

Letter of Intent for Candidacy

Candidate Statement



VOTE Tina King (Patterson)

Ayukii (Hello) My Name is **Tina King (Patterson)** I am running for Member at Large for the Happy Camp District. Briefly I want share my family with you, my father William D. Patterson Jr. and my mother Julia Patterson. My grandparents on my father's side are William (Bill) Patterson and Florence Nelson. Both of my grandparents were Karuk and grandmother was also Shasta. Some may know Ida Charlie from the Jesse Charlie and George Charlie and some know Bob Offield (Robert Offield) of Frank Offield and Susan Trip. I spent time as a young girl on the river during hunting and fishing season as well as visiting my great-grandfather in Hamburg.

I would like you to VOTE for me (Tina King (Patterson)) this coming 2020 November Election. I believe a change is what our Karuk Members want and I want to commit to our members today and during my time as an elected official to represent all of you for a better way through listening to our members.

Karuk Members and our lineal descendants need an office they can come get information about services and issues our tribe stands for that affect our tribe long term.

This includes opportunities to work and/or be trained in an area so members have opportunities to serve their own people and make a living wage to be self-sufficient, different housing options and how to qualify by their personal journey and choices you may or may not have. NO MORE being told "oh, you do not qualify". We should hear as members how can I help you and break down the reasons why we may not qualify and the process. Us members should not have to guess what services and programs are within our own tribe we should know what is there and let our representatives know what other types of services are needed. Transparency of these services is crucial when needed and available to the members and our lineal descendants.

Members are what makes us the Karuk Tribe. I have been asked what is my stand on descendants being members, the answer is they can't be members or we could no longer be a tribe. I am most definitely clear on this because without the Karuk Members with the blood degree and resolution number this tribe does not exist in being federally recognized and is not eligible for grants and agreed treaties. Our sovereignty issues as members have been neglected to the point we have not had an office or officer and our Council should be making this our priority number one to our membership. Sovereignty is the most important office and the enrollment office goes hand in hand.

Let's exercise sovereignty not hide behind it. Members need to mark our grounds on important issues that affect our hunting, fishing, preservations of ceremonies and language. I will work with the current council and be your voice in every turn possible. I will work for a better way, and do my best to make changes the Karuk members want. We are not creatures of liking change so we need to alliance together and if you can voice when you need to understand and need help in the process of a better way please do so. Your voice matters. If I ever do something you disagree with, tell me, and teach me a better way.

VOTE for Tina King (Patterson) Happy Camp District member at large.

Tina King Roll#64 8/4/2020