VOTER INFORMATION

Ted Ferry Civic Center
888 Venetia Ave

Monday
January 18th, 2021

8:00am - 8:00pm

We will be practicing social distancing and a mask must be worn.
KIC TRIBAL COUNCIL

(3) Three Year Seats

KIC ADVISORY HEALTH BOARD

(2) Two Year Seats

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

Must be a duly enrolled Member.
Must be age of 18 years by 01/18/2021.
Must have current mailing address on file with the Enrollment Office.
Please bring government issued I.D.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS

Deadline to submit Absentee/Early voting ballot request 01/04/2021 at 12:00PM
To avoid the spread of COVID-19 we recommend early voting. A flyer will be sent out with instructions on how to vote early when the ballots are ready.

ELDERS & DISABLED

Transportation has been made available for Elders and for people who have disabilities.
Please Contact: (907) 247-RIDE (247-7433)

PRIZES

(1) $500 Gift Card to A&P
(1) $500 Gift Card to Petro Marine
(6) $75 Gift Cards from Local Businesses

For Questions or Comments Please Contact

Tribal Council Executive Assistants | 907.228.4900
Under the 2017 KIC Amended and Restated Constitution, Section 5.2 Spoiled Ballots: An Eligible Voter may cast one vote per open Tribal Council seat. If an Eligible Voter votes for more Candidates than there are seats open, or casts more than one vote for the same Candidate, the Eligible Voter's entire ballot shall be considered spoiled and shall not be counted.

Instructions:
One vote casted for each candidate must be clearly marked in the box in front of the candidate's name.
- If a voter casts votes for more than three candidates or has extraneous markings, the Election Official will declare that voter's ballot “invalid” and it will not be counted.
- If a voter mistakenly marks a ballot, the voter may return the ballot to the Election Official who will destroy it in the presence of the voter and give the voter another ballot.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES FOR THREE OPEN SEATS
One vote per candidate is allowed and no more than three candidates, by clearly filling the oval. The three candidates receiving the most votes will be seated on the Tribal Council for three (3) year terms.

☐ Gloria Burns
☐ Charles (Chas) Edwardson
☐ Marcie Fields
☐ Trixie Bennett
☐ Trina Arnold
☐ Joseph Reeves
☐ Carrie L. Dodson (James)
☐ (Write-in)
☐ (Write-in)
☐ (Write-in)

ADVISORY HEALTH BOARD CANDIDATES FOR TWO OPEN SEATS
One vote per candidate is allowed and no more than two candidates, by clearly filling the oval. The two candidates receiving the most votes will be seated for two (2) year terms.

☐ Amber Williams-Baldwin
☐ Rushcelle "Pebbles" Hull
☐ (Write-in)
☐ (Write-in)
TRIBAL COUNCIL & ADVISORY HEALTH BOARD

Candidates
My name is Gloria Burns, I am the granddaughter of Delores Churchill and the daughter of Holly Churchill, we are Haida from the traditional family of Git’ans from the Point House. I was born, raised and have lived my entire life in this very community. Honoring our way of life, through the arts, dance, and connection to family. I am a proud KIC citizen and it has been an honor to serve you as a Council Woman. While on council I have served as the chair of every committee at least once as well as Treasurer and as the Secretary. I actively participate and engage in all committees. I have been leading the Haida Descendants Dance group for 22 years and have been actively and effectively advocating for increased tribal services and funding at the national, state, and local level. I attended UAS with classes focused on elementary education. My education in dance and weaving has come traditionally from my family who are artistically rooted. My professional career has been focused on social justice and advocacy. Prior employment included working with WISH, where I worked my way up from entry level to management. I have been blessed with a traditional upbringing; surrounded by mentors that teach, lead and hold me up. Haw’aa for all the support.

I am running for Tribal Council because I love and believe in our people. It has been my honor to serve on Tribal Council accumulatively for three terms. I am a fierce advocate and bring all of my knowledge and abilities to the table when I am working on your behalf. I continuously seek feedback and strive to share information about what is happening, this year has been difficult and Covid has presented some unique challenges but I have focused on making sure that my time and attention is spent on ways to provide for and keep us all safe. To be an elected official carries great honor and heavy responsibilities; I have the time, commitment, dedication and passion to listen and to work hard for all of you and our future. I believe in all who serve staying grounded
in remembering that we are all one; no one better or worse than each other. I fight hard for consistency, fairness, and equity for us all, within KIC and externally in the community at large. I ask each of you to get in touch with me to discuss your thoughts and concerns. I would be greatly honored to use my knowledge and experience and what I learn from you, into this next election term. I ask you for your vote and encourage you to check out my face book page, Re-Elect Gloria Burns to Ketchikan Indian Community Tribal Council 2021 to learn more of what has been done during my current term on your behalf and how I have worked hard to share information. If elected I will focus on bringing long standing plans and projects to completion while infusing the traditional value of respect into every aspect the tribe.
My name is Yaahl Sgwáansang (Charles Edwardson). My Grandparents were Robert and Nora Cogo. My mother is Verna Edwardson. I am Haida Double fin Killer Whale. My wife Timi and I have been together for 38 years. We have 4 daughters and 3 grandchildren who are all lifelong members of Ketchikan Indian Community.

I hope to continue to serve as a Ketchikan Indian community tribal council member.

I previously served in years past two consecutive terms, and most recently was appointed to a vacated seat by the current tribal council.

I am seeking your support for reelection.

I believe KIC is in a unique position with our funding sources and experience with workforce development to thrive in Economic development through workforce development.

If I was fortunate enough to be elected for this next term I want to strengthen post-secondary education with a strong emphasis on Vocational training as a strategic goal of our tribe.

The specific jobs that are available in our area, which include the construction industry, health care providers, nurses etc.

Are in demand and have endured through these troubling times and have historically endured through tough times in the past.

Only through strong economic independence will our tribe and tribal members achieve our shared goals.
As a Ketchikan Indian community tribal council member I can help in policy making decisions to help steer KIC into the future with strong Economic development strategies, and the development of a workforce of tribal members trained in the certain fields that are identified in our economic development endeavors as a tribe.

Putting our own people to work on our projects and in our clinic should and will be a tribal priority.

Through strong economic independence as a tribe and as individual tribal members we can together strengthen our Tribe into the future.

Family – Community – Culture
Questions? contact me: 254-9000
Hello fellow tribal members! My name is Marcie Fields and I would love to serve as your newest Tribal Council Member. My maternal grandmother was Pauline Peratrovich, and my mother was Barbara Fields. I have lived on Prince of Wales Island, and Anchorage. I made my home in Ketchikan. I graduated from Juneau Douglas High School. I pursued my AAS in Human Services from the University of Alaska Anchorage because I want to serve people, most of all, my tribe. I have worked as a Case Manager for KIC Social Services and a Patient Advocate for KIC Health Clinic. I have had the privilege to serve on the Saxman IRA Council last Fall. I was able to work with some great leaders during that time. It inspired me to want more for our people and to continue serving my community.

I believe the education of our youth is important, as we build our next generation of leaders for our community. Our youth need to have strong advocates willing to speak to their needs. We need to build a strong foundation for them as they grow and progress into our new leaders. My next concern is for our leadership. There has been a lot of inconsistency of leadership. I have witnessed many changes in such a short amount of time within Ketchikan Indian Corporation. This does not create a functioning work environment nor a cohesive work environment. I would like to become a part of building a great work environment for all employees, building a cohesive and functioning workplace. I want to build trust and unity of all of the people who are a part of making KIC function every day. We have to be able to work together to accomplish the goals and aspirations of our tribe.

I also hold dear to me, our culture, language, and subsistence living and resources. Our tribes have an inherent right to resources and a cultural connection to how we’ve gathered these resources throughout the millennia. As a tribe we have a duty to our youth and our elders to preserve and protect our resources. We have to also grow in our development of creating a place where our culture can continue to thrive. We can grow our own resources.
We can continue to build our language programs and hold cultural gatherings to celebrate our songs and dances that have been passed from generations. Celebrate the regalia making skills our youth have built through our educational program! We can do so much more to celebrate our tribes as a united community!

Healthcare and Social Services are an important pursuit of our tribe. We need to be able to properly care for our members and provide consistent care. I feel that we could develop a program worthy of this. There is a desperate need for Substance Abuse treatment and detox facility. If we address this need, we could truly save our future generations by saving the lives in crisis by having these available now. We could train our own members to make this program thrive! Utilize our educational programs to prepare our members to run and facilitate this program! All of this is possible! We have the opportunity. We can close the gaps and be the change that needs to happen right NOW!

All in all, I want to serve YOU and your families. Our community needs a fresh perspective and someone willing to work diligently for the betterment of our membership. If given the chance, I would love to continue my efforts and work together with our council to serve you best.
Trixie Bennett, yoo xát duwasáakw; Yéíl naax xát site; Kaach.ádi áyá xát; Shtax’héen Kwáán áyá xát; Tahltan dachxán áyá xát; Nanyaa.aayi.yadi; Member of the Tlingit Nation originating from Kaalch’al aan. Representative of the yéíl (raven) moiety, the Kaach.ádi (raven frog) clan, and the Shtax’héen Kwáán (Stikine River People); Descendant of the Tahltan Nation; grandchild of the Nanyaa.aayi. Enrolled member of Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska and the Ketchikan Indian Community.

Trixie (Kalkins) Bennett was born and raised in Wrangell, before moving to Ketchikan in 1990. Trixie’s career in native health began in 1994, with a grant program called Seven Circles Coalition where Trixie was inspired by the collaboration between SEARHC and community volunteers. During this time, the KIC assumed management of the clinic and KIC staff were excited to be part of a Tribe who were taking self-governance to a new level. Trixie is a passionate and determined advocate for her people. She has over 20 years’ experience in health care administration and as a patient advocate with KIC. She is considered an expert in healthcare quality management and has participated at both State and National levels to help set public health guidelines and standards for health care improvement. Currently, she attends Alaska Pacific University full time, and will earn a Bachelor’s of Business Administration (management) degree in 2021.

Trixie believes KIC, an outstanding organization with great staff, administration, leadership and potential for growth, is in dire need for a change management process that will ensure KIC is always ready for 21st century business challenges. One area Trixie is especially interested in for KIC, is organizational development (OD). OD programs are essential to 21st century businesses and for healthy Tribes. Organizational development will enable KIC staff to better respond and adapt to changes and technological advances which leads to continuous improvement, increased communication, employee development, service enhancement, and revenues. OD will also lead to increased employee and client/patient satisfaction and retention too.
Since 2018, Trixie changed roles from health care administration to serving as a tribal leader, with organizations such as the KIC and the Southeast Indigenous Transboundary Commission. In those roles, Trixie advocates for clean water and localized economies that support jobs and economies that will not come at the cost of our way of life. Trixie believes it is also the priority for KIC to continue to focus on ways of increasing our people’s access to our traditional foods. Trixie, dubbed as fish egg queen, was instrumental in bringing the ever-growing herring egg giveaway to KIC, where she has coordinated the giveaway of thousands of pounds of herring eggs to our people, over the past few years. The goal is to find a sustainable way to continue to bring herring eggs on branches to the Tribe, with hopes of adding a roe on kelp giveaway in the next year or two. Trixie also believes we need to ensure the survival of our fisheries, and one of the best ways we can do this, is to make sure KIC continues to co-monitor our fisheries and wildlife with the ADF&G and the USFS, to ensure we gain more knowledge and the opportunity to manage our fish and game ourselves, as we have for over 10 thousand years.

Trixie is also developing her knowledge and love of plant medicine and traditional healing. Ever since she was young, Trixie has felt rooted in nature and it is her desire to continue to learn and to share the magic of plants as food and medicine to our people as it is through our way of life, our languages, our foods, our resources, and our ceremonies that our people will continue to achieve health and prosperity. Trixie would like to thank all of her supporters and to let them know it has been the honor of her life to serve KIC and is looking forward to serving the Tribe for many years to come.

Please consider voting Trixie Bennett, for KIC Tribal Council.

Doykshn! Gunalcheesh! Haw’aa!
Hello, I am Trina Arnold (McCamy), I am asking for your support during the 2021 Tribal Council election.

I was born and raised in Ketchikan, Alaska. I am of Haida descent, Raven, double fin Killerwhale. I am one of five children of Joann Barsic (Brouillette) and Butch McCamy and the granddaughter of Dorothy White (Young) from Kasaan, AK and Hank Brouillette from Haines, AK. I am married to Robert Arnold and have one child, Kiera.

I believe in instilling our heritage into our youth. I would like to be a part of strengthening our Tribal memberships opportunity to preserve our culture and traditional practices. As Tribal representatives, we need to ensure that what we do as leaders positively impacts our tribal membership presently and into the future.

In 2018 I was elected to serve as the Alaska Regional Director of The Inlandboatmen’s Union of the Pacific (IBU). This position consists of negotiating contracts with the State of Alaska, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, City of Unalaska and Alaska Nautical. The job also entails negotiating letters of agreements that are outside of the contract, due to unforeseen situations such as COVID. Extensive travel is involved with this position. Traveling to Washington D.C. to meet with other labor unions as well as meeting with our State elected officials. This position includes meeting with the State legislators on a regular basis’s especially when in session.

Developing strong relationships with Union members and the State of Alaska is the foundation of this job. I believe whether in the workplace or in my personal life, building a strong foundation is especially important to build strength and unity. Communicating with Union members whether with emails, phone calls or in person is an important skill that I have been able to acquire.

Before taking the position of the IBU Regional Director, I worked for Alaska Marine Highway System for 12 years.
I would like to be a part of forming and strengthening our membership to learn our culture and traditional practices. Knowing what we do as leaders impacts all our members, whether it is our heritage, our clinic, education and the many other aspects that Ketchikan Indian Community provides to our membership.

My experience as the Regional Director of Alaska Inlandboatmen’s Union of the Pacific (IBU) has given me the opportunity to acquire the ability to represent many people for many different reasons. Giving me the knowledge of how to negotiate and help members to obtain not only what that member is trying to accomplish, but also to represent the members as a whole and seek opportunities for all members.

The following is a list of qualities that I know that I can bring to the Council:

- Honesty and Integrity
- Dependability
- Respect
- Strong work ethic
- Sound judgment
- Professionalism
- Commitment

I have a great deal of respect for the Tribal Council. I believe the position of a Tribal Council member is not to serve their own interests or just the interests of the people that support them, but to serve all the Tribal membership and that is what I intend to do.

I believe trust is essential to any relationship. I will work to gain your trust and work even harder to never lose it.

Haw’aa

Trina K. Arnold
My name is Joseph Reeves, I was born in Ketchikan. I am Taant’a Kwaan (Sea Lion Tribe) Tlingit/Tsimshian and a Eagle/Killer Whale. My parents were Joseph and Esther Reeves, my grandparents were Edward and Anna (Starr) James, great-grandparents were Joseph and Julia (Scott) Starr. I grew up on Woodland Avenue and Deermount Street. I graduated from Kayhi High School in 1968. I served in the U.S. Army from October 1968 through October 1974 (Active/Reserve), receiving an Honorable Discharge. I served in the Vietnam Conflict from September 1969 to June 1971. I am a member of both Ketchikan VFW Post #4352 (Post Commander 6 years) and member of American Legion Post #3. I attended Illinois State University-Midstate / Business Administration (1977). I went to work for the State of Alaska in May 1978 and I retired from the State of Alaska in December 2003. I retired as Deputy Director/Administrative Services Manager of the Alaska Department of Corrections. Other State Departments I worked for included Department of Health and Social Services, Community and Regional Affairs, Transportation and Public Facilities, Environmental Conservation and Public Safety. I returned to Ketchikan June 2005. I am a member of Ketchikan ANB/ANS Camp #14 (Past President); member of Tlingit/Haida of Alaska-Ketchikan; Member of Landless Natives of Ketchikan, Alaska, Inc. (Past President); Past 2nd (former 1st) Vice-President of Southeast Alaska Landless Corporation; and I am a life member of National Rifle Association. I previously served 6 years on KIC Tribal Council (2011-2013 and 2014-2018) and served as KIC Vice President and KIC Treasurer and At-Large Council Member. During my 3 Terms on Tribal Council, I served on KIC’s Executive Committee, Governance, Finance, Housing, Policy and Personnel, Grievance, Education, Enrollment, and Veteran Committees.

I am ready, willing and able to take actions today and tomorrow for our membership as a KIC Tribal Council Member. My life’s work experience and educational training prepared me to tackle the problems and issues facing KIC. I tackle every problem and issue head on, knowing that there are no problems or issues that cannot be answered. Knowing that collectively,
together with other Tribal Council, our experienced and educated Staff Managers, we have or can find the answers. At times, it just seems like we are running in circles, covering the same ground over and over again with little headway. It seems “building capacity” in our Programs is constantly a task we face. However, I’ve witnessed great strides in developing Program Delivery for the betterment of our Tribes Citizens/Members. The normal transitions of Staff Program leadership and medical providers has, at times, challenged our stability in providing basic critical services. Our growing population, our future generations are coming and we need to ensure our KIC Tribal Services are prepared. As a Tribal Council member, I will do my part to help lead our Community’s development to provide solid Policy direction and to provide continual support to our Administration to enable them to succeed. I stand in support of our Constitution, our citizen/membership rights, following KIC Ordinances and Policies adopted. Year 2020 has presented a mountain of challenges that none of us could of imagined, however, we can get through this Health Pandemic. We are a resilient people and will overcome all obstacles together. As a KIC Tribal Elder on Tribal Council, I will work to ensure that our Children, Grandchildren, Elders and all of our Native citizens/members, are provided for in all KIC Tribal Services as best can be. No one will be left behind.

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Education: Business Administration w/Accounting minor University of Alaska Southeast.

Service Work:
- Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand 2nd Vice President (2006)
- Current Vice President Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp #14 member since 2005.
- Current CTHITA Ketchikan Delegate, Judiciary Committee and Violence Against Women Task Force.

Business owner: Ketchikan Home Inspections LLC, Southeast Boat Surveyors, and Tongass Car Rental.

I grew up living a Traditional Way of Life and I still live this lifestyle. I am an active advocate for salmon habitat, our beaches, and protecting our traditional way of living. Cruise ship gray water discharge: is affecting our beaches, testing on our local beaches found high levels of fecal bacteria. When we go to harvest, we sometimes have to travel over 60 miles one-way just to pick clean seaweed. Cruise ship dumpage is unacceptable. Mining: needs to be a major concern to all of us. The KSM mine is located 7 miles inside the BC border in the Unuk Watershed. The mine will be open pit & visible from outer-space. The projected mine life is 52 years with tailings projected to be 2
billion metric tons. It has been about 15 years since the hooligan fishery was closed because of small scale mining pollution on the Unuk river and we stand to lose far more. I have a track record for advocating to protect our pristine waters, rivers and water-sheds.

Drug and alcohol concerns: The epidemic is real and it isn’t going away. We need to be aggressive with our approach dealing with the Opioid & substance abuse threats. A treatment/wellness center will help our tribal members focus on relationships, work, health, and other important family dynamics.

Clinic concerns: “Securing full-time permanent Physicians is one of my goals.” M.D. shortage. As our tribal population is aging the shortage of medical physicians is felt more intensely. Our elders use two-to-three times as many medical services as younger patients, and the number of patients over age 65 will continue to increase. The continuity of care relates to reduced death rates. Affordable housing: is a big issue. Our kids are having families and the cost of housing is at an all-time high. The 34 acres of land the tribe purchased would be ideal to start building affordable housing for our people. This will require ongoing outreach & education of our Tribal members to be successful homeowners.

Our Way of Life: Our languages hold the stories, songs, dances, protocols, family histories and connections. I support building out our programs to protect our culture through language and education. Collaboration with other tribes is vital. I have excellent rapport with other tribal leaders, uniting our voice is paramount.

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is Success!

Howaa’ Gunalcheesh T’oyaxsut ‘nuusm

Carrie L. James-Dodson
Happy wife to US Army veteran Michael Baldwin. We have two boys, Dametre who’s attending college to become a psychologist & lawyer. Our youngest, Dryden, is a high school senior graduating 2 years early.

I was blessed to have known & had all my grandparents in Ketchikan: Bill & Ester Weimer, Red & Irene Williams, who I miss dearly.

I enjoy being an artist: beading, making moccasins, harvesting devils club and making it into salve, soaps, and tea. I have a large garden I enjoy tending with: apples, plums, pears, raspberries etc... It’s important to me to show healthy hobbies the “where and how” good nutritious food comes from and grown, because I was taught to lead by example.

My main job, besides being a supportive mother to our special need’s child, is as a business owner for 10 years now, where I offer quality home rentals. I’m also a wedding commissioner and planner, it’s always an honor to be a part of joyous days. I was also an elementary educator for 5 years. I’ve been an advocate for over a decade with education in: mental health, Autism, ACE’s, various veteran issues, special needs & disability issues, to name a few.

Being self-employed has been hard but lets me stay active in my children’s education, which is even more important now given the trying times we’re in.

Going forward, I’d like to use the lessons 2020 has taught us. Let’s continue offering more tele-health services for those who like it, delivering medications to elders, offering more applications paperless like the Dolly Jensen. Our people have greatly liked these options. We need to find ways to keep them going even when things “get back to normal.”
These last two years I’ve been helping with a lot of policy work, suggesting changes to rules to make things better for our people. There’s still lots policies I’d like to help make better.

Since my first meeting I’ve strongly supported our Behavioral Health Dept. From addiction to depression there is such a great need. It has come a long way from 1.5 employees when I started on the board 4 years ago. I always have champion the services it offers. I heavily support the building of a local inpatient treatment center.

I’ve been an advocate for over 12 years. From the Alaska senate, school board, borough, and even tribal council as a member of the public, on my own time, talking about homelessness to special needs children, and education. Everything impacts our people’s health.

I have the time, knowledge, and passion to continue serving our people. I’m self-employed so my work will never get in the way of serving the tribe. I pride myself on being a hard worker, always the first to volunteer for extra duties. I never want our people to go without the care they need or the respect they deserve in the clinic. I think daily of how we can do better.

I humbly ask for your vote.
My name is Rushcelle Hull but most everyone knows me by my nickname, Pebbles. I am a Haida of the house of Stuts and my clan is Eagle, Beaver, Frog. My grandparents were Bertha Lee & Norman Charles. My parents are David & Roberta Hull. I have twin 15 yr old boys, Nyron & Kordell. My sister is Dawna and she has two children, my nephew Izaiha & niece Zaylee.

Growing up I was exposed to the medical field at an early age. My father was a firefighter, paramedic, & also served as the Chief of North Tongass Volunteer Fire Department. My mother worked as a federal employee as a dental assistant for KIC for over 35 yrs. This sparked my interest in wanting to help people, so I worked as a dental assistant for KIC, received my CNA certificate, & became an EMT. In 2009 I accepted a position at Ketchikan General Hospital working at the front desk & Emergency Room admitting patients. This is where my knowledge of billing, prior authorizations, and my love for paper pushing was born. In order to spend more time with my family I decided to apply for a position with the PeaceHealth Medical Group and was hired on as the Primary Care Medicaid travel & Referral coordinator.

With my extensive knowledge of billing, prior authorizations, Medicaid travel and referrals I have been able to contribute to every meeting and I have also been the Chair of the Dolly Jensen Committee the past few year. It would be an honor to continue being your voice in the meetings and to be a part of history. As always, I will be a listening ear for our members who have any questions or concerns.

I’d appreciate your vote!

Haw’aa
ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS 18 & OVER

Please join us to meet the candidates of the 2021 Elections via Zoom.

DECEMBER 16, 2020 · 5:30PM - 9:00PM

HOW TO ATTEND VIA ZOOM

Go to Zoom.us and sign up for a free account.
You will need a working email address.

After you have your information click on join meeting on December 16th, 2020 @ 5:30pm and use the following information:

MEETING ID: 894 2063 2649
PASSCODE: 982102

There will be a waiting room and the host will admit you to the event. If you join the meeting you will be entered to win 1 of 6 $75.00 gift cards to local businesses. Winners will be announced December 17th, 2020.

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