

**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, June 1.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, June 15.....	1 p.m.
Wednesday, June 29.....	5 p.m.

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

**Letters**

**Dear Smoke Signals:**

It is time to vote on the proposed constitutional amendment. The membership's voice is heard through their votes. By bundling the definition of Grand Ronde blood with the parent on the roll issues, Tribal Council is controlling the membership's vote. This is not fair and this is not going to result in an accurate vote of the membership.

If you agree with one issue and not the other, you have to pass something you don't agree with or fail something you do agree with. This is forcing Tribal members to compromise. This is a disservice to the voting membership.

Tribal Council members have publicly stated that they feel bundling these issues will give it a better chance to pass. How is this fair? This is a major decision and the membership should be able to vote on each issue separately.

In addition to saying "no" to bundled amendments, please consider the following. The proposed amendment:

- Will allow Indian blood not currently defined as Grand Ronde blood to become Grand Ronde blood for enrollment;
- Will create new split families;
- Will not create equality. There will be those born before 1999 who can count all Indian blood and those born after 1999 who cannot count all Indian blood;
- Will not fix all split families.

I will be voting "no" on the proposed constitutional enrollment amendment.

**Ed Pearsall**  
Tribal Council  
Roll #589

**Dear Smoke Signals:**

I would like to take a moment to express my opinion on the constitutional vote taking place. As a Tribal member who has lived here my entire life and been through a few constitutional votes, there are a few questions I believe each of you should ask yourselves before voting.

Is it really the right time to do this? No.

Do you know the impact to yourself and your family if it were to pass? No.

Do you know the impact to our endowments, which are the future for all Tribal members? No.

Do you know the impact it could have on the programs and benefits you currently receive? No.

Do you think blood from other Tribes should be used for calculating Grand Ronde blood? No.

Was the Enrollment Department or the Enrollment Committee involved in the development of the language put before you to vote on? No.

Do you believe bundling things together is really the best way to find out what the membership really wants? No.

Did Tribal Council, in its planning for possible lower revenues from some competition from other casinos, plan on a change in our enrollment? No.

Do you think it is right to move forward with an election when only part of our membership will be able to vote due to the short time frame? No.

I truly believe a vote of this magnitude should have had a whole lot of these questions answered before we ever put it out for the membership to vote on. Tribal Council's top priority should always be what is best for the entire enrolled membership and not focused on folks wanting to become members. We are still a growing Tribe, so do we really need an enrollment change? In my opinion as a Tribal member, no. So join me in voting "no" on both of the choices put before you on the constitutional amendments.

**Reyn Leno**  
Tribal Council Chair  
Roll #453

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**Tribal Council nominations**  
**11 a.m. Sunday, June 26**  
**Tribal Community Center**

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