

Dear Lower Elwha Tribal Voters,

GET OUT AND VOTE! It is that time of year again. This time my term is up. I am seeking re-election to the Lower Elwha Tribal Council. I encourage all eligible voters to get out and vote! I want to thank you for your support in previous elections. It is an honor and privilege to represent us in all that I do. VOTE FOR ME!!!

This election is different in that we are dealing with coronavirus also known as COVID-19. During this time of crisis the Tribal Council has tried to do, what we feel are the best actions to take to fight this virus. We did not make decisions on our own; we talked to health care professionals and others to make informed decisions. We have tried to take care of our elders and youth. Normally the folks that are not elders and youth do not receive much from our tribe but we have included them also. All of us need assistance in one form or another. I hope all of you are abiding by the recommendations of the experts to defeat this virus. I want all of you safe and healthy.

I am seeking re-election again because I feel that I am not done yet. While I have enjoyed all the hard work of this current council. of course, we alone have not done this work. I need to give credit to our staff and others that take the lead to get things done that council has requested and/or recommended. They help get things done. From the new Day Care/Head Start, new Natural Resources buildings, on-going hotel efforts and the marijuana store. The planned remodeling at the old Day Care for cultural activities. I am sure I am missing projects but these are the main ones.

Usually I am deeply involved with natural resources and fisheries issues, negotiations and the like. Lately, I have been involved with that and a range of other topics. I feel I have helped to accomplish many things within our tribe. I am not going to make a whole lot of promises for this next term, I will promise to keep working to the best of my abilities. To continue to be present, honorable, honest, open minded and to keep my open door policy. I will also try to keep my monthly letter out to our community. I hope you find my letter informative and useful.

I hope you show your continued faith in me by voting for Russell N. (RAZZ) Hepfer.

Very Respectfully,

Russell N. (RAZZ) Hepfer

