

2021 Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Business Committee and Chairperson Elections

Two (2) Tribal Business Committee positions will be elected this year, the positions currently held by Anthony Charles and Steve Joaquin Robideau. The election will be held from the list of eligible tribal members who accepted their nomination for the 2021 Election, or voters may write in the name of any person who is eligible to hold office as an alternative to voting for a nominated candidate. The other members of the LEKT Business Committee are Frances G. Charles (whose term expires 2022), Russell N. Hepfer and Edward Johnson (whose terms expire in 2023).

The Election Committee of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe hereby gives notice of the schedule for the 2021 elections, as follows:

Monday, April 5, 2021 – Nominations for Business Committee Candidates, 7:00 PM, at the regularly scheduled Community Council Meeting at the Lower Elwha Tribal Center. If a quorum is not present, the Election Committee will conduct the nominations.

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 – Deadline to Submit Acceptance of Nomination. Rule 5.3 of the 2021 Election Rules and Regulations requires any nominated candidate to provide written acceptance of the nomination in order to be on the ballot. If a nominee fails to provide this written acceptance by that deadline, his or her name will not appear on the ballot, but will still be eligible for election to the Business Committee as a write-in candidate. Written Acceptance of nomination may be submitted in one of three ways: (1) at the Community Council Meeting on April 5, 2021, by handing in the completed acceptance form to the Election Committee; (2) by sending the completed form in an email to election@elwha.org not later than 5:00 PM on April 7, 2021; or (3) by delivering to the Election Drop Box at the Elwha Justice Center by not later than 5:00 PM on April 7, 2021.

Saturday, May 1, 2021 – Election of Business Committee Member. There will be a polling place at the Tribal Center, which will be open from 12:00 PM (noon) to 8:00 PM for in-person polling. Mail-in ballots will be also be used. All mail-in ballots must be received at the official post-office box or the polling place by Election Day (May 1, 2021). Any ballots not received by Election day WILL NOT be counted, regardless of when they were mailed.

Saturday, May 29, 2021 – Election of Chairperson. There will be a polling place at the Tribal Center, which will be open from 12:00 PM (noon) to 8:00 PM. for in-person polling. Mail-in ballots will be also be used. All mail-in ballots must be received at the official post-office box or the polling place by Election Day (May 1, 2021). Any ballots not received by Election day WILL NOT be counted, regardless of when they were mailed.

The 2021 Election Rules and Regulations have been adopted by the Election Committee in accordance with the Tribal Constitution and have been mailed to all tribal members of voting age, and are also available on www.elwha.org.