IN AND FOR THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES

Ronald Lincoln, SR
PETITIONER

v.

R.V.I.T. Election Board
RESPONDENT.

CIVIL PETITION
[FOR COURT USE ONLY]

Filed: 10-23-26
ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES
TRIBAL COURT
77826 COVELO ROAD
COVELO CA 95428

CASE NO.: RVIT-CV-2026-0039-JW

NAME OF ATTORNEY OR PETITIONER W/O ATTORNEY:	NAME ATTORNEY OR RESPONDENT W/O ATTORNEY:
ADDRESS: Covelo, Ca. 95428 22450 Henderson Rd.	ADDRESS:
PHONE NUMBER: 707 354 3190	PHONE NUMBER:
E-MAIL (OPTIONAL): N/A	E-MAIL (OPTIONAL):

COMES NOW, Ronald Lincoln, SR., Petitioner, files this Petition against R.V.I.T, Election board Respondent.

The Petitioner is a resident of Mendocino County of _____, California and resides at the following address: 22450 Henderson Rd. Covelo, Ca. 95428.

The Respondent is a resident of _____ County of _____, California and resides at the following address:

_____.

(1) PLEASE EXPLAIN THE NATURE OF THE DISPUTE AND WHY THE COURT SHOULD GRANT RELIEF. (Required)

Using false statements to disqualify me as a candidate for Tribal Council

the term "valid fiscal signature" used to disqualify me does not exist in any Tribal Election documents

See attached Tribal Election Letter dated September 8, 2006

☐ violation of eletion ord. Article V Nomination, Sec. 5.01 (D)

☐ Continued on Attachment 1.

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(1A) If relevant to your claim, please explain what chapter/section of the Round Valley Constitution and/or Tribal Code/Ordinance(s) has been violated.

Article V ~ Nominations, A. 5. Debts and offenses form B-9

See Attached Form B-9

☐ Continued on Attachment 1A.

(2) PLEASE EXPLAIN THE TYPE OF RELIEF BEING SOUGHT [Required].

To be qualified for candidate position on Tribal Roster

☐ Continued on Attachment 2.

Total number of pages attached:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the Round Valley Indian Tribes that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 23 day of October ~~2016~~. 2025

Ronald Lincoln, Sr.
Petitioner Name

Ronald Lincoln, Sr.
Petitioner Signature

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FORM B-8

TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICE
77826 COVELO ROAD
COVELO, CALIFORNIA 95428
PHONE: 707-983-6126
FAX: 707-983-6128

LOCATION: ON STATE HWY 162
ONE MILE NORTH OF COVELO
IN ROUND VALLEY
TRIBAL TERRITORY SINCE TIME BEGAN

ROUND VALLEY RESERVATION ESTABLISHED 1856

Received CN
Sept. 16, 2026
R.W.L. SR.

September 8th, 2026

Dear Ronald Lincoln Sr.,

We are sorry to inform you that your application for a candidate seat for Tribal Council did not qualify. The reason your application did not qualify:

1) A complete packet should include:
   A) A Valid fiscal signature.

You are welcome to nominate yourself in the next election. Please be advised, the fee's you paid have been requested refunded by the R.V.I.T fiscal department.

Respectfully submitted,

Election Board
Clerk #1

A. Instruction for Nomination Packet Form B-4 that will convey what is required of each prospective candidate. The instructions should address:

1. Letter of Intent,

2. Resume that demonstrates they have sufficient competency for a position on the Tribal Council,

3. Official Nominations Form B-1 to be returned with required signatures,

4. Background Check Release Form B-2 – to be used for a criminal and residency background check that demonstrates they have not been convicted of a felony within the last eight (8) years, and that they have lived on the Reservation/Round Valley Area for the last twelve (12) months, and

5. Debts and Offenses Form B-9 – candidate will obtain required signatures from tribal entities to show they have no unresolved debts and/or egregious offenses.

B. Official Nominations Form B-1;

C. Background Check Release Form B-2;

D. Debts and Offenses Form B-9;

E. A copy of the Qualifications for Office requirements; and

F. The deadline date and time for the return of a complete Nomination Packet.

Section 5.03 Signatures for Nomination Form B-1

A. **...along with then (10) signatures from tribal members to the Election Board** (Const Art VIII Sec 4);

B. Any Round Valley Tribal member, age eighteen (18) or older, who is registered to vote may sign an Official Nomination Form B-1; and

C. Registered, tribal member may sign more than one petition in support of candidat ').

Section 5.04 Deadline for the return of the completed Nomination Packet

The completed Nomination Packet shall be received within 90 days prior to the election.

The Election Board shall set a deadline date for the return of the completed Nomination Packet.

Section 5.05 Verification of Nomination Packet

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Form B-9

DEBTS and OFFENSES

Article V Section 5.02 A5 – Debts and Offenses Form B-9 candidate will obtain required signatures from tribal entities to show they have no unresolved debts and/or egregious offenses.

ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES
Authorized Signature _____
Printed Name and Title James Russ, TBA
Date 8/12/26

Round Valley Indian Housing Authority
Authorized Signature _____
Printed Name and Title Melody Johns, Accounting Clerk II
Date 08-12-26

Round Valley TANF Department
Authorized Signature _____
Printed Name and Title Cindy Hoagler, RVTT Executive Director
Date 8-12-2026

Round Valley Tribal Court Department
Authorized Signature _____
Printed Name and Title Laura Lee Betts
Date 8/12/2026

Round Valley Indian Health Center
Authorized Signature _____
Printed Name and Title Marilyn Horne
Date 8-12-26

6. The Election Board shall maintain order at all times at the polling place, and the Election Board shall enforce this Election Ordinance from the time the polling place is open until the election results are certified.

Section 4.04 Compensation of the Election Board

A. **Election Board members shall receive reasonable compensation for their services.** (Const. Art VIII Sec 3)

B. The Election Board Compensation shall be $25 an hour, not to exceed 4 hours a day, in addition to $50 per mandatory meeting not to exceed 4 monthly scheduled meeting, plus $200 per Election Day.

C. Time Sheet Form L-1 is needed for each meeting of the Election Board to verify the participation of each Election Board member. Election Board members shall attend all meetings called by the Chair of the Election Board, and must stay from the beginning of the meeting to the end.

D. The yearly Budget line for the Election Board is intended for member compensation and supplies needed to carry out assigned duties within the calendar year. The Election Board shall create and maintain a budget for the committee.

Article V - NOMINATIONS

Section 5.01 Nominations

A. **Any qualified tribal member may nominate himself or herself as a candidate for Tribal Council by submitting his or her name along with ten (10) signatures from tribal members to the Election Board.** (Const Art VIII Sec 4)

B. The Tribal Council Secretary, in collaboration with the Election Board, shall provide an Official Nomination Form to any person who wishes to become a candidate for the Tribal Council. Nomination Form B-1 is contained in the Appendix I of this Ordinance.

C. Nomination Requests shall be logged on the Nomination Request Form C-2.

D. A non-refundable, filing fee of $100.00 will be paid through the Fiscal Department with a copy of the receipt to go to the Election Board. The fee can be paid when a Nomination Packet is logged-out to the candidate but *must* be paid in full before the Nomination Packet is returned for filing with the Election Board.

Section 5.02 Nomination Packet

The following items shall be in each Nomination Packet.

Round Valley Indian Tribes
77826 Covelo Rd.
Covelo, CA 95428

8/12/2026

RECEIPT # ~~8501~~

Cust #	Received From:	Payment Type	Check #	Amount Received
06672	Lincoln Sr., Ronald	<none>	CASH	150.00

Description:

Election Packet Fee

10 150 00 00 8500 Miscellaneous	150.00

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Round Valley Tribal Court

Administrative Office: Tribal Court, 77826 Covelo Road, Covelo, California 95428 Phone: 707-983-8227 | Fax: 707-983-6590

PROOF OF SERVICE

I declare that I am a resident of or employed in the County of **Mendocino**,

State of California. I am over the age of 18 years. The name and address of my

Residence or business is ~~77826 Covelo Road~~

On Oct. 23, 2026, I served the Challenge to Election board
(Date) (Description of document(s))

_____ in Case No._____.
(Description of document(s) continued) PERB Case No., if known)

on the parties listed below by (check the applicable method(s)):

☐ placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope for collection and delivery by the United States Postal Service or private delivery service following ordinary business practices with postage or other costs prepaid;

☒ personal delivery; Jill Hoaglen-Aiosta

☐ electronic service - I served a copy of the above-listed document(s) by transmitting via electronic mail (e-mail) or via e-PERB to the electronic service address(es) listed below on the date indicated. (*May be used only if the party being served has filed and served a notice consenting to electronic service or has electronically filed a document with the Board. See PERB Regulation 32140(b).*)

(*Include here the name, address and/or e-mail address of the Respondent and/or any other parties served.*)

11:30 PM
77826 Covelo Rd
Covelo, Ca 95428

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on 23rd 2026
(Date)

at Covelo CA October.
(City) (State)

Randolph Smith, Jr
(Type or print name) (Signature)