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To: Tlingit & Haida Delegates
From: Selena Beierly, Election Chair
Date: September 13, 2026
Subject: Certified Candidate List: 91st Annual Tribal Assembly Elections

We are pleased to officially announce the certified candidate list for the 91st Annual Tribal Assembly Elections for the offices of President, 1st Vice President, Vice President, Associate Justice, Emerging Leader, and Delegate/Citizen of the Year.

Candidate names are listed in alphabetical order, as they appear on their Declaration of Intent to Serve Forms:

President (5)

1. Alicia "Lisa" Gassman
2. Tasha Hotch
3. Melissa M. Kookesh
4. Jacqueline L. Pata
5. Richard J. Peterson

1st Vice-President (5)

1. Clinton E. Cook
2. Alicia "Lisa" Gassman
3. Tasha Hotch
4. Melissa M. Kookesh
5. Jacqueline L. Pata

Vice-President (15)

1. Clinton E. Cook
2. Alicia "Lisa" Gassman
3. Tasha Hotch
4. Albert H. Howard
5. Delbert Kadake
6. Melissa M. Kookesh
7. Michelle D. Martin
8. Will Micklin
9. Frances Mills
10. Paulette M. Moreno
11. Jacqueline L. Pata
12. Clarence E. Peele
13. Rob Sanderson, Jr.
14. X'unei Lance Twitchell
15. William A. Ware





Associate Justice (3)

1. Cheryl Demmert Fairbanks
2. Mary Ferguson
3. Sonya Gray

Emerging Leader (4)

1. Vanessa K. Auth
2. Ashlynn H. Emanoff
3. Isabella M. Jackson
4. Shania R. Murphy

Delegate/Citizen of the Year (1)

1. Jennifer Cordova-James

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