



Walker River Paiute Tribe

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CALL FOR NEW TRIBAL ELECTION - 2023

The Walker River Paiute Tribe will hold its New Tribal Election on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024**, at the Tribal Community Center located on Hospital Road in Schurz, Nevada. The Polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.

There are **two (2) Council Positions Vacant**, **one (1) for Tribal Council Secretary and one (1) for Member**; those elected will serve a 4-year term. Eligibility for holding office is as follows:

1. Must be a member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe and a Registered Voter.
2. Must be 25 years of age or older.
3. Must be a bona fide resident of the territory of the Tribe for at least one (1) year prior to the election.
4. Cannot be a convicted felon.

CANDIDATE PETITIONS AND PETITION FORMS for candidacy will be available at the Tribal Chairman's office **beginning on Tuesday, January 16, 2024**. Each candidate will be required to sign out and file their own petition with the Secretary of Tribal Council or designated person, at least thirty (30) days prior to the election. Not less than ten (10) legal voters shall sign each petition. A voter may sign one (1) petition for each vacancy. All candidates must also turn in a Petition Form that notes for what office you are running. This form also serves as an authorization for a background check; you must pay \$50.00 and submit your receipt along with this form. The \$50.00 will be used for the background check. **The last day to turn in both of these to the Secretary of the Tribal Council or the designated person at the Tribal Office, 1022 Hospital Road, is Friday, January 26, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. *(see footnote)**

Currently sitting Councilmen wishing to run for either of these offices must resign their positions prior to the ballot being approved by the Council **on February 8, 2024**. As per Tribal Resolution WR-65-2020, a written resignation letter must be submitted to the Tribal Election Board and accepted by the Tribal Council. This letter must be submitted with their petition.

***Footnote: For those candidates who wish to remain on the ballot from the last election, no background fee nor background check will be required. The only requirement will be the submission of a new candidate packet.**

VOTER REGISTRATION: All Walker River Tribal members who are eighteen (18) years of age by Election Day are eligible to vote. Members must be duly registered to be eligible to vote.

You may submit in writing a Voter Registration Form, you can pick one up at the Tribal Election office at 1022 Hospital Road, Schurz, Nevada or download one from the Tribe's website at wrpt.org. New registration forms must be returned to the Tribal Election Board by **Thursday, February 29, 2024, by 4:00pm** for the New 2023 Election. Once you have registered to vote you do not have to register again. Please review the eligible Voter's Lists when posted.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS must be requested by February 29, 2024. Absentee ballot requests shall be submitted in writing to the Tribal Election Board by mail at: Walker River Tribal Election Board, P.O. Box 130, Schurz, NV 89427, in person at the Tribal Election Office or you can download a form at from the Tribe's website at wrpt.org. You can either complete an Absentee Ballot Form or request one via a written letter. If requesting an absentee ballot via a letter, you must have the following information on your letter: Name, Address (physical and mailing), Walker River Tribal membership information (copy of tribal enrollment card, enrollment number or any other documentation), and official signature and date. Those requesting an absentee ballot via a letter are also encouraged to provide a telephone number and/or e-mail address. AN ELIGIBLE VOTER THAT HAS REQUESTED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND SENT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT SHALL NOT VOTE AT THE POLLS UNLESS THEY SURRENDER THE ABSENTEE BALLOT THAT WAS SENT OUT TO THEM.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS LISTS: The final Eligible Voters List for the New 2023 Election will be posted on **March 6, 2024**.

For additional information, please call the Tribal Election Office at 775-773-2306 x2349 or

Email: electionboard@wrpt.org

Posted: December 29, 2023, by Courtney Quintero, Tribal Election Chairman: CQ