



CENTRAL COUNCIL
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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Eighty-Third Annual Tribal Assembly
April 18-20, 2018
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 18-01

Title: Allow Absentee and Electronic Voting

By: Seattle Tlingit & Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 30,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9. Section 1. of the Rules of Elections states that all eligible voters will be able to vote either by absentee voting or electronic voting, depending on the method the community chooses; and

WHEREAS, tribal citizens registered to a community outside of Alaska that has selected absentee voting can find it more challenging to receive, complete, and return their ballots by the close of business on election day; and

WHEREAS, tribal citizens with one week or less to submit their ballots must contact Program Compliance to request a waiver relinquishing their right to a secret ballot, fill out the waiver, scan or photocopy it and fax or email it along with their ballot to the Program Compliance office; and

WHEREAS, tribal citizens who want to vote, but are not willing to relinquish their right to a secret ballot and/or complete the inconvenient and cumbersome waiver process are deterred from voting; and

WHEREAS, an option to choose either absentee or electronic voting can accommodate both tribal citizens with computer access and those without, increasing the potential participation of eligible voters; and

WHEREAS, providing tribal citizens with centralized polling stations, as is done in other communities choosing electronic voting, is unfeasible due to the vast area the Seattle community covers; and

WHEREAS, allowing a community to have an option that includes both absentee and electronic voting would be more efficient, less expensive and increase voter turnout;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Third Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 18-20, 2018, hereby requests to Create a task force consisting of the Tribal Delegate Elections Committee to work with Program Compliance staff to explore options for communities to hold either electronic or absentee within one ballot allowing the tribal citizen to select a method of their choice. The Committee can meet via teleconference or in person and present options to the delegations at the 2019 tribal assembly.


ADOPTED this 20th day of April 2018, by the Eighty-Third Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe