

**LTBB Election Board Nonimation Application Form - SECTION 3**  
**CANDIDATE STATEMENT (Limit to 1 page)**  
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Sovereignty is not just a word.  
It is an action, an action of the heart.  
I offer my heart, to fight for tomorrow.  
It is about our grandchildren and their grandchildren.

Hi, I am John Kawegoma; son of John Kawegoma and Carol (Coulon) Kawegoma. I grew up in Detroit and Goodhart Michigan. My mother sent me up to live with my father's family many summers, to learn live from them. My father's family owned a house in Cross Village and an 80-acre farm in Goodhart. The farm is the last 80-acre allotment from the 1836, 1856 Treaties. Which I still hold with honor.

I am asking for your vote to Tribal Council as there is much to be done in accordance with our Anishinaabe Heritage. I will work to preserve and protect our lands, rights and resources as we are the keepers of these for the next generation of tomorrow. In which my mission is to assure that there are "resources" for our Grand-Kids, Great-Grandkids. I will research why we are putting all our land into "trust" for the United States Government. (I don't trust them). We are a nation; therefore, we should not have to pay property taxes to the State of Michigan. Our land is just that; "Our Homeland". That being said, my commitment to each and every citizen is to:

- > To provide a greater range of services to our membership. There has to be services we can offer to our out of service area membership. Why have we not extended our sales tax expectation "statewide".
- > Full Disclosure of Tribal Operations /expenditures.
- > Prior notice of major decisions, expenditures to membership.
- > Incorporate - Traditional Advisory and Elder Advisory into Tribal Council decisions.
- > Implementation of a five-to-ten-year operational plan, with a 50-year goal objective. That outlines land, financial resource.
- > Extended Elder Care that includes housing.
- > Development of Traditional Healing Lodge as part of our Health Services.
- > Development of a Year Around Youth Center.
- > Transfer our Tribal Police Department under the Judicial Branch of Government.
- > Full investigation of Victory Square which may include a forensic audit; update tribal statutes or codes to assure such mismanagement of tribal funds never occurs again.
- > Review definition of immediate family for employment, appointments of Boards, Committees as well as Tribal Services.

**LTBB Election Board Nomination Application Form - SECTION 2  
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**JOHN KAWEGOMA**

**Petitioner's Name As It Should Appear On The Ballot**

Harbor Springs, Michigan

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**City & State of Residency**

**1. Work Experience:**

Anderson Brass - Blue print reader, Inventory Supervisor  
Detroit Public Schools - Stage Tech, Audiovisual Technician, Computer/Network Tech  
Lincoln Park Public Schools - Learning Lab Administrator, Network Technician  
State Of Michigan - Residential Hospital (Detroit) - Patient Rights Advisor  
Social Security (Phone Center) - Data Input, 1099 Specialist  
1990 Census (Detroit) - Enumeration Supervisor  
Detroit Indian Center - IHS Community Health Coordinator  
South Eastern Michigan Indians - Cesa Job Specialist  
LTBB - Director Of Information Technology

**2. Educational Background:**

Western High School (Detroit)  
Wayne County Community College - Associate Degree in General Studies  
Henry Ford Community College - Certification - Cisco Network Security  
Dette' University - Native American Public Administration  
IHS - Administration Training  
Real Estate Sales - License

**3. Traditional Cultural Experience/Knowledge, and/or Other Training, Certificates:**

My uncle Joe, was the Brith right "Headman" brand of Middle Village Ottawa. which led to a life long "Traditional teachings".

IHS - Administrative Training - Detroit Indian Center, Community Health grant/program. Organized Native students to "question" their school Curriculum to include Native Culture/History, this led to Detroit Public Schools to apply for, Title IV - Part A (Indian Education grant.

Advocated before the Michigan Commission Of Indian Affairs, to support/fund the process of "Federal Status" of L.T.B.B. Tribe ( In the 1980's to \$50,000 per year). Community representative of Detroit in the process for "Inter-Tribal" to write their Mission

#### **4. Volunteer Experience, Special Skills and Abilities:**

L.T.B.B. Elders Department "Volunteer Team" which was "cleared" by our H.R. department, issuing ID cards, so as to work with elders at their homes as needed - cutting grass, firewood setup, as well as basic house maintenance.  
L.T.B.B. Elders Advisory Broad - which was "none PAID" as part of Tile 6 Part A and C.  
Detroit-Paint the Town - Annual city-wide community clean up.  
"Clean the Park" - Clark Park in southwest Detroit, spring clean up.

#### **5. Awards, Honors Received (cultural/colonial):**

One of the Teachings, from my uncle Joe was to do / give what you could in your community . . . without reward or payment.

Much of my involvement, over the years was to benefit the community as a whole. I have received a few Awards and Honors, but I don't even know where they are now ( I did enjoy all those meals ).

#### **6. Describe Current and/or Previous Elected or Appointed Positions Held at LTBB or in Any Other Capacity, Government, or Organization (dates, titles, etc):**

Was a member the our first Elders Advisory Broad, which was a "Not Paid" position. Our first order of business - was to work with our Leadership to get us from a program to "Department" status. We developed our "service plan" for the department, which includes housing. Which is still an issue today. We looked at "long term" elder care. In our first year, we found a 28 unit Condo building for sale. All of the units were "Move In" ready as well as HANDICAP accessible. The first floor was "open" designed with a pool and hot tub area that could be used for Physical Therapy. We presented this package to Tribal Council, as we had gotten a cash price of Three Million. Tribal Council, say NO.

#### **7. If applicable, describe anticipated Campaign Information in Detail (Campaign Address, Email, Website, Social Media, Campaign Plan, Any Endorsements, etc):**

Campaign Address: 8503 Kawegoma Road  
Harbor Springs, Mi. 49740  
Web site, Email, and Social media - still reviewing details.  
Campaign plan, will be based on the number of candidates.