

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

[Keep this portion for your files].

**MEASURE 1:** Amend Constitution for membership requirements.**Explanation;**

The Siletz Tribal Council recently conducted a poll on whether the blood quantum requirements necessary for Siletz membership should be changed. The results of that poll favored lowering the membership blood quantum, but the number of people answering the poll was too small to mandate for change. As a result, the Tribal Council requested that the issue of a constitutional blood quantum change be put to a vote of the General Council at the next regular election.

Your vote on this issue will **NOT** result in an immediate change to the Siletz Constitution. The option that receives the most votes will be referred for a future constitutional election. The Tribal Council will formally request the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a tribal constitutional election at some future date on the blood quantum choice listed above which received the most votes. If that federally conducted election is properly conducted and a majority of the voters vote in favor of the blood quantum change in that election, the blood quantum change will become a permanent change to the Siletz Constitution.

This vote will not amend the Siletz Constitution. The Siletz Tribal Council is seeking the views of the General Council on this issue. If the Tribal membership votes in favor of the ballot measure set out above, this vote will be binding on the Tribal Council, who will then have to formally request the Secretary of the Interior to call and conduct a tribal constitutional election. At that election the language which appears above will be put to a vote of the membership. If that vote is positive, the changed language will become part of the Siletz Constitution.

**MEASURE 2: Explanation;**

Amend the Constitution to fix the May 16, 1978 roll as the base roll of the Siletz Tribe and to guarantee that the only changes that will be made to blood quantum listed on the 1978 roll will be upward.

The purpose of the proposed change is to fix the 1978 roll as the base roll of the Siletz Tribe, and to guarantee that the only changes that will be made to blood quantum listed on the 1978 roll will be upward changes, to increase Siletz blood quantum. The proposed change will remove ambiguous language in the current membership language of the Siletz Constitution [Language to be deleted appears below], which can be read as requiring the Tribal Council to change the 1978 roll based on new blood quantum information, and to reduce blood quantum on the 1978 roll if necessary for enrollment in the Siletz Tribe

An election of the Tribe, to amend the Siletz Constitution, shall be requested by the Siletz Tribal Council of the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior, to vote on amending the requirements of the Siletz Constitution, Article I, Section I [A], as follows;

**SECTION I: Requirements:**

The membership of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon shall consist of all persons who are not enrolled as members of another federally recognized tribe and;

[A] Whose name appear on the official roll dated may 16, 1978, provided that the blood quantum listed thereon shall be corrected only upwards by the governing body of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon.

The language proposed to be deleted reads as follows:

[A] Whose names validly appear on the official tribal roll dated May 6, 1978, provided that, if necessary and subject to the approval of the Secretary of Interior, the blood quantum levels listed thereon shall be corrected by the governing body of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon:

**Elections**

By: Walt Klamath, Staff Rep.

By the time that most read this it will have been too late to get a mail in Ballot, the only option is to vote in person at one of the Area Offices. We have sent out several hundred signature cards again this year. We went through the election rolls and everyone that shows there was no signature card, we sent one to the address shown on the roll. Many have not updated their address with enrollment or the Newsletter. So those will not see this letter either, our hope is that some will recognize the names and have them to contact enrollment and update their mailing address. It is important that every Tribal Member have the opportunity to vote. That is a Sacred right and duty.

We have had several returns, so far and many undeliverable. We use everthing that is available to use to get addresses.

These are the ones as of  
January 16, 1994:

Susan Eggerdlass  
Duane Combs  
Mathew Herz  
Tony Bursell  
Diana Gilla  
Darby Buchanan  
Theresa Fredric  
Brenda Davis  
Henry Cole Sr.  
June LaGrew  
Donald Collins  
Debra Boyd  
Sheryl Warren  
Margret Wilcox  
Donna Suitter  
Marsaida Lee  
Charles Miles  
Irene Somes  
Lawanda Thorne

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**Ballot Explanations****SILETZ TRIBAL COUNCIL  
ELECTION BALLOT****Sample Ballot**

YOU MAY VOTE FOR UP TO THREE [3] CANDIDATES FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL. PLACE AN "X" BY THE NAME OF EACH PERSON YOU WISH TO VOTE FOR. YOU MAY NOT GIVE ANY CANDIDATE MORE THAN ONE VOTE. ANY BALLOT WITH MORE THAN [3] TOTAL VOTES SHALL BE INVALID! WRITE-IN CANDIDATES ARE NOT ALLOWED. INCLUSION OF A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE'S NAME SHALL INVALIDATE YOUR BALLOT. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, AN ELECTION BOARD MEMBER WILL ASSIST YOU.

JoAnn Miller

Terry Russell

Jeff Williams

Philip Rilatos

Bensell Breon

Mary Viles

Jane John

Selene Lynch

Alice Werth

Gladys Staggs

Michael Berry

Ron Hudson

Kristi Lynn Martin

Lauri Brown-Godfrey

**Sample Ballot****BALLOT**

Mail with regular candidates ballot

**MEASURE 1: AMEND CONSTITUTION for membership requirements.**  
**EXPLANATION**

The following blood quantum requirement which I have marked and which has received a plurality of the votes of the General Council at this election shall be referred by the Tribal Council to the Secretary of the Interior for a vote to change the blood quantum requirements for membership, pursuant to the Siletz Constitution, in the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon.

**Select only one option**

- ☐ 1. Leave blood quantum as in present Siletz Constitution [1/8th Siletz blood]. Make no changes.
- ☐ 2. Lower minimum blood quantum to dependency.
- ☐ 3. Lower blood quantum to 1/16th.
- ☐ 4. Leave blood quantum at 1/8th, but count all Indian blood.
- ☐ 5. Leave blood quantum at 1/8th, count all Indian blood, but Siletz must be the majority [1/16th or more].

**MEASURE 2:** Amend the Constitution to fix the May 16, 1978 roll as the base roll of the Siletz Tribe and to guarantee that the only changes that will be made to the blood quantum listed on the 1978 roll will be upward changes.

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_