

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Oct. 26.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 9.....	5 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

Letters

Dear Tribal Council:

I do not like to choose between the good of my Tribe and the good of my family. Please break the enrollment bundle down into four separate questions so I can vote on each of them on their own merit.

Rosemary Jameson
Roll #883

Dear Smoke Signals:

I am a Tribal Elder. I greatly appreciate the benefits that the Tribe affords me and my family.

I have four grandchildren who are enrolled in the Tribe. My youngest grandchild, Makenzie, was a Tribal member, but her membership was taken away as a result of the 1999 enrollment amendment.

Makenzie has the same blood quantum as her brother and sister, but has now been left out solely because of the date of her birth. How can she not grow up feeling discriminated against when her brother and sister have the same mother and father, and she has the same blood quantum?

There are 30 plus other wounded families that are facing the same dilemma.

This inequality can be corrected by voting "yes" on the constitutional election on Nov. 15.

Please vote "yes" because it is the right thing to do to heal this wound for our families.

Gail Wilkinson
Roll #3509

Dear Tribal members:

Please don't be fooled into thinking that a "yes" vote for the enrollment requirement amendment election is fair and beneficial for all Tribal members. It is an attempt at a compromise to correct errors in our current enrollment requirement at the expense of creating new problems for current and future Tribal members.

This amendment bundles four separate and distinct enrollment issues; how can you interlace the definition of Grand Ronde blood, the relinquishment time between disenrollment of another Tribe and enrollment in Grand Ronde, a limit in the absolute number of Tribal members who can enroll in a given year and the removal of a parent on the roll at the time of birth into one election?

Indeed, there are glaringly obvious problems with our enrollment requirements, but these issues should never have been bundled in a bully attempt to force us to accept some detrimental impacts on Tribal membership in order to get an extremely diminished version of enrollment justice.

In order to address the real issues of enrollment injustice, we need to vote "no" on this election, lobby our leadership to separate the issues for individual voting, demand that they quit wasting our time and Tribal resources on elections meant to divert our attention from the corollary effects of current enrollment issues (and future issues, should the amendment pass), and participate in the creation of non-discriminatory and even-handed regulation of our enrollment.

Charles G. Haller II
Roll #1032

Dear Tribal membership:

I want to share my story in the hopes you'll support the upcoming constitutional amendment.

The first time I met my father was in 2007. I had no knowledge of my Native heritage until that first meeting. I immediately applied for Tribal membership, but have been denied due to the fact that my father was not a Tribal member at the time of my birth. Despite the fact that I was born during Termination, when my father couldn't be a Tribal member, I've been denied membership.

I am now 33 years old and look forward to the day that I'll be allowed to join the rest of my family as a Grand Ronde Tribal member.

Thank you for supporting the constitutional amendment.

Jessie Jones
Roll #TBD

Dear Smoke Signals:

I am urging everyone to vote "yes" on the amendment issue before us. I believe that voting "yes" is in the best interest of our Tribe and encourage you to vote in the affirmative. A vote of "yes" will affirm the rights of denied Grand Ronde who possess at least 1/16th blood to exercise their rights as Natives. Vote "yes!"

Eric Bernardo
Roll #3265

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General Council meeting

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