VOTER INFORMATION

Ted Ferry Civic Center
888 Venetia Ave.

Monday, January 16th, 2023

8:00am - 8:00pm
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 01/16/2023.
- 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 01/13/2023 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

- (2) $500 Gift Card to Local Businesses to be determined.
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- (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 16, 2023 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.

☐ Lloyd B. Ruaro
☐ Randy Williams
☐ David Jensen
☐ Judy Leask Guthrie
☐ Sharyl Whitesides Yeisley
☐ Rushcelle "Pebbles" Hull
☐ Gianna Saanuga Willard
☐ (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 marking the oval. The two candidates receiving the most votes will be seated for 2-year terms.

☐ Amber Williams-Baldwin
☐ (Write-in)
☐ (Write-in)
TRIBAL COUNCIL & ADVISORY HEALTH BOARD

Candidates
I am the son of Deborah Yeletatzie Haida Eagle of the Stust House and Jerry Ruaro Sr. I was born and raised here in Ketchikan. Employed full-time with the City of Ketchikan, Public Works Wastewater Division as a Wastewater operator. A proud active member of Ketchikan Volunteer Fire Department for 7 years Badge #594. I am a member of IBEW Local 1547, and serve as elected UNIT committee member.

I am guided by the following statement:

“KIC will continue to work and move forward into the future with its membership taking PRIDE with ownership, and continue the efforts of honor that is built thru respect and loyalty.”

A - Accountability
C - Continuity
T - Transparency
Accountability encourages us all to hold each other to high standards and continue to move KIC and its members forward. Accountability ensures that the members are informed as to what is going on. This occurs through regular and open communication and dialogue.

Continuity allows for programs to continue to grow and thrive. Continuity keeps us close to our roots so that we can serve the young and elderly. Continuity is key to helping KIC thrive as an organization and business.

Reaching the young and Elderly. Continuity keeps us close to our roots while we continue to grow. Continuity will help the organization and business thrive and be sustainable in the future. My focus will be on continuity and continuous improvement of health care.

Transparency- through honesty and trust, transparency is built. When an organization has transparency in its leadership it creates trust. When our people feel that they can trust their leaders, great exchange of ideas and communication will occur. The number one priority shall be the health and good operations of the KIC health Clinic of the tribe.

If elected I will promise to work hard and bring a clear direction of Accountability, Continuity, and Transparency to the Council as we work together to support, improve, and grow our tribal entity. I humbly request your vote. #vote4LloydBRuaro

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Lloyd Ruaro
Wastewater Operator
FF/EMT
My name is Randy Williams and I am asking you to vote to elect me to KIC Tribal Council.

I am a traditional foods fisherman and was the Vice-Chairman of the Subsistence Committee in the past. I worked very hard this year to preserve what rights we have for subsistence users in the Tribe.

I am working hard to increase our rights for harvesting fish, seaweed and all our traditional foods.

I have over 25 years’ experience, developing, reading and modifying very large government and business financial statements.

I am the current President of Landless of Ketchikan and I as well as the leaders from the other landless communities are working hard to get some our land back.

I have been in Tribal Administration and Business Administration my whole career and I believe I add that element of experience to the Tribal Council.
Finally, I believe in the Tribe and what we can accomplish together.

I believe that KIC Tribal Council can accomplish many great things for the Tribe and the Tribal members and I would like to be a part of that process. In the past few years, I believe we have held too many workshops and not enough let’s make a decision in the chambers and start getting things done. The Council needs to make decisions on the issue that are important to the Tribe. We need to make a final decision on the healing center, instead of obstructing and talking about saving our people, we need to just get it done. We need to build our education and cultural learning center and this is another project we need to just get done. We need to allow our corporation to start making money for the Tribe and Tribal members so we can see better programs and better housing for our Tribal members, as well as distributions on at least an annual basis. We need to fix up 306 main so the Tribe can realize the financial benefits of the 105 lease program where we will be leasing from ourselves. We need to create affordable housing for all our Tribal members and create a greater opportunity for our members to access home repair funds for their existing homes.

I know the staff works very hard and does a really good job supporting the needs of our Tribal members and I will support their efforts to continue to develop new services that can be introduced for our citizens.

These are all things I hope to work on and if I am elected I will work with the Council to accomplish many if not all these issues. I humbly ask for your support and to put a check mark by my name on election day.

Sincerely,
Randy Williams
- 68 years old
- Married
- 3 adult children
- Managing Partner of Commercial Construction Company, LLC.
- Over ten years of tribal council experience.

In my first ten years on the KIC Tribal Council our budget grew from 2.2 million dollars to just over 20 million dollars. I would be honored to serve another term.
Judy Leask Guthrie, Raven
Double Fin Killerwhale

I was born in Ketchikan and lived in Metlakatla and Seattle before moving permanently to Ketchikan in 2009. My husband, Tom Guthrie, Jr., and I have been married for 40 years. We have four children and seven grandchildren.

My parents are Irving and Barbara Leask, my grandparents are David and Lillian Leask of Metlakatla and Ed and Leona Hamilton of Hydaburg.

I attended North Seattle Community College and the University of Washington.

My work experience includes Ketchikan Indian Community (6 years), United Indians of All Tribes Foundation (18 years), University of Washington (7 years) and the Annette Island School District (6 years).
My primary goal is to continue the work of the KIC Strategic Plan. Using the Strategic Plan, we develop programs and services based on the needs of the KIC tribal members. These programs and services include medical, social services, housing, education and cultural resources.

KIC has recently made two major purchases of property: the Orton Ranch at Naha, and the other is Galley Restaurant which will serve as a day program for our homeless population. An ongoing major development is the Healing Center on our property at 10 Miles north near Totem Bight State Park. KIC is in the unique position of being at the cutting edge of developing several major projects for its members this year.

KIC members deserve the very best from their elected Tribal Council members and I will work hard with the full Council and with input from KIC members to make the very best decisions for our community.
Sharyl Yeisley, born and raised in Ketchikan, is of Aleut descent. Her family lived in the Aleut Relocation Camp at Ward Lake CCC in Ketchikan after being evacuated from the Aleutian Islands in 1942. Sharyl graduated from UAS with a degree in Business, Certificate in Accounting, and is a Certified Care Coordinator and small business owner. She is married to Tony Yeisley and together they have five children and four grandchildren.

Sharyl worked for KIC THC for eight years. Sharyl has worked for Community Connections for over ten years. Sharyl has devoted her career in a service capacity. In these roles she has worked primarily in the Human Services field, ensuring Elders, Veterans and Other abled individuals in Ketchikan, Saxman and Metlakatla have access to all available resources to ensure their quality of life. Sharyl served as an Advisory Health Board Member for the last four years.
It’s an honor to share with you three important beliefs that are the cornerstone of why I am running for Tribal Council.

- **Sovereignty**
  I support exercising our sovereignty in every decision we make as a Tribe because we have the right and power to govern ourselves.

- **Transparency**
  Informing Tribal Citizens of decision making whether its finances, policy making or new business ventures. Transparency should be exercised in all things our governance does.

- **Service**
  I am committed to be your voice. I promise to represent our Tribal Citizens and put in the hard work it takes to govern our Tribe.
I am Rushcelle Hull also known as Pebbles. I am the current KIC Advisory Health Board Chair. The past few years have been hard on us all, but today we need to stand together and work as a team to better the health of our people. I want to be that voice for our people. We as a tribe need to focus on the members to help in any way we can.

- Healing body and soul – Substance abuse, depression, diabetes, high blood pressure.
- Housing for all tribal members – affordable housing for tribal members
- Education – learn how to put up fish, make drums, beading, blankets, cooking
- Higher education options – continue education in all fields. Trade schools and University
- Grandparents that are rising grandkids that are not eligible for many things.
- Staff education – Positive leadership, higher education for all departments, yearly training.
We just need to go back to the old ways. The ways of respect and love for each other. Times have changed. We must change with the times but stay true to who we are.

I have been on the Advisory Health Board for KIC for the past few years and now I would be honored to gain your vote and represent our tribal citizenship as a Tribal Council Member.

Thank you for your support over the years.

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Rushcelle “Pebbles” Hull
My Haida name is Saanuga, which translates to White Cloud.

I have been hunting and gathering since an early age and I know the realities, goals, and benefits of a subsistence lifestyle, and what is at stake when it is not being protected. I am half Haida and half Tlingit. My clan is Gaw K’iiwas, Masset-inlet-born. My crests are Raven, Owl, Flicker, Killerwhale, and Grizzly.

I have three children. I am a licensed tattoo artist and body piercer. I have gone on 14 canoe journeys.

When Ketchikan lacked a canoe, I founded the Copper Bird Canoe Family and dance group. I value the medicine and teachings the canoe carries into a community. Canoe journeys has helped us build strong Intertribal relations with our neighbors, while addressing generational healing within the community.
As a Tribal Council member, and a former KIC President, I had a direct involvement in the creation of the KIC 5 Year Strategic Plan 2018 that we are currently working towards today. My goal is to see those dreams become a reality. Our tribal members deserve every tool we need to succeed; rehab/detox facility, big tribal house, tribal campus, extended clinic services, tribal rec center, and radiology services.

Please vote for Gianna Saanuga Willard.

I promise to represent our tribe with the utmost respect. I will dedicate additional efforts to promote the economic self-sufficiency of our people; support the defense of our fisheries and waters, encourage the continued development of comprehensive and culturally informed education programming; promote the development of increased Elder and Veteran services with focuses on housing and accessibility of care programs, and the development of a plan for continued healthcare growth.

You can look at my attendance and track record and know I am willing to put in the work.

Hawaa! Gunalshcheesh!
I’m running for re-election for my 4th term in office. I’m Tlingit Raven Dog Salmon of the Big Dipper House. My parents are Mike (retired Ketchikan School District) & Ellen Williams (retired Ketchikan General Hospital). My husband of nearly 20 years is US Army veteran Michael Baldwin. We have two adult sons, Dametre & Dryden.

I was Blessed to have known & had all my grandparents in Ketchikan: Bill & Esther Weimer, Red & Irene Williams.

My main job is being a supportive mother to our special needs child. I hold 3 international certificates in the behavioral health field. I’m a business owner of 12 years where I offer quality home rentals. I was an elementary educator for 5 years. I’ve been an advocate for over a decade with experience in mental health, Autism, ACE’s, various veteran issues, special needs & disability issues.
PLEASE JOIN US TO MEET THE CANDIDATES

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS 18 & OLDER
HOW TO ATTEND

Attend in-person at

Ted Ferry Civic Center

December 14th, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

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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 19th, 2022.

For Questions or Comments Please Contact
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