

## **Buster Attebery**

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### Letter of Intent for Candidacy

Name of Candidate: Russell "Buster" Attebery

Tribal Roll #: 000587

Candidate for: Chairman

### Candidate Statement

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It has been a great honor to serve the Karuk People for the last 12 years as Chairman. I am running again because I have some projects that I would like to see finished that will be a huge benefit to the Karuk Membership. These include:

--As a Pacific Region Representative of the Tribal/Department of Interior Budget Committee, I am part of a group that will be asking for an increase in funding for all Tribes. This ask will be for 50 Billion dollars and will have a direct effect on the funding the Karuk Tribe receives.

--As a Tribal Nations Grant Fund Panel Member, we will be asking for an increase in funding for the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund from 1.1 million to 3 million. This will be discretionary funding that the Karuk Tribe can use any way we want.

--The Casino project expansion is under way and estimates say it increase our revenue by 20%.

The Karuk Tribe has grown by leaps and bounds the last 12 years, in 2004 our net assets were 55.5 million, in 2021 they have increased to 116.5 million.

--When the Karuk first became federally recognized we only had a handful of employees, today we have over 500 employees and continue to grow.

The bottom line is, I think it is time to start programs that will financially help our Tribal Members. A program that will help our Elders, a program that will help our children get an education so they can come back a work for the Karuk Tribe. A program that will offer the necessary trainings so Karuk Tribal Members can join our workforce and a workforce housing program.

I have been and still am very proud to serve the Karuk Members as Chairman. I have and will continue to work long hours to make my vision become a reality, if I am re-elected as Chairman.

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Russell "Buster" Attebery