

Candidate: Luis H Neuner
Position: Secretary/Treasurer
Date: May 21, 2019



Letter of Intent for Candidacy

Ayukii fellow Tribal People,

My name is Luis Neuner, and I humbly announce my candidacy for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Karuk Tribe. My family is from Orleans, CA where I have been lucky enough to grow up for most of my life. With guidance and support from my parents and family, I am currently at the tail end of obtaining my Associate Bachelor's degree with an emphasis in Political Science. At the same time, I have participated and helped coordinate the Pikyavish ceremonies at Tishawnik and Katimiin and have continued to remain part of my community while attending college. Through the Tribes Internship Program, I have also been lucky enough to become acquainted with Self Governance Policies, Tribal Council affairs, and many awesome new people. I now feel that I can actively contribute better and more efficiently by serving you as Secretary/Treasurer.

I have come to understand and believe that natural resources, human resources and cultural heritage are our Tribe's most important assets. All three are very much intertwined, with success in each depending on success in the other. That is why it will be my overarching mission to build, cultivate and encourage growth amongst our communities in these three areas. In order to do so, we have to continue to flesh out our highly successful programs, while simultaneously building our sovereignty as an independent Karuk Tribal Nation.

The Karuk Tribe has seen a great amount of economic growth in the last few years. Through our many ventures, such as the newly founded Rain Rock Casino, or the highly useful Internet services, we have continually grown more sovereign day by day. We also have much more potential. It is my intent that as your Secretary /Treasurer, we will further branch out and offer true, fair and transparent leadership. I believe that I can bring fresh, new and bold ideas to the table, and that both my traditional and technological skills and knowledge will support my serving you as Secretary/Treasurer for the next four years. It would be a great honor to have your vote.

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Luis Neuner