

COMMITMENT THROUGH EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

My name is Paul Vega (No-ten), son of Ralph Vega and Phyllis Nozhackum Vega. Member of the Thunder Clan and I obtained a Master of Business Administration from Baker University.

I am writing this letter of interest to let you know that I am seeking the position as Tribal Council Secretary and I believe that the position on Tribal Council is an important position within our government structure because it is through the responsibility of the management the Nation's Documents and communicating all issues with the Tribe. I understand and respect the responsibilities that come with the position on Tribal Council and will uphold these responsibilities with integrity and pride. I have a varied background that I believe provides me with the skills, education and experience to successfully hold the position. I served over three years in the United States Army Airborne Infantry and received an honorable discharge at the end of my service to our country. Through the assistance of the Nation's Education Program, I have obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Washburn University and I have a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Baker University. In addition to my service to our country and my education, I have had the honor of working for both our Casino and our Tribal Government. While at the Casino, I worked as a Table Games Supervisor and was promoted to Table Games Manager. I worked for the Tribal Government in Member Services, but I have also worked for the Road and Bridge Program and as an Accountant in the Finance Department.

This background and work history provides me with first-hand knowledge of Casino Operations as well as Government Operations, both of which I believe are beneficial to the success because our casino revenues directly fund the major portion of our Tribal programs. Understanding how these two are connected and interdependent is important in understanding the roles, responsibilities and functions of the position on Tribal Council. My background as a Finance Accountant allows me to come into the position of Tribal Council already knowing the financial structure of the Nation. I have direct, hands-on experience working with the actual budgets of the Nation. I believe that we have done a good job of managing the Nation's finance and at the same time, I also believe that that there is always room for improvement. I have heard concerns of the membership regarding the Minor's Trust Fund, the Nation's investments, and Economic Development progress. I believe that there are ways to improve these areas and am willing to listen to the membership and the current staff to find solutions to the concerns that continue to resurface regarding these issues. I know that there are solutions and I believe that through a coordinated effort we can find those solutions. If I am selected to the position of Tribal Council Secretary, I promise to always work for what I believe is in the best interests of the Nation and all its members and to listen to those members when they have concerns or suggestions. We are all Prairie Band Potawatomi and I believe that by working together, there is nothing we cannot achieve. Please feel free to contact me via email at pvega2896@yahoo.com if you have any questions and thank you for your time.

Respectively,

Paul Vega