

KARUK TRIBE

LETTER OF INTENT FOR CANDIDACY



Robert Goodwin

Name of Candidate: ROBERT A. GOODWIN

Tribal Roll #: 393

Candidate for: TRIBAL COUNCIL H.C. MEMBER AT LARGE

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Ayukii, my name is Robert "Bob" Goodwin and I am running for the Happy Camp Member at Large position on the Karuk Tribal Council. I was born in Yreka and raised in Happy Camp. I went away and served in the United States Marine Corps from 1983-1987. I joined the California Highway Patrol as an officer in 1988 and retired in 2009 when I was hired as Self-Governance Coordinator at the Karuk Tribe. I served as Self-Governance Coordinator from 2009-2012 and then joined the U.S. Forest Service as the Region 5 Tribal Relations Program Manager. During my time as a CHP Officer I was able to serve my last 10 years as the resident officer in the Happy Camp area. I also served on the Karuk Tribal Council during this time from 2001-2009. I have always been dedicated to my community and my Tribal People. I have been a strong advocate for our rights as a sovereign nation including hunting and fishing rights. My goal as a Tribal Council Member would be to keep moving towards reservation expansion, improving services for our Tribal Members such as Health Care, Education, Workforce Development, Elders Care, Cultural Preservation and Environmental Stewardship. I also want to continue to improve upon our recent Gaming Operation and expand our economic development in other areas for a diversified and stable economy for the future. While I was on Tribal Council and subsequently served as Self-Governance Coordinator I was the lead advocate on the positive lands determination for the gaming parcel in Yreka which allowed us to start gaming. I also was a key role in helping acquire funding for the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership which is a multi- million dollar program at this point dedicated to Environmental Restoration through fire and fuels projects. I retired from the Forest Service in 2015 and have the time and motivation to be a strong leader for our Tribal People. Thank you for your support.

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Robert Goodwin

Signature: 

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