



April 30, 2019

Tribal Council  
Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah  
440 N. Paiute Dr.  
Cedar City, UT 84721

Re: *Shivwits Band Objection to Participation in Unconstitutional Proceedings of Tribal Council*

Dear Tribal Council:

The Constitution of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah establishes a representative government where each Band is given a voice in Tribal governance. For two years and in numerous circumstances, the Chairperson has violated the Tribal Constitution and Tribal Council Rules of Procedure. The Tribal Council has refused to respond to the Shivwits Band's objections or provide a meaningful judicial forum as mandated by the Tribal Constitution. The Chairperson has repeatedly disrespected Band sovereignty recognized by Congress in the Paiute Restoration Act, the Tribal Constitution, and Band Bylaws. Recently, the Chairperson decided to recognize the results of Band elections she fought as unconstitutional when it suited her personal political agenda. The Shivwits Band, its members and its Reservation have been harmed by her actions.

We hereby notify the administrative body known as the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah that the Shivwits Band of Paiutes hereby withdraws all sovereign authority delegated to it by the Band in the Tribal Constitution, and that the Band will not be participating further in the unconstitutional Tribal Council proceedings.

Sincerely,

SHIVWITS BAND COUNCIL

Phillip Bushhead, Chairman

Tina Gonzales, Councilmember

Glenn Rogers, Councilmember

Carmen Clark, Vice-Chairwoman

Sabrina Redfoot, Councilmember

Cc: Geoff Strommer  
Paul Tsosie  
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