

# **PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**The purpose of the proposed amendment would establish new District criteria.**

- 1. It would change Council representation creating more equitable services to all Tribal members on and off the reservation.**
- 2. It would divide membership more evenly between the Districts.**
- 3. It would give the voting membership the right to vote for all Council members.**
- 4. It would save the Tribe almost \$200,000 per year by reducing the number of Council members and the costs attributed to them.**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL DISTRICTS CRITERIA**

**Intent**

The purpose of this petition is to have an election to amend Article III Section 1 and Section 2 – Council Districts representation by making Council more accountable and responsive to the majority of the Tribal membership. The Weitchpec and Pecwan Districts would be combined as one district. The Requa and Orick Districts would be combined and change the Orick, South Districts boundary line from Little River to the Mad River. This would move the South District northern boundary line to the south side of the Mad River. The Orick District southern boundary line would be changed to the north side of the Mad River, which would include McKinleyville, Blue Lake and Korbel.

The amendment would require that the entire voting Tribal membership vote on the election of all Council members as they do for Chairman and Vice Chairman, and would establish new districts criteria as follows:

**WEITCHPEC/PECWAN DISTRICT** – This includes all Ancestral Lands located upriver of Coon Creek on the Klamath River to and including down river to Blue Creek on the north side of the river and Ah Pah Creek and its drainage area on the south side of the river. Included within the District are the ancestral villages of Otsepor, Lo’olego, Weitspus, Pekwuturl, Ertlerger, Wahsekw, Kenek, Tsetskwi, Kenekpul, Merip, Wa’asel, Kepel, Murekin, Himetl, Nohtsku’m, Keihkem, Meta, Sregon, Yohter, Pekulan, Ko’otep, Wohtek, Wahkero, Serper, Ayotl, Nagetl, and Erner.

**REQUA/ORICK DISTRICT** – This includes all Ancestral Lands located downriver on the Klamath River from the Pecwan District and north and south of the center line of the Klamath River. The southernmost district boundary line, will be north of the centerline of the Mad River which extends from the Pacific Ocean to the westernmost boundary of the East District. Included within the District are the ancestral villages of Tlemekwetl, Stawen, Sa’aitl, Ho’pau, Omenok, Tmeri, Rekwoi, Omen, Turip, Wh’ohkel, Otwego, Wetkwau, Osegen, Espau, Sikwets, Orek, Tsahpek, Hergwer, Tsotskwi, Pa’ar, Oslokw, Keihkem, Ma’ats, Opyuweg, Tsurau, Sumeg and Metskwo.

**NORTH DISTRICT** – This includes all land north of the Ancestral Lands, east of the Pacific Ocean, west of a north-south line passing through Chimney Rock and within 60 miles of the Ancestral Lands.

**EAST DISTRICT** – This includes all land east of the Ancestral Lands, east of a north-south line passing through Chimney Rock, east of the generally north-south mountain ridge passing through Schoolhouse Peak, and within 60 miles of the Ancestral Lands.

**SOUTH DISTRICT** – This includes all land south of the centerline of the Mad River, east of the Pacific Ocean, west of the boundary of the East District and within 60 miles of the Ancestral Lands.

A Special Run-Off Election will be held between newly created Districts within 45 days upon passage of this amendment.

(This amendment will revise any applicable sections to the Constitution of the Yurok Tribe.)

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## **PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**The purpose of the proposed amendment would establish term limits for all Council members.**

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL TERM LIMITS

**INTENT**

The purpose of this proposal is to have an election to amend Section 3 – Terms of Office of the Constitution of the Yurok Tribe to read:

- c) Terms of Office shall be limited to a maximum of two consecutive terms (6 years) for all Council positions. Candidates may run for a different Council seat at anytime or their same seat after a one year break when that seat is vacated.

Upon completion of any Council members current term, they shall be bound by the above amendment.

(This amendment will revise any applicable sections to the Constitution of the Yurok Tribe.)

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# PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

## INTENT

The purpose of the proposed amendment would insure that all descendants of Yurok Tribal members be eligible for membership in the Yurok Tribe.

1. This will insure that our descendants will always be considered American Indian – The First People.
2. This will prevent discrimination for membership in the Tribe of children with Yurok blood only.
3. This will insure that all of our children and grandchildren do not lose their entitlement to their cultural and traditional heritage. (Hunting, fishing, ceremonial, etc.)

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
YUROK TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA**

The purpose of this petition is to have an election to amend Article II – Section 2 Membership a)/b) of the Constitution of the Yurok Tribe to read:

**Any lineal descendent of a Yurok Tribal member shall become eligible to be a member of the Yurok Tribe.**

Article II – Section 3 – Tribal Membership Based Upon Extraordinary Circumstances would be eliminated. Article II – Section 4 – Limitations on Membership would remain the same.

Immediately upon passage of this amendment eligible descendants will be able to apply for membership.

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