

Letter of Intent

To the tribal membership here some of accomplishments I have completed or working on this past four years. I have been busy with a lot of Tribal Council Meetings and Health Board meetings. Protecting our membership's rights is and will be the upmost important accomplishment as your Vice Chairman. My day to day operation schedule was precise and with all the meetings I have attended as a Commissioner of the Housing Authority Board was time consuming. We have planned our daily activities that our staff carries out and have many projects that are in process such as the Wellness Center in Yreka we are hoping to break ground soon. We also planned projects ongoing to build more homes and even Duplexes in Happy Camp and Orleans in the planning stages. I have been chosen as a representative to the Native American Housing Assistance Self Determination Act Rules and Negotiations Committee. Twenty four people were selected and it's an honor to serve on this committee as a tribal leader that protects our interest in housing in California.

I also set on the California Rural Health Board representing our clinics and health program. This board elected me to the Executive Board as a Member at Large along with Chairman of the Audit Committee. We advocate for all tribes in California on all health issues that come forward. I also represent our tribe as alternate to the Behavior Health Board on a National level which also covers behavior health issues. Another health committee is the committee that works with the Indian Health Services Area Director where we help her cover health concerns in California.

It is truly an honor to represent our tribal membership and advocate for the housing and health issues that we are always fighting to make better. My hope is one day we have enough homes available for our membership that deserve a place to live. Along with enough funding to cover the health issues of all Tribal Members and Native Americans living in our service area. I also tried hard to stay up on gaming issues, Tribal Court, Cultural concerns and Natural Resources of our tribe.

Therefore it my intention to follow up on everything I am accomplishing and continue to serve our membership to the best of my ability. That being said I'm seeking to get re-elected to the Tribal Council Vice Chairman position this year in November. I personally feel that I'm the perfect candidate for the Vice Chairman seat, because of the organizational knowledge and experience I have gained since 1989 when I started working for our tribe.

I would like to remind all members I do have an open door policy and phone number that when I am in the office you should feel free to contact me. My email and phone number are mthom@karuk.us and (530)493-1600 Ext 2040