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It has come to the attention of Tribal Council both the Cannabis and Adoption election referendums were mistakenly placed on a single ballot. This is not in line with the Council's directive that each referendum—Cannabis and Adoption—be presented on separate ballots and sent individually to absentee voters.

These are two distinct referendums that must be considered separately by our membership. In light of this error, the Tribal Council made a decision declaring the current ballots invalid by majority vote. As a result, any votes cast on these ballots will not be counted.

To be clear, this does *not* mean the election is being stopped. Rather, the vote is being postponed to allow for the creation and distribution of corrected ballots. These new ballots will reflect the original intent: separate ballots for the Cannabis and Adoption referendums. New dates for voting will be announced, and absentee voters will receive updated materials accordingly. New Adoption Ballots will have the same names on them.

We recognize and deeply appreciate the commitment of our members who have been working hard to encourage voter participation. This situation is unfortunate, and we acknowledge the frustration it may cause. On behalf of the Tribal Council, I want to assure all members that measures will be taken to ensure such an error does not happen again.

The referendums on Cannabis and Adoption will proceed—just on a revised schedule. Tribal Council understands the importance of these decisions and is committed to communicating all updates clearly and promptly.

Thank you for your understanding and continued engagement.

Respectfully,

