

AMENDMENTS PASSED

In a landslide vote of 34 in favor to 3 against, proposed amendments II, III, and IV all passed and will be incorporated into the Quileute Constitution and Bylaws. Of the total number of registered voters, 55, a 30% quorum was necessary to validate the results. This was surpassed and the election has been certified. This marks only the second time in its almost 90-year history that the constitution governing tribal life here has been amended. The first time the constitution was altered occurred in 1948, eleven years after ratification in 1937.

Amendment I dealt with land use, while the recently passed Amendments II, III, and IV directly impact the timing of general council, the tribal council election minimum age requirement, and tribal sovereignty. Once implemented, the minimum voting age for tribal council elections will be 18 years of age (Amendment III) and the official date of general council will be changed from the end of December to the third Friday in January (Amendment IV).

In a significant move of sovereignty, Amendment II will remove antiquated language in the constitution requiring United States federal oversight of various aspects of trib-

al governance, such as this special election on proposed amendments. In the future, for example, if the Tribe decides to amend the constitution and change its enrollment requirements, it will no longer need to involve the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Similarly, resolutions passed by tribal council will no longer need to be filed with the BIA. Language requiring these protocols will be stricken from the Quileute Constitution and Bylaws.

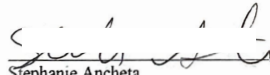
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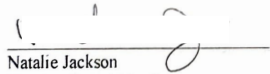
mark change to Quileute governance. All amendments will be adopted 45 days following certification of the results.

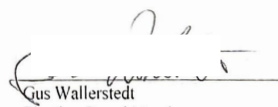
Cropped image of the certification results

CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS OF ELECTION

Under a Secretarial election authorized by Rudy J. Peone, Acting Northwest Regional Director on 11/01/2024, the attached Proposed Amendments II, III, and IV to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Quileute Indian Tribe was submitted to the registered voters of the tribe and on 1/14/2025 was duly adopted by a vote of 34 for and 3 against and 2 cast ballots found spoiled in an election in which at least thirty (30) percent of the fifty five (55) registered voters cast their ballot in accordance with the Act of June 18, 1934, 48 Stat. 984, as amended (Indian Reorganization Act).


Stephanie Ancheta
Chair, Election board


Natalie Jackson
Election Board Member


Gus Wallerstedt
Election Board Member

1/14/2025
Dated

New Council Member Sworn In

A write-in campaign for tribal council resulted in a surprise victory for Chas (Charles) Woodruff, edging out incumbent council member Tony Foster and challengers Sean Black, Charolette Penn, and Vincent Penn. This was the first time in Quileute history a write-in candidate won a seat on tribal council. Turnout for the election was less than 100 votes. The incoming Councilman Woodruff will serve the first of his 3-year term as a member-at-large. Douglas Woodruff will maintain his role as chairman, Rio Jaime has stepped into the vice-chair spot, Skyler Foster will stay on as Secretary, and James Salazar will serve as treasurer.

Following his swearing-in ceremony, the returning councilman had this to say: "I'm as surprised I'm here. Up until the day of General Council, I wasn't. But I had a lot of support, from my family, and community...I'm looking forward to working with these guys." Other council members said a few words of welcome before Council Chair Douglas Woodruff ensured all present knew that the work continues, and the new council will "hit the ground running."

Approximately 30 community members and tribal employees witnessed the ceremony. Bonita Cleveland-Reames spoke to the council and presented C. Woodruff with a basket. Cleveland-Reames said to the new council member, "Never forget you're in the canoe [images of canoes were woven into the basket], put your people first." Then added to the whole council, "We have vocal people who will speak for our people, the Quileute people." Cleveland-Reames then referred to the canoes again, saying "...we must all paddle in the same direction, the Tribe, the visitors, the tourists."



Libìcháspa?: Strong spawning time of salmon- according to information compiled by Jay Powell from conversations and interviews with Quileute elders. As with many indigenous cultures, the Quileute calendar was lunar, meaning names were given to the time between full moons. The time around the full moon in February is named for the salmon runs. **Libìti** (main one, or strong) **cháspa?** (a run of fish in the river).

Tribal Council:

Douglas Woodruff, Chairman

Justin "Rio" Jaime, Vice Chairman

James Salazar, Treasurer

Skyler Foster, Secretary

Charles "Chas" Woodruff, Member-at-Large

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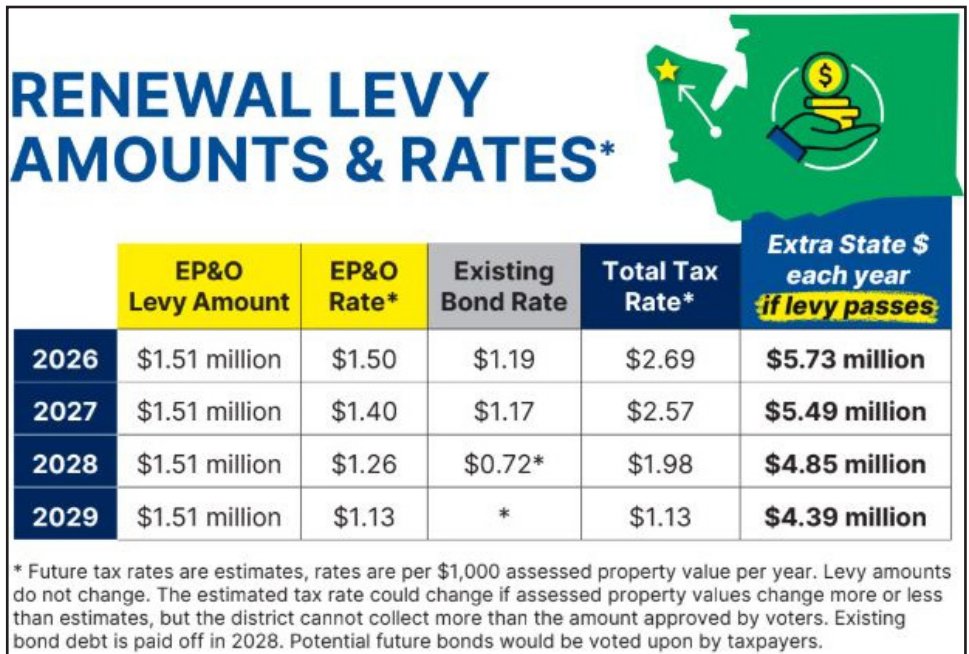
QVSD Seeks Updated Levy

Quillayute Valley School District (QVSD) Board of Directors adopted a resolution to propose an Educational Programs and Operations levy (EP&O) that will replace the existing one, set to expire at the end of 2025. Based on information from the Clallam County Official Local Voter's Packet, passage of the levy will permit the district to "fund educational programs, maintenance and operations not funded by the State. Including but not limited to, non-basic education teachers, support staff, technology, curriculum, transportation, athletics and facility maintenance and operations, and other educational programs, maintenance and operations expenses." If the levy passes, QVSD will receive just over \$1.5 million per year from 2026-2029 from the state. Should that occur, an additional \$20.5 million over that four-year period will come to the district through the Washington State Local Effort Assistance, which

was legislation created to fund non-basic educational programs in property poor areas. As a property poor district, QVSD is eligible for these funds, though they are contingent on passage of the levy. Also riding on the levy are funds derived from county timber sales, which come through the Depart-

ment of Natural Resources. According to information published by QVSD, \$621,468 was brought into the district through these sales. If you are currently registered to vote in Clallam County, a ballot should be mailed to you. To register to vote visit www.votewa.gov.

Chart from QVSD's website



ICE Raids Catch Tribal Citizens

Within hours of Donald Trump being sworn into office, the 47th president signed a series of sweeping changes impacting all areas of the federal government. Earlier this week he issued an executive order to deploy Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers, with an edict to detain and deport undocumented immigrants. An unintended side effect of these raids has been the questioning and detaining of citizens who have documentation, including those who are native to the United States.

Navajo Nation President, Dr. Buu Nygren, released a statement ad-

ressing this issue, saying in part:

"My office has received multiple reports from Navajo citizens that they have had negative, and sometimes traumatizing, experiences with federal agents targeting undocumented immigrants in the Southwest."

Reports have claimed that indigenous citizens have been detained for up to nine hours, and in one case that the citizenship of a Mescalero tribal member was questioned even after producing tribal identification. While these reports have been mainly in the United States' southwest, Newark, New Jersey Mayor

Ras Baraka, released a statement highlighting possible civil rights violations occurring in his city as well. He mentioned one raid during which both undocumented and US citizens were detained, including a US military veteran whose documents were questioned.

Tribal governments throughout the United States, along with immigrant serving organizations like the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, are advising tribal citizens to carry tribal and state-issued identification at all times, and learn their rights.

Fuel Cards Offered for Medical Emergencies

Living in a remote and rural area offers many benefits, but also a few challenges, of which medical care and emergencies may top the list. To assist Quileute families during those difficult times, the Tribe offers travel assistance to families so they may accompany their loved ones. One means of support, reimbursements for fuel costs, has changed recently. Meant to help offset the cost for families to drive what can be a long distance, and, recognizing that paying for fuel upfront can be a hardship, tribal council has adopted a new policy of utilizing gift cards for gas that can be attained

prior to travel through the court or a police officer. The gift cards are for Shell gas stations, located in towns across the peninsula; Forks, Port Angeles, and Aberdeen are the closest, but there are many more Shell stations in the more populated areas of the southern and eastern parts of the peninsula. Since emergencies do not always occur during traditional work hours, these gift cards are available around the clock through the court administrator and after-hours through the police department. Cards come in two amounts, \$50 for travel to Port Angeles, Sequim,

Port Townsend, Poulsbo, Silverdale, and Aberdeen, and \$150 for travel to Seattle, Everett, Tacoma, or elsewhere farther from La Push. Receipts must still be kept for fuel purchases (any remaining funds on the cards will be used for government vehicles), then handed in upon returning home. Tribal administrators recognize the need to, and benefit of, remaining with family members in crisis, while also understanding the cost associated with the travel can be a hinderance.

Undated picture of Shell Station in Forks, WA.



THANK YOU!

Quileute Tribal Council would like to thank Gus Wallerstedt and Natalie Jackson for their roles in the special election on the constitutional amendments. Throughout this pivotal time, Gus and Natalie served as election board members. The time sacrifice for the entirety of this process did not go unnoticed. Thank you for overseeing this election on behalf of the Tribe!

SAVE THE DATE GONA 2025

**FEBRUARY 24-26, 2025
AT THE AKALAT**

GATHERING OF NATIVE AMERICANS (GONA) EVENT

OPEN TO LA PUSH COMMUNITY

UNDERSTANDING THE GONA PROCESS

**THE GONA FRAMEWORK CONSISTS OF FOUR COMPONENTS THAT
REFLECT THE VALUES ASSOCIATED WITH FOUR LEVELS OF HUMAN
GROWTH AND RESPONSIBILITY IN NATIVE CULTURES:**

BELONGING, MASTERY

INTERDEPENDENCE, AND GENEROSITY.

**THIS EVENT SERVES AS A PLATFORM FOR BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND
COMMUNITY AFFIRMATION, PRESENTED IN A CULTURALLY SPECIFIC
MANNER! STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!**




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YOU ARE INVITED

TO THE MEMORIAL OF

JAMES BRADLEY KING JR.

FEBRUARY 8TH, 2025

12:00 PM

AKALAT CENTER

LA PUSH, WA

TRADITIONAL DINNER SERVED AT NOON, PLEASE BRING YOUR DRUMS AND
REGALIA. GIFTING CEREMONY TO FOLLOW.

Former Editor Earns WA Award

Quileute and former Talking Raven editor Lisa Pemberton was presented with the Martin Luther King Jr. Beloved Community Award by Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) for 2024. According to information from DSHS:

"The Beloved Community is an ideal in which everyone is cared for and free from poverty, hunger, homelessness and hate. It is an outcome of social justice championed by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during his lifetime of activism. As part of the Department of Social and Health Services annual celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., this award is presented to individuals, teams, organizations and businesses making significant and lasting contributions that continue to create an environment where diversity is respected, and actions are taken to effect the changes needed to create the beloved community..."

The award is bestowed upon employees who show dignity, respect, humility, and empathy toward colleagues and clients, including:

- a. Contributing to a culture of belonging in the workplace and with the people served by DSHS
- b. Increasing awareness of systemic racism
- c. Proactive action that applies this commitment to their work and interactions with others.

Pemberton serves as the Tribal Affairs Administrator for the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) within DSHS, and had this to say about the recognition:

"I work with federally recognized tribes and Urban Indian Organizations and tribal families to ensure DSHS is keeping its promise to work with tribes to improve tribal outcomes. I like to say I'm the Auntie to about 1,000 people with unique gifts – our tribal DDA clients.

I'm incredibly grateful and humbled about the recognition and the award. Even though it has my name on it, I couldn't have done it without the support of DSHS leadership, our partners at the Department of Enterprise Services and Department of Health, many coworkers and the tribal community. I raise my hands to you all!"

The Tribe congratulates you, Lisa,

on your award! May you continue to shine and share beloved community.

-With gratitude to Cynthia Shipley, Media Relations Manager with DSHS, for the information and photographs.



Pemberton holding the award

"I raise my hands;" Pemberton accepts the award





Happy Birthday!!

Faith Jay
 Madeline Joanie
 Thomas Wayne
 Angeline Kathryn
 Allen Tyrone
 Immanuel Lee Ryver
 Jonah James
 Cordell Don
 Madison Tayler
 Sarah Ellisyne
 Catherine Ann
 Donald Jordan
 Jacqueline Marie
 Jordan Raelee
 Randy Wayne
 Leilani Markise
 Ronald Richie
 Saniah Rein
 Michael Ray
 Kya Adeline
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Akalat Center Schedule

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Closed Gym	4 Closed Gym	5 Closed Gym	6 Closed Gym	7 Program Use	8 King memorial 12pm
9	10 Open Gym 5-9pm	11 Open Gym 5-9pm	12 Healing Circle 5-9pm	13 Open Gym 5-9pm	14 Mariposa You Belong Recovery Jam 5pm-10pm	15
16	17 Open Gym 5-9pm	18 Open Gym 5-9pm	19 Backyard Buoys All Hands	20 Hands Gathering On Deck	21 Open Gym 5-9pm	22
23	24 GONA Community Gathering 9-3pm	25 GONA Community Gathering 9-3pm	26 GONA Community Gathering 9-3pm	27 Culture Camp 3:30-6:30pm	28 Open Gym 5-9pm	

Press Release

January 28, 2025

Quileute Tribal School



Quileute Tribal School District

P.O. Box 39

12181 La Push Road

La Push, WA 98350

Re: Essential Needs Assessment survey

The Quileute Tribal School's (QTS) after school programs, funded by the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant (21st Century), will be conducting a community wide 'Essential Needs Assessment Survey' to determine what the Quileute tribal community wants to see offered in our future 21st Century after school programs.

In past years QTS has offered after school programs including academic enrichment, Remote Operated (underwater) Vehicles (ROV), makerspace, art, wood shop, e-sports, Quileute culture lessons and activities, chess, literature, tabletop role playing games, and summer school enrichment. The school intends to offer summer school enrichment for elementary students and high school credit recovery this summer. Pro-

grams that QTS staff have proposed for next school year include basketball fundamentals and archery.

Future 21st Century after school programs will be determined by the results of our Community Needs Assessment completed by you, our community members. Families of students will be asked to complete 21st Century Needs Assessment surveys during the February 27th – 28th parent/teacher conferences. The surveys will also be delivered to all tribal entities and will be available at the QTS's front office.

Please help determine what programs will be offered to our students and share your ideas for what would benefit our students and the community. When you receive your 21st Century Needs Assessment survey, complete it and return it to the tribal school's front office.

(360)963-4100

www.qtschools.org

Quileute Tribal Enterprises is initiating a “**Buy Local**” campaign to encourage community members and local residents to support tribal businesses. To incentivize the program, a 5% discount is being offered at River’s Edge Restaurant for local residents! Discounts are also available to Quileute residents for rental space, and don’t forget to have your event catered.

Keep money and the jobs in the community!



Kitla rental pamphlet



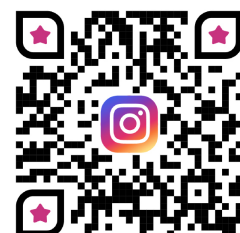
Oceanside Resort website

Did you know? Your next meeting or event can be catered by local cooks and baristas! Native Grounds and Lonesome Creek Store can prepare and provide snacks, meals, and coffee to keep your group nourished and energized.

Need space for your gathering? The historic Roundhouse, Kitla meeting room, and the Clubhouse are all available for whatever event you are planning.

Hoping to memorialize a trip or event? Oceanside Resort can create wearable works of art with their screen printing business.

You can also support enterprises by using the QR codes below to “like and follow” on social media!



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Challenge

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Jam

5PM-10PM

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Healing

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Anagrams: rearrange the letters below to spell-out parts of the body, answers below, left.

Theme: Parts of the Body

Nil sorts: _____

Decathlon lines: _____

Covert pine: _____

Ale bores: _____

Car panes: _____

Not sleek: _____

All peat: _____

Big race: _____

Anagram answers:

Nostitis, Achilles Tendon, Optic Nerve, Earlobes, Pancreas, Skeleton, Patella, Rib Cage

Corrections:

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Corrections for January 2025: none reported

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Editor's comments

As a guest in La Push, and an employee of the Tribe, this newsletter is not my own, so I am careful to avoid pushing perspectives of any kind. Given the national political discourse, this can be challenging, as simply sharing news can be viewed as a perspective. As the new presidential administration takes shape, I may share information regarding decisions and actions insofar as they impact the Tribe or native peoples more broadly.

The intent is to share critical information of importance to the community.

