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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy speaks during the first-ever Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and City of Portland Tribal Government Day at the Portland Building in Portland on Friday, Sept. 23. Among other attendees were Tribal Council member Kathleen Tom, left, Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman, third from right, Tribal Council Secretary Jack Giffen Jr., second from right, and Warren Jimenez, chief of staff for Portland Mayor Sam Adams.

A 4-3 vote continues enrollment election

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council voted 4-3 on Wednesday, Sept. 14, to reject an effort to stop the current enrollment requirement amendment election and instead seek an advisory vote on whether the proposed amendment should be bundled as a single proposal or divided into four separate votes.

Tribal Council Vice Chair Reyn Leno moved to overturn the previous council's June 2 decision to send a bundled enrollment requirement amendment to Tribal voters. On June 16, the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Northwest Regional Director authorized the calling of the election.

"I truly believe that this going out as one could be very dangerous to this Tribe," Leno said, warning that the Tribe could be flooded with enrollment petitions if it passes in its current form. "All the work that we've put into getting ready for the 2012 budget will be for nothing."

Leno said he also was making the motion because of the comments he has heard from Tribal members who would prefer four separate votes. He also said he felt it was important to seek the membership's input on how they want the amendment to be presented on the ballot.

In June, Tribal Council voted 5-4

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Tribal Government Day held

Portland meeting may lead to official accord between governments

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

A first-ever Tribal Government Day between the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and City of Portland may lead to an accord between the two governments that outlines a more official government-to-government relationship.

The three-hour event held Friday, Sept. 23 — National Indian Day — in downtown Portland was a concerted effort to build more awareness throughout city staff about the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and its historical connection to the Portland

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At 102, Nora Kimsey left a path to follow

By Ron Karten
Smoke Signals staff writer

Nora Kimsey was born on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1908, in Grand Ronde and raised in the Grand Ronde area.

She walked on Sept. 7, 2011, at her home in Grand Ronde.

She was 102 and the Tribe's eldest and most beloved Elder.

She married Loren Kimsey in 1929 and their children are Margaret Provost, Marvin Kimsey and Myrna Brandon, all Tribal Elders who still live in Grand Ronde.

Nora's children, grandchildren



and great-grandchildren have given her 103 direct descendants. At the time of her passing, Nora was aunt to 200 to 300 people, with six generations growing up behind her.

Many of Nora's descendants remain active and influential with the Tribe and in Tribal activities.

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Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski meets Tribal Elder Nora Kimsey during his visit to the Tribal campus in May 2007. Also pictured is Kimsey's daughter, Tribal Elder Margaret Provost, left, and Tribal Council member Chris Mercier.

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