

Chemehuevi Indian Tribe



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To: Tribal General Membership-Eligible Voter

From: Chemehuevi Tribal Election Board

Re: Tribal Election- Letter of Instructions

NOTICE OF TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Polling Place is at the

Chemehuevi Realty Office

1980 Palo Verde Drive

Havasu Lake, California 92363

8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. MST

The General Membership for the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe is hereby notified that the Chemehuevi Election Board shall be conducting a Tribal Council Election on Saturday, April 30, 2016 to fill three (3) seats on the Chemehuevi Tribal Council.

Along with this *Tribal Election- Letter of Instructions* are the following (3) Forms:

1. ***Request for Voter Signature Card Form***
2. ***Request for an Absentee Ballot Form***
3. ***2016 Nomination Petition Form.***

Voter Signature Card: Each eligible voting member who desires to vote in the Tribal Election, Referendum, or Recall Election whether by walk-in or absentee ballot, must have a “verified” *Voter Signature Card* on file with the Election Board. A “verified” *Voter Signature Card* shall mean a *Voter Signature Card* which contains the signature of the Tribal Member, verified by the seal and signature of a Notary Public or the Secretary-Treasurer of the Tribal Council. **For those who will be present on the scheduled Election date and do not have a “verified” *Voter Signature Card* on file, a “Notary Public” will be available at the Polling Place.**

Step 1. If you are requesting a Voter Signature Card because either you do not have a “verified” *Voter Signature Card* on file, you have changed your signature, or you have changed your name (with Tribal Enrollment), the Election Board will mail a Voter Signature Card to you upon receiving the ***Request for Voter Signature Card Form.***

Step 2. Once you have received the *Voter Signature Card*, you may submit your “verified” *Voter Signature Card* two ways:

- 1) Via Mail: Completed “verified” *Voter Signature Card* must be received no later than April 30th, 2016 to be eligible to vote as a walk-in at the current Election.
- 2) In Person: You may hand-deliver your “verified” *Voter Signature Card* to the Election Board at the Polling Place on the Reservation, the day of the Election, but no later than 5:00 P.M. MST

Absentee Ballot: *Request for an Absentee Ballot Form* must be completed with the signature of the eligible voter and the voter's current mailing address, to be eligible to receive an *Absentee Ballot*. NO MAILED REQUESTS, FOR THE *REQUEST FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT* FORM, RECEIVED AFTER THE 8TH DAY PRIOR TO THE ELECTION SHALL BE ACCEPTED.

Step 1: If you are requesting an Absentee Ballot, please fill out the *Request for an Absentee Ballot Form*, and send it back to the Election Board.

When the deadline for the *Nomination Petition* for Candidacy is met and the 2016 Tribal Council Candidates are verified by the Election Board, we will send you an Absentee Ballot, **only if we have received your *Request for an Absentee Ballot Form*, and you have a "verified" Voters Signature Card" on file.**

Step 2: Once you have sent in your *Request for an Absentee Ballot Form*, and we have verified you have a "verified" *Voters Signature Card*" on file, you will receive via Certified Mail, an official *Absentee Ballot*, you may submit your *Absentee Ballot* one of the following two ways:

1. Via Mail: Completed *Absentee Ballots* must be received no later than April 30, 2016.
2. In Person: You may hand-deliver your *Absentee Ballot* to the Election Board at the Polling Place on the Reservation, the day of the Election, but no later than 5:00 P.M. MST

Nomination Petition:

Any person eligible for election to the Tribal Council under the Tribe's Constitution may become a Candidate for office by filing with the Election Board a *Nomination Petition* Form, signed by 10 Registered Voting Members of the Tribe and signed and dated by the Petitioner. All *Nomination Petition* Form shall be submitted no less than 45 calendar days before the next scheduled Tribal Election. **NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** *Nomination Petition* Forms shall be mailed or submitted directly by the petitioner to the Election Board and/or Tribal Administration Executive Secretary or Receptionist who will time and date stamp and initial the *Nomination Petition* Form. The Tribal Administration Executive Secretary or Receptionist shall place the date stamped petition in the Election Box located in the Administration Office.

Eligible Voters: Any Member of the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years shall be an eligible voter entitled to vote in Tribal Elections (in accordance with the Tribes Constitution).

Thank you,

Chemehuevi Tribal Election Board