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February 15, 2002

Honorable Chairperson Joseph
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Honorable Chairperson Joseph:

This letter is in regards to your February 1, 2002 in which the question was posed "Which constitutional amendment met all the requirements of a constitutional amendment to the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribes' 1975 Constitution and Bylaws?"

We have retrieved the files from the achieves and are enclosing the following items which support the amendments that were approved by the registered tribal voters in 1984:

1. A copy of the Sauk-Suiattle Voter's pamphlet that was sent to all possible voters of the tribe wwho were 18 years of age on the date of the election, July 21, 1984. The wording of each proposed amendment is in this pamphlet as well as a sample ballot.
2. A copy of a completed ballot
3. A copy of the tally sheet.

It is unfortunate that only ten of the 13 eligible voters voted in this election but the election did meet all the requirements to be a valid election as did the initial resolution No. 26-84 which initiated the amendment process.

Please contact me if you have additional concerns on this issue.

Sincerely,

Superintendent

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Enclosures

Shall Article I, Section 2 be amended to read?

The jurisdiction of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe exercised by the people or delegated to the Tribal Council, shall extend to all land within the exterior boundaries of the Sauk-Suiattle Reservation and to such other lands as may be acquired by purchase, gift, Act of Congress, or otherwise, to the full extent permitted by Federal Law.

YES

NO

PROPOSED AMENDMENT B

Shall Article II, Section 1 and 2 be amended to read?

- a. All persons of Sauk-Suiattle Indian blood whose names appear on the Skagit-Suiattle (Public Domain) census roll dated January 1, 1942.
- b. All persons who possess at least one-fourth (1/4) Indian blood born since the date of said roll who are direct descendants of persons named on base roll.
- c. Corrections may be made in the tribal membership roll at any time by the Tribal Council subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative.

Section 2: The Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe shall have the power to pass ordinances, governing future membership, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative.

YES

NO

PROPOSED AMENDMENT C

Shall Article IV, Section 4 be amended to read?

Section 4: General Elections for the Tribal Council positions shall be held annually during the month of December. The times and places of voting shall be designated by the Tribal Council, and appropriate public notice shall be given, sixty (60) days prior to the election.

YES

NO

PROPOSED AMENDMENT D

Shall Article V, Section 1 be amended to read?

Section 1. If a member of the Tribal Council or other elected official shall die, resign, or be found guilty of a felony; or of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty, in any Indian, State or Federal Court, the Tribal Council shall declare the position vacant and shall appoint a new member to serve until the next regular election when a successor shall be elected.

YES

NO

PROPOSED AMENDMENT E

Shall Article VII, Section 1 be amended to read?

(p) To promulgate and enforce ordinances governing the conduct of all persons within the jurisdiction of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, and providing for the maintenance of Law and Order and the administration of justice by establishing a court system and defining its duties and powers.

YES

NO

PROPOSED AMENDMENT F

Shall Article I of the Bylaws be amended to read?

Section 5. Appointive Positions: The duties of all appointive committees or officials of the Tribe shall be clearly defined by ordinance of the Tribal Council at the time of their creation or appointment. Such committees or officials shall report from time to time to the Tribal Council, and their activities and decisions shall be subject to review by the Tribal Council.

YES

NO

PROPOSED AMENDMENT G

Shall Article VI of the Bylaws be amended to read?

Section: 2 Annual meeting of the General Tribal Membership: The Chairman of the Tribal Council shall call a meeting of the General Tribal membership annually during the month of November, at which time he shall report to the membership what has been done during the past year and set forth the plans of the Tribal Council for the coming year. This shall be freely discussed by the Tribal members at the General Meeting, and the wishes of the people may be expressed by resolution, which shall govern the future actions of the of the Tribal Council to be carried into effect by appropriate ordinance or resolution.

YES

NO

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SAUK-SUIATTLA CONSTITUTION
AMENDMENT ELECTION JULY 21, 1984

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT A

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT B

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YES
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT C

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT D

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT E

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT G

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Patricia Reed