

My name is Cathy Meinert. I am currently running as a candidate for the Happy Camp Member at Large.

We, as a tribe, have benefitted from the many choices the Council has made. I would like to help continue this work.

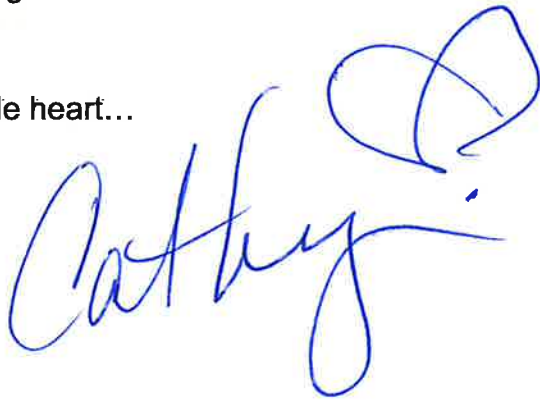
As a Cultural Monitor, I have tried to do my part in securing our past. I look forward to a future that not only continues our traditions but listens to new ideas.

During the process of soliciting signatures for my candidacy, I became aware of how many of our tribe are descendants. Where did this process come from. Our ancestors did not follow this. For thousands of years, they married members of other tribes. A native possessed the blood of more than one tribe. They did not consider a child 1/8th member of the tribe. The child was considered a native member of the tribe.

I know I must research this more before submitting any proposal for our Council to consider. I would appreciate input from our native family. You can usually find me on assignment as a Cultural Monitor.

If you have something to share, do not hesitate to get in touch with me. We are going forward together.

With a little heart...



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