STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Karen Wilder

I bring a commitment to our people, practical leadership experience, and a deep respect for the responsibility of serving our Tribal community.

Relevant Experience:

- Over 20 years of professional experience working with Tribal governments and Tribal non-profit organizations.
- Background in community health outreach, program coordination, administrative leadership, and executive-level support.
- Experience in grant writing and grant management for Tribal programs.
- Contributed to the launch of Tribal Head Start program 2011
- Contributed to the launch of the Garcia River Casino in 2011-2012.
- Assisted in the expansion of the Tribal Environmental Program in 2012, including implementation of the Section 106 water monitoring grant.
- Supported infrastructure improvement projects, including sewer system upgrades and environmental clean-ups on the Point Arena & Manchester Rancheria 2010-12.
- Experience with program development, compliance requirements, reporting, and interagency coordination.
- Strong collaboration and communication skills; maintaining working relationships with Tribal departments, partner agencies, and community organizations.
- Small business owner for over 6 years, providing media, communications, and technical services to small businesses and community organizations.
- Skilled in website development, digital communications, administrative systems, grants management, and technology tools that support organizational efficiency and transparency.
- Committed to responsible governance, accountability, and long-term community wellbeing.

My experiences within our Tribal community and with other Tribal communities have shown me that a successful and sustainable future for our Tribe is possible when leadership and Tribal membership (on and off reservation) are aligned around shared goals. Thoughtful planning, meaningful community engagement, and a clear long-term vision are the building blocks of that success. If given the opportunity to serve as Tribal Chairperson, I am committed to advancing these principles with integrity, collaboration, and accountability.