



SOBOBA BAND OF LUISEÑO INDIANS

TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE

June 10, 2024

Tribal Executive Officer
Steven Estrada

Re: Election for Two Seats on the Soboba Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Board of Directors

Tribal Members and Interested Parties:

This year there are two (2) SEDC Board of Directors terms set to end this August. As such, an election is needed to fill both positions for a five-year term. The vacancies will be filled at the 3rd Quarter General Council meeting scheduled for August 10, 2024.

Listed below are the necessary qualifications to be considered for a board position, along with a brief summary of the SEDC.

What is SEDC:

- SEDC is a tribally-run entity, separate from the Tribal Government, which is empowered by the Tribe to oversee the economic growth to the Tribe and all its business activities.
- The Formation of SEDC is authorized under Section 17 of the Indian Reorganization Act. Although Soboba is NOT an IRA Tribe, this provision is available to the Tribe.
- SEDC will be responsible for:
 - Operation and management of economic development projects for the benefit of Soboba and its members;
 - To create job opportunities related to the economic development projects for the members of the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians;
 - Provide for the efficient and effective utilization of the resources of Tribal land leased to the Corporation in a manner that protects the long-term interests of the Tribe and that provides benefits to the Tribe from the utilization of those resources.

Who may serve on SEDC:

- Under Article XI (E) of the Charter, each Board Director must be:
 - At least eighteen (18) years of age;
 - Pass a background clearance equivalent to the clearance required of key Tribal employees, and possess the following qualifications:
 - Educational attainment of not less than an Associate's degree in a relevant field;

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- Relevant work experience in areas pertinent to the Corporation's purposes, e.g., business management, banking, finance, accounting, law, real estate, community development and the like;
 - Excellent communication skills;
 - A demonstrated understanding of the objectives, goals and purposes of the Corporation;
 - Willingness to dedicate adequate time to the affairs of the Corporation, and demonstrated enthusiasm for effective participation in Board meetings;
 - Demonstrated leadership skills;
 - A willingness and agreement to participate in training programs; and,
 - (Preferred but not required) a history of involvement with Tribal programs and/or local community interest groups.
- Never been convicted of a felony or any crime involving theft or conversion of money or property.

How SEDC Board Directors are elected:

- The Soboba Tribal Council shall solicit, screen and recommend applicants for Director Position.
- Director shall be elected by the Soboba General Council after considering the recommendations of the Soboba Tribal Council.
- Elections shall be held at the regular meetings of the Soboba General Council acting as representative of the owner.
- Nominations for each open position shall be made and seconded by the General Council members until nominations cease.
- The General Council shall elect a person to fill the open position from the list of seconded nominations for that position.
- The Council may choose to vote by voice vote or by written ballot.
- The person receiving the highest number of votes for each position shall fill that position.

The Board Director position description is attached for your review. If you are interested in being considered for one of these positions, please submit a résumé and return to my attention no later than July 5, 2024. Contact me if you have any questions related to the SEDC. My contact information is listed in the footing of this letter.

Many Thanks,



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