

# 2024 WRITE IN PROCEDURE



**Write In Candidate Deadline if Primary Election is triggered:  
September 6, 2024**

**Write In Candidate if no Primary Election is triggered:  
November 22, 2024**

## **SECTIONS 12 & 20.6 (c) OF THE 2024.07.16 REVISED ELECTION ORDINANCE**

Any Tribal Member who meets the qualifications for candidacy under Section 7 may file a Declaration of Intent with the Election Board after the posting of the Certified List of Candidates but no later than fourteen days before the Election date or date otherwise set by the Election Board in the Notice of Election. Write in candidates will not be allowed in the General Election unless no Primary Election is held.

- a. A write-in candidate must declare their candidacy for the office they are seeking at the time of the filing of their Declaration of Intent. Only one Declaration of Intent will be allowed per write-in candidate and may not be withdrawn to redeclare for another office.
- b. A write candidate must file documentation to satisfy the requirements of Section 8.4 including the nonrefundable candidate fee as determined by the Election Board plus submit evidence of endorsement of at least 25 eligible voters that includes the eligible voters printed name, signature and enrollment number.
- c. The Election Board shall make an eligibility determination of any write in candidate within five (5) business days of receipt of the any Declaration of Intent.

A write-in vote cast for an individual who has not filed a Declaration of Intent and been determined eligible by the Election Board does not count for purposes of the Ballot Count in any Election.

Write in votes must indicate the candidates legal name as filed on the Declaration of Intent to count as a vote.

The Election Board shall have no obligation to make known the availability of write in candidates other than a blank line on the Official Ballot.

Counting Write-In Ballots. Once the Polling Site is closed, the Election Board shall record all write-in votes exactly as cast. The record should reflect the candidate's name with any variations or misspellings preserved. Write in votes are only recorded for declared write in candidates under the legal name indicated on their Declaration of Intent, variations and misspellings will not count as a vote for the write in candidate.

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You can access a complete copy of the 2024.07.16 Revised Election Ordinance at [https://lvd-nsn.gov//media/banners/07.16.2024%20Election%20Ordinance\\_Approved.pdf](https://lvd-nsn.gov//media/banners/07.16.2024%20Election%20Ordinance_Approved.pdf) or by contacting the Election Board.