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Subject: [Redistricting Comments] Option 6 for Redistricting

J L (not verified) [REDACTED] sent a message using the contact form at <https://www.inyocounty.us/government/board-supervisors/redistricting/comments>.

The sender's name

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Subject

Option 6 for Redistricting

Comment or Question

I'm in support of the option to have a District 6 for the Tribes within Inyo County. I believe and agree with the Bishop Paiute Tribe that a district based on common interests within the Tribal communities (throughout Inyo) gives Native Americans more of a voice and choice about what happens within their communities, district, and the county.

*Please see the file attached for more reasons why District 6 is a good option. The file attached is a screenshot of part of a Facebook post they shared.

Images

fair, representation on the County Board of Supervisors.

The Bishop Paiute Tribe has proposed a District (#6) that will allow for the equal and fair representation on the Inyo County Board of Supervisors.

Why is having representation on the Inyo County Board of Supervisors Important?

1. The Board of Supervisors is the Legislative Body of the County and is responsible for setting policy that affects the county's 18,000+ residents, the millions of visitors traveling through the county every year.
2. Our Native communities, the original stewards of this land, have no influence and no voice on how these millions of visitors affect our lands, our sacred sites, our home, Payahuunadü.
3. We estimate that Native Americans make up approximately 15% to 17% of the County population but because fragments of our Native populations are in different districts our votes and our voice have no power, nor representation.
4. As Communities of Interest, we would have influence and oversight over DWP, conservation and protection of land and cultural resources, oversight of county law enforcement- which has criminal jurisdiction on ALL Tribal Lands.
5. The Board of Supervisors sets the Sheriff's Budget, sets policy direction and the County is liable for the actions of the Sheriff.

This is about SHARED INTERESTS as federally recognized tribes with trust land in the County of Inyo, social and economic interests, and shared relationships with the county.

We are the original stewards of these lands, and it is time we take this responsibility back. Use your voice. Be heard. Please go to the link below and leave a comment of support and your reason why having District #6, A Tribal District is needed and overdue.

Click on the link and leave your comment in support of OPTION 6:

<https://www.inyocounty.us/government/board-supervisors/redistricting/comments>

The proposed District does encompass a majority of uninhabited areas but these areas are of cultural significance such as: Tablelands, Petroglyphs, Winnedumah, Alabama Hills, Owens Dry Lake and Conglomerate Mesa. To view the Proposed District #6 click here.

<https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2021-11/Option%206%20-%20whole%20county.pdf>

