



Chickaloon Village Traditional Council (Nay'dini'aa Na' Kayax')

August 24, 2021

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Vice-Chairwoman

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Member

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Member (Sabbatical)

Lisa Wade,
Acting Executive Director

Serena Martino,
Executive Assistant

Re: Tribal Citizen Engagement

Dear Chickaloon Native Village Tribal Citizens Ugheli Dzaen (Good Day)!

We pray this letter finds you healthy and strong. Due to the pandemic, this past almost two years has been extremely challenging for many of our families, and isolation has disrupted communication and our ability to be together as often as we'd like. We have also recently been hearing from some family members that they would like more ways to engage with the council and be heard on issues concerning them and their families. Good news! We are working on plans to create opportunities for you to get involved in your government. This letter, Annual Report, and Tribal Citizen Survey are one small part of CVTC's Tribal citizen Engagement Plan to improve communication with all our families. All Tribal citizens regardless of family or clan affiliation, age, physical location, etc. are extremely important to all of us, and so is your feedback.

We are taking the following steps to share information with you and solicit your feedback to better serve you.

- 1) We have dedicated a phone line with voicemail for you to reach day or night by calling (907) 761-3922. You can leave ideas for us or feedback, ask questions, and make requests which will be reviewed by the Executive Director and shared with the Council at least monthly.
- 2) We are creating a closed Facebook group page exclusively for Tribal citizens and direct family members of Tribal citizens. Here we will post special invitations, internal job notices, etc.
- 3) For those of you that don't utilize social media, we are updating our website at www.chickaloon-nsn.gov to keep you better informed.
- 4) If you would like to receive e-mail notices, please provide us with your current e-mail address.
- 5) You are always welcome to attend Council meeting in person, and we also offer a virtual Zoom option as well. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month. From 12:00 – 1:00 is dedicated time for a Tribal listening session. Again, we want to hear from you!
- 6) We are also planning monthly evening Tribal citizen listening sessions with Council members in attendance virtually via Zoom. The first meeting will be held on September 22, 2021 from 6:00-7:00 via Zoom. The link will be posted on our calendar at www.chickaloon-nsn.gov.
- 7) You may also e-mail questions or feedback to the council at council@chickaloon-nsn.gov.

Due to the increasing cases of the COVID-19 Delta-Variant, and the risks to Elders and other medically fragile family members, CVTC will not be hosting an Annual Meeting at this time. We will however be sending out ballots to confirm existing Council Member appointment(s) and to solicit interest for unfilled seats. Please be on the lookout for those next!

We are here for you! Please provide us with your valuable insights as to how we can better serve you. We truly look forward to hearing from you!

May Creator Guide Our Footsteps,



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