



My name is Marty Van De Car and I am running for the position of LTBB Tribal Councilor. I am the son of Sarah (King) Van De Car and the grandson of Martin and Mary (Kenoshmeg) King. I live in Petoskey.

I have had a lifelong interest in politics and the political process. I graduated from Central Michigan University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science degree in political science. I have also studied at North Central Michigan College and have received certificates from Ferris State University in regards to hospitality and casino management.

I am currently employed at Odawa Casino and Hotel as a Hotel Sales Specialist. I have worked previously for Odawa Casino Resort in the positions of Director of Odawa Hotel, in the Marketing Department of Odawa Casino as the Player Development Manager and Community Development Manager and in the Executive Department as a Surveillance Operator.

Tribally, I have served as a member of the Election Board and a renewable energy workgroup. I have been and continue to serve on the Homecoming Pow Wow Committee. I believe that creating awareness creates change and I am currently active in social media. I am a frequent contributor to two Facebook pages, "Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians" and "Ltbb Odawa Indians!!"

I am a strong advocate of community relations. I served as Chairman of the Board of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce in 2008 and was honored to receive the Petoskey Chamber's Community Enthusiast award in 2017. I also served as a board member of the Char-Em United Way. Currently, I'm an advisor on the McLaren Northern Michigan Patient & Family Advisory Council.

Why am I running? To make a difference in our tribal community. There are a lot of ideas out there for the betterment of the tribe. Affordable housing, a new health clinic, increased per capita, our own school. The list could go on and on. What is the common denominator? They all cost money. Our casinos, while profitable, can never make the amount of money needed to fulfill these and other ideas. That is why I am a big proponent of economic diversity. I look forward in hearing your ideas for economic diversity. I may be reached at [mjvandecar@gmail.com](mailto:mjvandecar@gmail.com), 231-883-7690 or on Facebook at "Marty Van De Car for LTBB Tribal Council".

It is also my belief that creating and maintaining good relationships with federal, state, county and local partners are a must. I humbly ask for your support and vote so that we can begin this journey.

Miigwech for your time.

Respectfully,  
Marty Van De Car