

KARUK TRIBE
LETTER OF INTENT FOR CANDIDACY
CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Ayukii,

My name is Laura Mayton. I grew up in Happy Camp and graduated from Happy Camp High School. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a minor in psychology from Humboldt State University. I am a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), and I worked as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the Karuk Tribe for 21 years before retiring on July 7, 2023.

I worked very hard during that 21 years to make sure the Karuk Tribe received clean audits and always had a current indirect cost agreement. During my time as CFO, the number of grants administered by the Tribe doubled to over 200, and net assets increased substantially.

I was instrumental in obtaining financing for the Rain Rock Casino by working with the Poarch Creek Tribe, Tribal Financial Advisors and Wells Fargo Bank. I also worked with the developer and general contractor to manage and track construction costs for the casino. For my work on the casino project, the Tribal Council nominated me for the Native American Finance Officer Association (NAFOA) Executive of the Year award which I received in 2017.

I have an excellent understanding of the programs, policies, finances, and other business of the Karuk Tribe. If elected, I will use this knowledge to protect and sustainably grow the Karuk Tribe.

My vision for the future of the Karuk Tribe includes increasing the educational and vocational opportunities for members and descendants. The Tribe struggles to hire qualified employees who want to live in our remote locations. If we invest in education and training members and descendants who want to live here, it will benefit the individual and the Tribe as a whole.

If elected, I will do my best to represent all Karuk Tribal members and to provide as many benefits, services and opportunities as possible.

Thank you (Yootva) for your consideration.

Laura Mayton
6-12-2024
Tribal Roll # 311
Candidate for Happy Camp
member at large