

Ayukii, my name is Molli Jane (White) Myers. I am the daughter of Sandi Tripp and Clarence White Jr. and was born in Happy Camp and raised on the Salmon River in Somes Bar by my parents Sandi and Harold "Littleman" Tripp.

I am running for Vice-Chair this fall, and believe I would be a strong leader for our people. I have been involved in many ways with our Tribe since before I was even old enough to vote myself. I started working for the Department of Natural Resources in 2002, and served in a progressively responsible role working into my position as Operations Manager. My many years of working for the Tribe in that capacity makes me familiar with the policies and procedures of the Tribe, and I have first-hand experience with building and maintaining Tribal Council/Employee relationships.

One of the main responsibilities of the Vice-Chair is to oversee the Karuk Housing Authority. For the years I worked at DNR I lived in Tribal Housing, so I also have understanding of the processes that govern that branch of the Tribe. In 2015 I utilized the Tribe's Home Loan Program to purchase my current home. I appreciate the programs offered by KTHA and will work hard to see that they are well represented and accessible to all Tribal members.

In 2015 I married my husband Frankie Myers and we relocated with our five children to Weitchpec. I took that opportunity to pursue my goal of obtaining my Business Degree. In May of this year I obtained two degrees, in Business Administration and Business Management, and graduated with highest honors. I majored in business with the objective of running for Tribal Government so I could combine my education and experience to make informed decisions.

Aside from my formal education, I was raised in a home that valued tradition. I am a basket weaver and regalia maker. I have participated in ceremonies all my life; brush dance, Pikyavish and Ihuk, and come from a traditional fishing family. My dad impressed upon us that we are "Fix the World People" and that it is our responsibility to take care of each other as Karuk Araarar. I have been intrinsically involved in the campaign to save our salmon and protect the Klamath River, which is the lifeblood of our people.

I am proud of the work that Tribal Council has done to this point. As we all know, the Rain Rock Casino recently opened its doors, and I believe the Casino has the capacity to improve the lives of our members. I hope to see income from that venture applied to higher education, enhanced services for elders and children, comprehensive rehabilitation services for those suffering from substance abuse issues, food security, and traditional arts and language revitalization efforts, among other things.

If elected I will work hard for the people and to build a strong, sovereign Karuk Tribal Government.



Molli Myers