

LTBB Election Board Nonimation Application Form - SECTION 3
CANDIDATE STATEMENT (Limit to 1 page)
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My name is Ricky Compo, and I am honored to submit my candidacy for Tribal Council. It has been a privilege to be part of our community, and I am eager to serve and work together to uphold the traditions, values, and welfare of our people.

As a citizen of this great nation, I deeply understand the importance of our culture, our sovereignty, and our collective future. I am passionate about creating a thriving, resilient community where our traditions are respected, our youth are empowered, and our elders are honored.

My Priorities as Tribal Council Member

If elected to Tribal Council, I will dedicate my efforts to the following key priorities:

Cultural Preservation & Education

Our culture is the heart of our identity. I will work to ensure our language, customs, and traditions are passed down to future generations, strengthening our heritage and preserving our way of life.

Economic Development

Sustainable economic growth is essential to our nation's prosperity. I will advocate for initiatives that create jobs, empower entrepreneurs, and generate opportunities—while always respecting our sovereignty, lands, and values.

Health & Well-Being

The well-being of our people—physically, mentally, and spiritually—is paramount. I will push for expanded healthcare services, mental health support, and programs that uplift both our youth and elders.

Environmental Stewardship

As caretakers of our land, we must protect our natural resources for future generations. I will work to uphold responsible land management practices that safeguard our environment while supporting our community's needs.

I believe that every voice matters. As your Tribal Council member, I will listen, collaborate, and make decisions that reflect the values, traditions, and priorities of our people. Together, we will honor our past, strengthen our present, and build a brighter future for the next generations.

Miigwech for your consideration. I humbly ask for your support.

Ricky Compo

**LTBB Election Board Nomination Application Form - SECTION 2
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Ricky Compo

Petitioner's Name As It Should Appear On The Ballot

Alden, MI

City & State of Residency

1. Work Experience:

I have been proudly employed with Odawa Casino and Resort since 2009, gaining valuable experience through a variety of roles. I began my career in Housekeeping, advanced to Security, and later transitioned into the Slots department, where I worked my way up to become the Slot Manager. Throughout my career, I have demonstrated a strong work ethic, a commitment to continuous learning, and the ability to lead and support my team effectively. Each position has allowed me to build new skills, take on greater responsibilities, and contribute to the overall success of the organization.

2. Educational Background:

West Bridge Academy, Native American Education Program

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

My traditional and cultural knowledge has been passed down through generations of my family and community members. Each year, on November 6th, we hold a Ghost Supper in honor of my late mother-in-law, Theresa Shananaquet Baa, as a way to remember and celebrate our ancestors. Throughout the winter months, I participate in round dances, and during the summer, I attend powwows, which are important gatherings for our community. Many of my nieces and nephews contribute to these traditions as singers and dancers, ensuring that our cultural practices continue for future generations.

4. Volunteer Experience, Special Skills and Abilities:

I volunteer within my community in ways that often go unseen, offering support wherever it is needed without seeking recognition. Helping behind the scenes at cultural events, assisting with preparations for ceremonies, or providing a helping hand to community members, I believe in contributing quietly and respectfully, for me, volunteering is not about acknowledgement. But upholding our values, supporting others, and ensuring our traditions and gatherings run smoothly, I take pride in showing up, working hard and doing my part to give back to the community that has given so much to me.

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

I've earned medals for my spirited participation in the Michigan Indian Family Olympics—apparently, I'm pretty competitive when it comes to fun! I've also been recognized for my cooking skills, because, who doesn't love a good meal? and my sense of humor, which has been described as both witty and effortlessly entertaining.

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

I do not have prior experience in elected or appointed roles within LTBB, government, or other organizations. However, I am eager to learn and contribute if given the chance to serve in the future

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

I can be reached by email: comporicky79@gmail.com