

Karuk Tribe

LETTER OF INTENT FOR CANDIDACY



Jennifer Goodwin

Name of Candidate: Jennifer C. Goodwin

Tribal Roll#: 2817

Candidate for: Happy Camp Member at Large

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Ayukii, my name is Jennifer C. Goodwin and I have lived in Happy Camp my whole life. I was born in Medford, OR in 1977, which makes me 45 years old. I started working for the Tribe when I was 14 for a youth program during the summer. I graduated from Happy Camp High School in 1996 and soon after started working for Karuk Tribal Head Start. Then I was the Cultural Coordinator for the Naa Vura Yee Shiip Program. I also worked for the Education Program as well as the Low Income Assistance Program (LIAP). Currently, I work for the Tribal TANF Program as a Family Service Assistant. In my spare time I like to spend time with family, go swimming and I have a deep love for basketweaving/basket gathering and jewelry and regalia making. My Karuk culture is very important to me and a part of my everyday life. If you don't know where you are from then you don't know where you are going. I regularly attend and participate in ceremonies and would love to see many more Tribal Members and Descendants as well as community members attend ceremonies too. Karuk language and cultural revitalization is very important to me. I have attended college and have many credits on my transcripts as well as trainings and I have acquired certifications through the years of working for the Tribe. I have a soft spot for children and youth and I support educational programs that inspire and elevate our youth. Our elders need to be treated like the superstars that they are and I support any programs that promote healthy living and caring for our elders. If elected as the Happy Camp representative I will give it my best. I look forward to being your elected official. Yootva!