

Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation

P.O. Box 747 • 975 Teya Road

Lone Pine, CA 93545

(760) 876-1034

Fax (760) 876-8302

Web Site: www.lppsr.org

December 3, 2021

Inyo County Board of Supervisors
PO Drawer N
Independence, CA 93526

Re: Inyo County Redistricting

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

The Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation (LPPSR) Tribal Leadership would like to offer the following comment to the Inyo County Redistricting Committee. At this time LPPSR is not in favor of all tribal lands in Inyo County being grouped into one district. Tribal Leadership feels that a proposal for one tribal district would lead to a dilution of each Tribe's voice at the County level. Most issues before the Board of Supervisors affect certain geographical areas. While the five tribes in Inyo County share closely related interests in cultural, spiritual, and environmental significance, the needs and desires of the Tribes are not always advocated in a manner that is conducive to the needs of each individual Tribal Community.

As it is now, each Supervisor with Tribal Communities in their district has a responsibility to consider those constituents, if the Tribes are taken out of their individual districts and put into one district then the Tribe's voice can easily be overridden by the other Supervisors not in favor. In addition, LPPSR would like to express that being placed into one district could also be viewed as replacing Tribal Consultation, which would be unacceptable.

Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, LPPSR has cancelled monthly General Council meetings to reduce the risk of exposure and infection. That being expressed, Tribal Leadership has not been able to fully consult with its General Membership to seek definitive direction on the redistricting process and offers this position only from the five elected Tribal Officers at this time.

Sincerely,



Richard Button- Tribal Chairperson



Mary Wuester Tribal Vice Chairperson



Janet Hansen- Tribal Treasurer


Loretta L. Howard- Tribal Trustee


Naomi Sellberg- Tribal Secretary