Ted Ferry Civic Center
888 Venetia Ave.

Monday, January 15th, 2024

8:00am - 8:00pm
ELECTED OFFICES

KIC TRIBAL COUNCIL
(3) Three-Year Seats

KIC ADVISORY HEALTH BOARD
(2) Two-Year Seats

VOTER ELIGIBILITY
- Must be an enrolled Member.
- Must be age of 18 years by 01/15/2024.
- Must have government issued State or Tribal I.D.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS
Deadline to submit Absentee/Early voting ballot request 01/12/2024 at 12:00PM.

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 Crazy Wolf
- (1) $500 Gift Card to Cape Fox Village Store
- (2) $500 Gift Cards for Alaskan & Proud
- (6) $75 Gift Cards from Local Businesses

For Questions or Comments Please Contact
Tribal Council Executive Assistant | 907.228.4900
OFFICIAL BALLOT
KETCHIKAN INDIAN COMMUNITY
POLLING PLACE: TED FERRY CIVIC CENTER, 888 VENETIA AVENUE,
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA
JANUARY 15, 2024 ANNUAL ELECTION
8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

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.

- Charles W. White
- Darryl Kullak Simons
- Rushcelle "Pebbles" Hull
- Ginger Yeil Atoowu McCormick
- Gloria Burns
- Sharyl Whitesides Yeisley
- 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.

- Hilary Rifenburg
- Roberta L. Hull
- Ginger Yeil Atoowu McCormick
- Lan Sivertsen
- Caroline Luckey
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)
Candidates

TRIBAL COUNCIL & ADVISORY HEALTH BOARD
Candidsates
My name is Charles White. My Haida name is SaaDu’uts of the Raven Moiety, Double Finn Killer Whale Clan. I was born and raised in Ketchikan to Dorothy (Young) Evener and Paul K. White. I have been married for 41 years to Debi (Pearce) White. I have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. I offer sound leadership with more than 9 years of experience working with, negotiating, and advocating for KIC; serving as a treasurer and President of the KIC Tribal Council, and Chair of the KIC/OVS Health Board.

I have worked for KIC as an Administrator including KIC Deputy and General Manager and Tribal Administrator. I also have more than 15 years of experience as an Administrator/CEO for other Tribes. One of my most important qualifications is that I am a KIC Tribal Member who cares about our people and the future of our children and grandchildren.
My focus lies with Economic Growth which will be critical for having the capacity and resources to provide services. Economic Growth is the most powerful tool to reduce poverty and improve the quality of life for our people.

Healthy Tribes should provide healthcare, drug/alcohol treatment, education, housing, cultural heritage, food sovereignty, social and other economic assistance services, and opportunities for employment or the ability to start their own businesses.

Can we do all of this at the same time? No! Prioritization of our immediate and long-term goals is critical. A good plan includes a vision for the future and input from Tribal Citizens. We have to know how we will grow, and pay for buildings or any sort of infrastructure or services. To do all that, qualified leadership must provide clear directives and expectations and make a commitment to carry through with a plan. I can provide that kind of leadership.
Quyanaqpak for reading my bio. My name is Darryl Kulluk Simons. I was born in Fairbanks and I’m half Inupiaq. My family and I have lived in Ketchikan 13 years. My parents Lance and Sandra Simons worked for KIC prior to moving. I spent a decade working for the tribe, but you have most likely seen me on the sidelines coaching Kayhi Boys’ Basketball. While working for the tribe I loved to volunteer, and my favorite was cook on the grill for staff events and the KIC Picnic. I worked in several departments while at KIC. The Business Office, Substance Abuse Program, Clinic Administration and Purchased and Referred Cared. A huge thank you to all that mentored and supported me all these years. This community accepted my family, and I will forever be grateful to call KIC my home, community and tribe.
I’m running for a Tribal Council seat because of the support I have gotten from the community. I am passionate about growing and assuring a healthy tribal community for generations present and future. I look forward to collectively working with administration using a growth mindset and to finding ways to expand the current programs. It’s important to look after existing programs that deal with our citizens physical, mental and spiritual well-being. I have paid attention to the concerns for additional/affordable housing programs. The importance of addressing addiction and mental health, I believe in continued advocacy of our rights to live a subsistence lifestyle as well advancing programs for elders and youth.

I’m here for our people now and the next generation. I would be honored to get your vote. I’m committed and dedicated to our tribe. I look forward to the work ahead, because it’s not just work, but a passion of mine.

Quyana!

Darryl Kulluk Simons
My name is, Rushcelle Hull, but most of you know me by my nickname, Pebbles. I am a proud Haida woman, of the house of Stuts. My clan is Eagle, Beaver, Frog. My grandparents were Bertha Lee & Norman Charles. My parents are David & Roberta Hull. I have twin 18 yr old boys, Nyron & Kordell, who are seniors this year. My sister is Dawna and she married to Jesse, and they have two children, my nephew Izaiha & niece Zaylee.

After 12 years at PeaceHealth, I accepted my dream job! I am currently the Regional Liaison for Ketchikan/Saxman/Metlakatla, employed by Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. I am able to use all my education and knowledge to help tribal members in their time of need.

I was elected to the Advisory Health Board served as member and Chair. I was appointed to Tribal Council in April 2023 to
serve until January 2024. I am the current Chair of the Our Way of Life committee and the Tribal Council Liaison for Advisory Health Board. Not only do I attend the meetings I am appointed to, I have attended a majority of the other committee meetings unless I have extenuating circumstances. I feel it is deeply important for myself to attend all meetings for to gain the knowledge needed for my position on the Tribal Council so I can accurately cast a vote I am confident in. Supporting Housing staff on the upcoming project. I also attend National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Health and Land & Natural Resources subcommittees working on resolution to help get more coverage for Medicaid patients and Land & Water Conservation.

I humbly ask for your vote to be seated for our Tribal Council. I look forward to serving you.

Háw’aa,

Rushcelle “Pebbles” Hull
Ginger McCormick or Yeil Atoowu is Tlingit and Haida, she is L’eeneidi (Double Headed Raven, Dog Salmon, Devilfish) and Haida. Daughter to Sharon Charles, Granddaughter to Matilda and William Kushnick.

Ginger is running for Tribal Council because KIC is at a critical time and needs someone that will stay true and fair with unquestioned indigenous values and indigenous vision for the future. Ginger is running so that a generation of tribal citizens will be glad we made the decision we’re going to make in the next three years.

Ginger went on to attain her General Education Diploma following an Associates in Science from Columbia Basin College and was recognized at her commencement ceremony as a NASA scholar. She was one of only three chosen out of Washington State, and was recognized by the
Washington State House of Representatives. Ginger went on to study at Portland State University with a focus on Biochemistry, Native American Studies and Traditional Ecological Knowledge and its connection to Climate Change.

Ginger’s passion and energy seem to know no bounds. She has proven to be committed to both public service and the business world.

Ginger’s goal is to create an inclusive open leadership that embraces more indigenous and inter-tribal expertise.

Ginger is about dedication, organization. She is a hard worker and is trustworthy.

And don’t forget—

Vote not for today but for the next 10,000 years,
I humbly ask you vote

Ginger “Yeil atoowu” McCormick

Gunalcheesh
I was born and raised in Kitch.xan and I’m the daughter of Holly Churchill, the granddaughter of Naani Delores and we are Haida, Git’ans from the Point House.

I serve as Southeast Representative for AFN as well as Alaska Tribal Unity, was recently elected to the USDOJ Tribal Nations Leadership Council and serve on the USDOJ Alaska MMIP Work Group. These positions allow me to advocate for improvements to the federal programs and gain greater access to increased funding for our Tribe.

I believe that we must be vigilant for the defense of our tribal rights and Sovereignty. As a tribal leader, I do all I can to be present and speak out for KIC and for the protection of our way of life.

I’ve been honored by your support and ask for your vote for re-election on January 15, 2024. VOTE GLORIA BURNS for Tribal Council. Háw’aa, Háw’aa, Háw’aa
I like to visit with our People and I work hard to put the needs of our Tribe and our families first. I use the knowledge that is shared with me and my Federal, State and Tribal connections to improve the programs of KIC.

The issues that are top priority for me are housing solutions, wrap-around elder services, ICWA and foster care program expansion, Murdered/Missing Indigenous People and I actively work on many more. I want you to know that this is a critical time for KIC and we have some once in a lifetime opportunities that can help us actualize our strategic plan. To make our strategic goals a reality, we must have leadership that is active, knowledgeable, willing to do the work and leaders that have the determination to fight for the amazing opportunities that you deserve.

I am that leader, e-mail me at Gloryia@hotmail.com

Háw’aa, Háw’aa, Háw’aa
Sharyl Whitesides Yeisley was born and raised in Ketchikan and is Unangan (of Aleut descent). Her family lived in the Aleut Relocation Camp at Ward Lake CCC in Ketchikan. She is married to Tony Yeisley and they have five children and four grandchildren. She graduated from UAS with an AAS degree in Business, an Accounting Technician Certificate, and a Small Business Management Certificate. She has her Veterans Behavioral Health Aide Certification, and Case Management Certification and is a Certified Care Coordinator. She is the owner of Wellness Within LLC, and has a passion for Elders and Veterans, dedicating her time to making sure they receive the kinds of services they need and deserve. She has over twenty years of experience in Human Services. She has been on the Advisory Health Board since 2019.
The foundation that anchors my candidacy for the Tribal Council is:

✔️ Upholding Sovereignty: I advocate we exercise our sovereign rights in all decisions we make. Our ability to govern ourselves is rooted in our actions, reflecting our inherent autonomy and unique cultural identity.

✔️ Ensuring Transparency: Tribal Citizens need to be informed about all aspects of our governance – from financial decisions, and policy-making, to the initiation of new business ventures. Our governance must embody openness, foster trust, and strengthen our united tribal community.

✔️ Embracing Service: to our tribe is the heart of my commitment to you. I pledge to be a conduit for your voices, representing Tribal Citizens with unwavering dedication. I can commit the necessary energy and time to effectively govern our Tribe, prioritizing our collective welfare above all else. Together, we can uphold our sovereignty, ensure transparency, and embrace service, fortifying our tribe’s future.

Respectfully,

Sharyl E. Yeisley
907-254-1690
I’m Carrie Lynn Dodson, married to Daniel with three kids – Allen, Rebecca, and Randy. My Haida heritage ties me to the Raven Double-Fin Killerwhale of the Brown Bear House, and as a Tlingit, I’m the grandchild of “L’eenaidi.” My education in Business Administration paved the way for me to become an entrepreneur, proudly managing Tongass Car Rental, Clan House Tours, and Hazy Island Botanicals.

Since 2005, I’ve served as the Vice President and Member of ANS Camp #14, dedicating nine years as a CCTHITA Ketchikan delegate. My involvement extends to the Judiciary Committee and the Violence Against Women Task Force, where my focus lies on addressing the fentanyl opioid epidemic and substance abuse in our community.

Witnessing the impact on my own family, I recognize the urgency for a dedicated space to treat our people. It’s crucial to
instill in our grade school children the importance of abstaining from alcohol and drugs.

While nurse practitioners assist with routine visits, the shortage of MDs is a pressing concern. We need compassionate healthcare providers, especially for our tribal members and vulnerable elders. I advocate for mandatory training on the impacts of colonization and historical trauma for new hires, aligning with the requirements set by the National Indian Health Board.

My advocacy extends to homeless tribal members, elders, youth, and families. I’ve been a consistent voice for preserving our way of life, culture, language programs, and protecting our rivers from upstream mining. Recently, I testified at the North Pacific Fisheries Commission on the threats of trawling.

In this journey, my strength lies in advocating for the protection of our unique way of life. I’m a team player seeking your vote of confidence.

Vote “Carrie Dodson.” How’aa Gunalcheesh.
Cama’i
I am the great granddaughter of Norma Wilson of the Killer whale clan, Granddaughter of Ralph Bolton Sr of the Eagle Wolf clan, and Geraldine Bolton, Norma’s Daughter. My mother is Verna Mckelvy of Ketchikan and my father is John Kvasnikoff of Nanwalek Village. I am a proud Tsimshian, Tlingit and Sugpiaq woman. My given Tsimshian name is Kalaamsh meaning Wild Rose. I have 3 beautiful daughters Layla, Tohr and Bristol. I have been putting in the effort to reconnect with our culture and have found my beginning with learning about cedar, weaving, berry picking, fishing, identifying the plants on our land and beading. I involve my children to help teach the value of what living off our land would be like. How our Ancestors flourished and preserved our land rich in culture. I value those that have influenced my consistency in our revitalizing journey.
I would like to be a part of our growing tribal community to help guide our future leaders and support the networking within our state for the health of our Tribal community. I was a proud KIC employee for 6.5 years. As a part of my position within the organization I was able to see how KIC runs in every aspect, and how the resources for any member are within reach! I have filled in for the Clinic Exec Assistant (while vacant) and first hand see how detrimental the health committees and conversations brought from our community are that impact the health of each and every member. For the love of my tribe, being able to have a voice for the mother, sister, daughter and woman who has stood before this health board with concerns myself. I hear our community, and want to advocate for every member. I believe I have the leadership to support our Health Community!
My name is, Roberta Hull. I am Haida of the house of stuts and my clan is Eagle, Beaver, Frog. My husband, Dave & I, will be married for 50 years in February 2024. My parents were Bertha Lee Charles & Norman Charles. I have two daughters, Dawna who is married to Jesse and Rushcelle. They gave us the happiness of three handsome grandsons, Izaiha, Nyron, Kordell, and one beautiful granddaughter, Zaylee.

With 35 years as a federal employee, I retired from KIC Dental on January 2, 2015. Not only was a certified Dental Assistant, I also assisted in the Pharmacy and Medical Records.

In 2004, with a little support and persistence, my husband, who was the Chief of North Tongass Volunteer Fire Department at the time, helped me to train and I became a certified EMT. I also had the privilege to learned how to drive the
tanker trucks and the ambulance to respond to calls.

For the past 15+ years I have been an elected delegate for Tlingit & Haida Chapter of Ketchikan. I’ve enjoyed the many people I have been able to meet over the years and look forward to many more.

I was so excited when you, the tribal members, elected me to a seat on the Advisory Health Board. I am a member of patient experience, credentialing and the Advisory Health Board policy committees. I am the Advisory Health Board Representative on the Tribal Council Policy & Arbitration Committee. I have not only learned a great deal but I have also been able to use my knowledge while serving you.

I humbly ask for you to reelect me as a member of the Advisory Health Board.

Háw’aa,
Roberta Hull
Ginger McCormick or Yeil Atoowu is Tlingit and Haida, she is L’eeneidi (Double Headed Raven, Dog Salmon, Devilfish) and Haida.

Ginger is a true believer that Indigenous Science is key to healthy ways of life. Data currently being taken Southwest Alaska shows that Elders age better when they have access to their first foods. Anchorage hospital is providing Traditional foods to their patients and showing faster healing rates. Kaibab Arizona has elders and diabetes prevention programs set up that help tribal citizens access their Traditional foods. Other ways the tribe can expand its clinic is expanding the patient provider relations. Doctors can get trauma informed training so they will build better connections and healing methods for our Ketchikan Indian Community Tribal Citizens. Our resources should always be allocated with the Tribal Members best interest in mind.

Ginger is a founder of, and the first President of the Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp 49 and currently Camp 14 Sergeant of Arms, and she was instrumental in drafting resolutions to protect Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and transboundary rivers.
Ginger went on to attain her General Education Diploma following an Associates in Science from Columbia Basin College and was recognized at her commencement ceremony as a NASA scholar.

She was one of only three chosen out of Washington State, and was recognized by the Washington State House of Representatives. Ginger went on to study at Portland State University with a focus on Biochemistry, Native American Studies and Traditional Ecological Knowledge and its connection to Climate Change.

Ginger spends her time building stronger relationships within indigenous communities and with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Portland Metro and the City of Portland, Portland State University, Indigenous Nation Studies Department to help build events like:

- Salmon Homecoming
- Salmon Bake
- Wellness Week
- MMIW’s Flash Mob
- Hokulea at-large member
- Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood Grandcamp convention 2017
- Vancouver Washington regalia making workshop for the Title 7 Indian education
- Rewrote the entire teaching curriculum for Ainsworth Elementary for Portland Public Schools
- Culture Picnic for Alaskan Native Youth in foster care
- Ginger has hosted the island’s very first Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration which all five elected representatives showed up to and signed the Indigenous Peoples Day proclamation.
- Elizabeth Peratrovich Day committee chair
- Election Board Vice Chair for two elections
- Peace circle trainings & Social justice trainings

Yeil Atoowu is about dedication, organization. Yeil is a hard worker and is trustworthy.

And don’t forget— Vote not for today but for the next 10,000 years, I humbly ask you vote Ginger “Yeil atoowu” McCormick.

Gunalchéesh
I was born and raised in Ketchikan, Alaska and I am of Aleut descent. My parents are Nancy and Gary Boatwright and the late George Sivertsen. My Grandparents were Olaf Magnus “George” Sivertsen and Margaret “Maggie” (Wilson) Sivertsen. I married my high school sweetheart, Vicky Pilcher, and we have 2 children, Dillon (7) and Jack (5).

I attended college during the pandemic and graduated from UAA in December of 2021 with a degree in Nursing. I currently work full-time as a Registered Nurse with the PeaceHealth Ketchikan clinics. I look forward to serving my tribe and using my medical background to help advocate for our tribal citizens and their healthcare needs.

My goals in office are to improve the health status, continuity of care, and access to care services for our tribal members, by:
Finding and retaining permanent medical providers, with an emphasis on family practice physician and internal medicine physician.

Retaining current medical staff

Providing additional resources for Case Management and Purchase and Referred Care to assist with the repercussions of recent Government assistance changes.

My medical knowledge and health clinic experience would be a valuable resource toward understanding and surmounting the unique challenges of providing health care to our tribal members.

I look forward to contributing to the improved health of our tribe.

As a health advisory board representative, I would advocate for holistic collaborative care. I would ask for transparency in healthcare delivery. It is important that our people know how to access care and how the healthcare system works. I would advocate for safe and effective care. Measurable outcomes must be understood to assure continuous improvement on an individual and community level.
I would be honored to represent our people in assuring that the organization is providing excellence in care.

Howa’a

Caroline Luckey
ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS 18 & OLDER

Be heard this election season!

Come have discussions with our candidates for Tribal Council and the Advisory Health Board.
HOW TO ATTEND

Attend in-person at **Ted Ferry Civic Center**
**December 13th, 2023 @ 5:30 PM**

To attend online, 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”, use the following information:

**Meeting ID: 513 607 9424**

**Passcode: 309899**

or go directly to www.kictribe.org.info/Zoom2023CF

Háw àa, Gunalchéesh, ̀Doyackshin

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. Winners will be announced December 15th, 2023.

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