

## **Letter of intent for candidacy**

**Name of candidate: Jeffrey A McAllister jr**

**Tribal Roll #: 589**

**Candidate for: Happy camp member at large**

**Ayukii nani Karuk araaras(Hello my upriver relatives), My intent for running for Tribal Council, is to bring a new perspective to the current political system of the Karuk Tribe.**

**With the Rain Rock Casino up and running, Tribal Council has both the time and resources to redirect their attention to historical issues.**

**We have an opportunity to increase the Tribal employment opportunities in the river communities of Happy Camp and Orleans, through various avenues related to Natural Resource Programs, including self sustainable energy production, Tribal Fisheries and Wildlife programs and direct contractual agreements with the State and Federal governments within Karuk ancestral territory.**

**One of my goals is to utilize the Tribal Council platform to promote and seek funding for job opportunities that will enable the Karuk Tribe to become energy independent. The options are many in our area and ultimately can provide several different job opportunities. The Karuk Tribe is in need of another Department that specifically manages energy production and management. If possible I plan to seek ways to introduce this Department to the Karuk Tribe.**

**Another goal is to steer away from verbal only praise of our large pool of Tribal Veterans and instead find tangible ways to show the Karuk Veterans and Spouses of Karuk Veterans our support and thanks through policy making that increases the Karuk Tribes gratitude for these members and their families. As well as removing unnecessary policy roadblocks that prevent our Veterans from accessing Tribal programs. Including Housing, TANF, Medical incentives and Employment with the Karuk Tribe.**

**My last goal, is something that is not necessarily dependent on my election to this Council position but is something I plan to proactively support and work towards. My Great grandparents Francis and Grace Davis are well known for their cultural influence with the Karuk people. Many Tribal leaders and cultural leaders have been in their current leadership positions because of the knowledge passed down to them through my Great Grandparents influence. Being directly related to them I was able to hear from them directly about their personal views of the future of the Karuk people. To summarize their contribution, the Karuk culture, language, our baskets, our way of life, the aama(salmon), puufich(deer), ishyuuk(elk), Xuntapaan(acorns), peeshkeesh(the river), and our ceremonies strengthened by all the people, not just a few, were necessary to guarantee the Karuk Tribes future as an independent people, unassimilated and unique. This is a goal to promote on and off Tribal Council by any and all Tribal Leaders.**

**Since the Term that I am running for is a very short term in the foot steps of one of Karuk Tribes most influential Tribal Leaders of all time, I am asking for the chance to accomplish a lot in a short amount of time. Through your support and your vote I will work towards the successful implementation of these goals.**

**Yootva(thank you), Jeffrey McAllister Jr.**

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