson (3 year term), and Orick District  
2022: South, East, and Pecwan Districts  
2023: North, Requa, and Weitchpec Districts  
2024: Vice-Chairperson, and Orick District  
2025: Chairperson (3 year term), South, East, and Pecwan Districts  
2026: North, Requa, and Weitchpec Districts  
2027: Vice-Chairperson and Orick District

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**PROS AND CONS**

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| 1. Both Positions would not be elected in the same year.  
2. It would help continuity of the government.  
3. Opportunity for Council to add Referendums more often to the ballot when there is a Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson Election, allowing more tribal voters voices to be heard. | 1. 4 Council election in one year, 3 Council election the next year, and 2 the year after.  
2. Adding a 1 year term one time to an existing 3 year term.  
3. Additional funding for elections.  
4. No ability to run as a ticket. |

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A vote “Yes” means that the new Election schedule would be changed from the Fall to a Spring Election each year.

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Article III
Section 8 – Primary Election
A primary election shall be conducted in October April of each year, for each office that the term us to expire. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Absentee ballots shall be available upon written request by eligible voters and mailed in a timely manner to such voters. Those running for office who receive more than 50 percent of the ballots cast for the office shall be elected.

Section 9-Run-Off Election
When positions remain unfilled after the primary election, then a run-off election shall be conducted in November June following the primary election. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Absentee ballots shall be available upon written request by eligible voters and mailed in a timely manner to such voters. The run-off shall be between the two candidates receiving the most votes in the primary election. The candidate receiving the most votes in the run-off election for each position shall be elected.

Intent
The purpose of this amendment is to set the Election Schedule from a fall Election to a Spring Election, thus allowing adequate time for mail ballots to be returned and received as well as campaigning beginning in the new year and ending before the start of traditional ceremony season.

If Passed
The New Election Schedule would be set. The Fall 2020 Election would be moved to the Spring in 2021. The current Council Members would be extended by six (6) months in order to set the new schedule for Spring.
Example of a Spring Election Schedule (Draft)

YUROK TRIBE
2021 ELECTION SCHEDULE

APRIL 14, 2021   PRIMARY ELECTION
JUNE 9, 2021     RUNOFF ELECTION

JANUARY 1 (8:30AM)   FIRST DAY TO ISSUE NOMINATION PAPERS FOR COUNCIL OFFICE
JANUARY 14 (5:00PM)  LAST DAY TO REGISTER WHEN MOVING INTO A DIFFERENT DISTRICT (90 DAYS)
FEBRUARY 5 (5:00PM)  LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINATION PAPERS
FEBRUARY 15 (5:00PM) LAST DAY TO FILE INITIATIVE(S)
FEBRUARY 15         PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ELECTION (62 DAYS)
FEBRUARY 19 (5:00PM) LAST DAY TO RECEIVE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR THE SAMPLE BALLOT (250 words) AND NEWSLETTER (750 words)
MARCH 1              LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR PRIMARY ELECTION (45 DAYS)
MARCH 2-4            ELECTION BOARD CERTIFICATION OF NEW REGISTRANTS
MARCH 5              MAIL OUT SAMPLE BALLOTS TO REGISTERED VOTERS (40 DAYS)
MARCH 8              MAILING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS (37 DAYS)
MARCH 31             LAST DAY TO RECEIVE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST BY MAIL (14 DAYS)
APRIL 13             LAST DAY TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOT IN OFFICE (1 DAY)
APRIL 14, 2021       PRIMARY ELECTION
MAY 26               LAST DAY TO RECEIVE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST BY MAIL FOR RUN OFF (14 DAYS) ONLY IF YOU DID NOT REQUEST AN ABSENTEE FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION
APRIL 26             MAILING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR RUN OFF (44 DAYS)
JUNE 8               LAST DAY TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOT IN OFFICE FOR RUN OFF (1 DAY)
JUNE 9, 2021         RUNOFF ELECTION

2021 VOTING DISTRICTS
NORTH, REQUA, AND WEITCHPEC DISTRICTS
## PROS AND CONS

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<td>2. Not during the holiday season</td>
<td>2. Would extend 3 current Council members for 2020 election by 6 months</td>
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<td>4. More Time for Voters to receive and return their ballots</td>
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<td>5. Members won’t confuse our election and the State election dates.</td>
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END OF REFERENDUM #2
REFERENDUM #3-LAND ASSIGNMENT/LEASE AMENDMENT

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Article IV
Section 5 – Yurok Tribal Council
(h) The Yurok Tribal Council shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Tribe to acquire, lease, assign, and manage all tribal property, but shall not sell any tribal land, nor lease tribal land for a period of 20 50 years or more, unless approved by a referendum submitted to the voting membership pursuant to Article XI.

Intent
The purpose of this referendum is:

(1) To enable holders of land assignments to qualify for conventional loans for housing. Currently land assignments are limited to 19 years- most conventional home loans are for a 30-40 year term.
(2) Allow more tribal members to acquire housing on tribal land using a conventional home loan.
(3) Gives the ability to tribal members to lease tribal land for economic development opportunities.

Description
The main benefits to extending the lease term will be seen by Yurok Tribal members that hold residential lease assignments. Currently, the terms of the assignments are only 19 years. The 19-year term limits the ability of the assignment holder to get a loan for improvements on the land. Permitting an extended term of 50 years would allow the holder to qualify for different loans on the property. This change might attract business partners to the reservation and encourage other economic development.

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<td>2. Increase investment in local communities</td>
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<td>3. Stabilize housing assignments for a longer period of time.</td>
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Yurok Tribal Election Board
Cynthia Bones – South; Chair and Registrar, Gladys Donahue - North; Gracie Pasalich - East;
John Wolfe - Orick; Sherry O’Rourke - Weitchpec; Fern Bates - Requa;
Lana Crutchfield - Pecwan

TAKE THIS SAMPLE BALLOT TO YOUR POLLING PLACE FOR REFERENCE

NOTICE
If for any reason you will be unable to vote in person on Election Day, and you have not yet requested an absentee ballot, promptly complete and sign the enclosed application for an Absentee Voter Ballot and return to:

Yurok Tribal Election Department, PO Box 1027, Klamath, CA 95548
Your application must reach the Election Clerk by September 20, 2012. For further information call:

(707) 482-1350

POLLS OPEN AT 8:00 AM AND CLOSE AT 7:00 PM
FOR POLL VOTING YOU MUST VOTE AT YOUR DISTRICT POLLING LOCATION:
Name: __________________________________________________________________________ Birthdate: ______________

Please Print Last First Middle

Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________________

City: ________________ State: ______ Zip: ______________

Phone #: ( )

Residence Location (NO PO Box Numbers):
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

If you are not currently a resident of an established voting district (i.e., you live out of the area, and you DO NOT live in Humboldt or Del Norte County) please select one of the following districts in which to vote: North South East (circle one)

I, __________________________________, hereby certify that I am a member of the Yurok Tribe and that I am / am not (circle one) a member of another federally recognized tribe. Name of other tribe (If applicable): ______________________________________________

NOTICE: No person who is a member of any other federally recognized tribe shall qualify for membership or remain in the Yurok Tribe unless he/she has relinquished, in writing, their membership in such other tribe pursuant to Article II, Section 4.b. of the Yurok Constitution. To qualify and vote in this election, you must submit written verification of disenrollment in the other federally recognized tribe.

Completion and return of this form is necessary to qualify and vote in the coming election. This form will be used by the Election Board and Tribal Registrar of Voters to determine whether you are eligible to have your name placed on the official Voter Registration List and entitled to receive a ballot. Your signature and certification will be used to verify your eligibility at the designated polling place in your assigned district.

_____________________________ __________________________
Signature Date

****ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST****

I hereby request an Absentee Ballot be mailed to my current address on file.

_____________________________ __________________________
Signature Date

I request to be a permanent Absentee Voter: ☐

Return completed form by mail or in person to: Yurok Tribe - Elections
PO Box 1027 190 Klamath Blvd
Klamath, CA 95548