



CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

General Council Input Survey

April 14, 2023

Dear Tribal Member,

The Tribal Council is seeking input from all enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw (General Council) to amend the Constitution. This document has never been amended since its original approval on June 23, 1987. Included in this mailing; is a **“General Council Input Survey”** that was created to provide information and to seek input of the General Council on **“Proposed Amendments”** and offer guidance on any areas of possible amendments needed. Also, a copy of the Tribes current **Constitution**.

Some reasons amendments are needed is due to changes to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) requirements over the years and language that is affecting our Enrollment process. An election is required of the General Council for the approval of any Constitutional amendments. This election is a Federal Election that will solely be conducted by the BIA for the Tribe in accordance with Federal Regulations. This is called a Secretarial Election.

What the BIA will do: Once the BIA receives the Tribe’s proposed amendments, the BIA will review them to ensure that they are legally sufficient and, if so, will accept them for the election. The BIA will send out a “Notice” of the Secretarial Election date to all those members 18 and over. **The BIA will then send out a special registration packet, as all of our Tribal Members will need to register with the BIA to participate in the Secretarial Election.** Finally, the BIA will send out ballots for this election. The ballot sent to registered voters will have a separate vote for each proposed amendment, allowing each voter to vote yes or no to each individual proposed amendment. The Secretarial Election Board will establish a place to tabulate votes and the BIA will facilitate the tabulation and certify the results. All correspondence from BIA will be sent to the last known address on file with the Tribe.

How Can General Council Get Involved? We have created a **“General Council Input Survey”** enclosed to explain areas of **“Proposed Amendments.”** Please participate in this process and complete the survey. A summary of the results of the survey will be shared with the General Council.

Ways to Complete the Survey

By Mail: We have provided a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience. However, due to mail delays out of our control with US Postal Service, if you choose this method to respond, please complete this paper version and send it back promptly so we are able to get your responses timely.

Electronic Version: You can visit www.ctclusi.org and follow the link provided on the home page titled **“General Council Input Survey”** for faster submissions. This method is preferred if you are able.

If you require any assistance in filling out the survey, please contact Jeannie McNeil at 541-888-7506 or jmneil@ctclusi.org for more information.

We are requesting all submissions to be received by May 12, 2023.

Tribal Council is Hosting a Public Meeting

**“Constitutional Amendment - Public Question
and Answer Session”**

For the General Council about this process.

Saturday April 29, 2023

from 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Via Zoom and in person at the

Community Center

338 Wallace Ave

Coos Bay, Oregon

***A Zoom link will be made available and posted on the Tribes
website prior to this meeting time.***

***Please be sure your screen name identifies your enrolled name
during this meeting.***

More information about the “**General Council Input Survey**” is available online at www.ctclusi.org

Council is requesting input from every enrolled member 18 years of age and older. This information will be used from the General Council to guide the amendment process in next steps.

Thank you in advance for your participation,
Jeannie McNeil
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