

ELKO BAND COUNCIL

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To: Elko Band Tribal Members
Fr: Elko Band Election Committee
Re: Elko Band Regular Election – October 12, 2024

Dear Elko Band Tribal Members:

Please find letters of interest/biographies from interested candidates for the 10/12/24 Elko Band Regular Election.

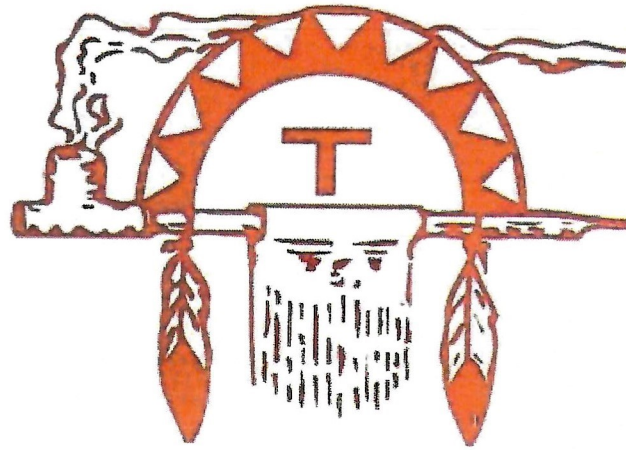
Additionally, the following candidates declined to participate in the Election Committee's request for letters of interest/bios for the aforementioned election:

- Corinna Gonzales
- Raymond Gonzales
- Darla Lozano
- Pandora Stevens
- Derrick Tybo
- Doyle Tybo (Withdrew his name from the 10/12/24 EB Regular Election on 10/1/24)

Thanks,

EB Election Committee

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Vote Elko Band Council 2024

BOBB GEORGE

Hello, my name is Bobb George, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Elko Band Council. I have developed a deep understanding of our community's unique needs and aspirations. My commitment to our culture, our people, and our future drives my vision for positive change. I believe that together, we can foster economic growth, preserve our rich heritage, and enhance the well-being of every member of our tribe. Your support is crucial in this journey, and I am eager to work hand-in-hand with you to create a brighter, more prosperous future for all. Let us make a difference together.

Hello fellow tribal members! My name is Bennith Platerio Tinhorn and I'm an enrolled member of Elko Band membership. My mother was Brenda Bill Platerio and my father was Benjamin Platerio and I live on the Upper Indian Colony. I have decided to run for council due to the unfair treatment that the tribal housing did to me. I am running on the platform of equality and justice and the rights of each and every tribal member. We all should come together and treat each other equally no matter what family you are related to.

True leadership is not about titles or positions, but about sharing the table with those who build the foundation. A leader who listens, understands, and grows alongside their tribal members to foster a future of strength and unity. Please get out and vote for change in justice. Thank you for your support. Bennith Tinhorn

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I, Danena Ike, am running for the Elko Band Council. I had not previously been in politics and saw the corruption the Band was under for too many years. I want to try to do right for the People. I ran during the 2021-2024 term and continue to hold office. I have learned much and met many people who also wants to do right for the Native People. I feel there is so much more to be done and I have just started.

During my term, I ensured audits were completed to place Elko Band back in compliance, which were behind when taking office, Thereby jeopardizing future Government and State funding for Elko Band. I and finance staff also obtained the SAM.gov identity and registered in the nick of time before having to lay off employees when the last term chair and his administrator failed to do and, again, jeopardized funding for the Band. Relationships were started with those in the Senators' Office, NV Lobbist, and Partners to accomplish this important endeavor, which we thank them for their assistance.

We now have staff of experience, longevity, and addition to administration. We were able to establish and successfully obtain funding for the EPA Program that had not been funded due to those previously in office and did not report as stipulated and, again, jeopardized funding for over two years.

We have been successful in obtaining Grants and have purchased two new school buses that should arrive in October; a new conversation van for the seniors, upgrade the gym's electrical system, solar panels are in the process of being erected and scheduled to be placed for use by the end of October for the Health & Wellness Center, new playground at Redwood, road maintenance funds allocated for Indian View Heights, tree trimming, new security system for administration, and new gym equipment, to name a few. Also, investment back to the community from cannabis funds include underground power for 1.3 acre lots in the development area for home sites, Crack & Seal of parking lots located at Smoke Shop, IHS Clinic, Administration, ABC Pre-School, Gym, and possibly for the Smoke Shop renovation.

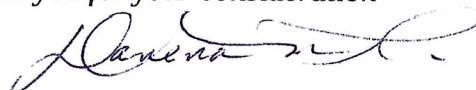
I have many ideas yet to accomplish for Elko Band. Since the first three years were done concentrating on how to get Elko Band in compliance with all the programs much time was needed to accomplish these. Many projects are in the process for the Band and I hope I will be in office to accomplish these.

I have been accused of many allegations by those who does not want our People to prosper. They tell lies that I have stolen money from the cannabis funds which cannot be done due to safety protocols I ensured to be placed to stop this from happening after when one of the chairs during this term removed money without Council knowledge or authorization. I do not lie and I do not steal. I have no reason to do these-I am here for the People. I am at the office each day and I give my time at the office without pay. Nor, do I get paid stipends for meetings.

I ask you to consider to vote for me as I will continue to follow opportunities for the Band's economic growth. I will continue to fight for justice and truth, and against those who want to jeopardize any good for the Native People. The council cannot possibly make all members happy and some decisions by council must consider the overall membership. But, I will continue to be fair and impartial.

Elko Band Elections are scheduled on Saturday, October 12th. Director, Darryl LaCounte, BIA recognizes the Garcia-Ike Tribal Council to have government to government relations and the authority to ensure the 2024 Elections are valid.

Thank you for your consideration



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My name is Helen Stevens and I am running for the Elko Band Council. I have been actively involved in Tribal affairs, attending meetings and serving on different committees. Through my involvement, I have gained a deep understanding of the Tribe's constitution and ordinances.

I believe that the current state of the Tribe requires significant changes, which is why I am committed to making improvements to our Constitution. I have witnessed corruption with the council for years, and I am determined to put an end to it. It is a time for us to come together as a united Tribe once again.

I am confident that with my experience and dedication. I can make a positive impact on the council and help lead our Tribe towards a brighter future.

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ELKO BAND COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATOR

Leah Brady, Elko Band/Te-Moak Tribal member

Born and raised in Elko, Nevada. Graduated from Owyhee High, '73 and the University of Nevada Reno, '77 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education.

Work Experience: Retired from the Nevada State Education Association, having worked in Elko, Las Vegas, & Reno, NV offices as a UniServ Director/Labor Organization Specialist. After 22.5 years, retired from teaching in 1999 from Churchill County School District .

Education Leadership experience: Nevada State Education Association - Minority Affairs Committee State Chair 96, Committee member 1992-96, Churchill Co. Education Association President, from 1993-95, Vice President from 1988-91, State Delegate Assembly Representative from 1989-99.

Scholarship Committee: Served on the Western Shoshone Education Trust Fund – Administrative Committee 2012-2020 as committee member and Chairperson.

Cultural Leadership Service and participation: Great Basin Native Basketweavers Association, as member, current & Past Chairperson, Treasurer, & Vice-Chair, teacher & weaving demonstrator in Reno-Carson City areas, Nevada, 1999-2024.

Current member of the Executive Committee for the Shoshonean Reunion since 2004. Elko Co. Fair, Home Arts Division, Superintendent of Indian Crafts, 1988-present.

Co-Author of Celebrating Nevada Indians Teaching Curriculum to all elementary schools in Nevada, 1999 and provided workshops to teachers around the state.

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I have had education and leadership experience and while working for the “Teachers’ Union”, I had experience working with local association members by providing leadership training and development, developing internal communications, business management skills, handling conflict resolutions/grievances and negotiating employee contracts with 15 public school districts.

I was elected 5 months after the regular Band elections to fill a position vacated by resigned council members. Having returned to my community, I ran for office because there was so much chaos happening that I felt that I had skills to assist the council, but I did it voluntarily without pay and will continue to do so if re-elected.

At first, there was turmoil in our business office, the programs and among staff. There was a lack of communications and accountability. One of our main tasks was to see that our Elko Band office is running efficiently and receiving the resources to provide services for our Band members. Decisions are made by the whole council, not 1 person.



This council has worked to clear up some of the issues but there is still work to be done. Not everyone appreciates the hard decisions that the council has to make. Most people don't understand that we have policies and resolutions that have to be followed. We've had to make hard decisions. We are holding people accountable for their actions and finding qualified employees has been difficult.

The whole Council worked to insure that policies were in place for better accountability. Newe Cannabis was another problem issue when we came on the Council and we now have better policies in place. I support distribution for all Elko Band members.

During this past 2.5 years, funds were frozen and our staff has had to work with limited resources. We were able to use recovery funds to make sure that we could provide programs for our Band members. Now that funds have been restored, the council was able to move forward with the road projects, and land expansion plans for 1.3-acre homesite lots. The council also reached out to NV Gold and received monies for Summer Youth, Summer Food and Senior Nutrition Programs.

The council voted to improve the Smoke Shop service by adding better products. Remodeling the Smoke Shop is a project that has started. It will take a while to complete the project but it needs to be done and will make it more inviting for people to go there.

The council voted to have our gym floors replaced, electrical upgrades, solar panels being installed to cut costs for the building and the sewer line upgraded. One project that I would like to see is an extension onto the gym so that the community could having a meeting area, a kitchen/eating area for community events, additional storage, restrooms and office space for cultural programs. We're in discussion with the NV Gold about this project and could possibly see it done in phases.

There are upgrades and repairs needed on our buildings. We need to offer more programs for our youth. Our community needs more cultural and recreational activities, especially for our kids. Being retired, I am available and ready to help.

- Leah Brady