

KARUK TRIBE
April 5, 2010 Election

Name: Alvis Johnson
Roll Number: 27
Candidate For: Vice Chairman

Candidate Statement

My name is Alvis Johnson, Karuk Tribal Member #27. I am running for election to the remainder of the Vice Chairman seat. I served four consecutive terms as Chairman from 1987 through 2003 and two consecutive terms as Member at Large from 2004 to present.

I was born at the Johnson Ranch in Somes Bar. I lived in the area until I joined the Army in 1962, I served until 1964. After my tour of duty I returned to the area and worked in the local sawmill until I moved to the Bay Area where I worked as a welder/fabricator. I returned to my home in 1985.

I have worked to establish the Happy Camp Brush Dance and have participated in ceremonies my entire life providing me with an appreciation and understanding of their importance in our lives as Tribal Members.

I currently serve as Member at Large on the Tribal Council. In addition to this Tribal Council position I serve as the President of the Karuk Community Development Corporation Board of Directors. These positions have kept me involved in Tribal programs since my time as Chairman.

I have been involved with the government of the Karuk Tribe since the federal recognition process in 1979 and would like to continue seeing the Tribe grow and prosper.

As Vice Chairman I would continue to focus my energy on:

- Supporting the Karuk Tribal Health Program and nurturing its sustainability and continued expansion;
- Working with the Self Governance Department to strengthen that department so it may successfully advocate for the Tribe's unmet needs;
- Supporting economic development projects that will lead the Tribe toward self sufficiency; and
- Pursuing the establishment of a Tribal Casino to secure funding that can meet the needs of the Membership and lessen program dependence on grant funding.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Membership as Vice Chairman. My leadership skills and previous experience as Chairman, Council Member, and Committee Member make me a strong candidate to continue to serve as leadership for the Tribe.

Please be sure your voice is heard and vote on April 5, 2010!