## SHAREHOLDER PROXY CARD

# For Voting At YAK-TAT KWAAN INCORPORATED Shareholder Meeting

This proxy is being solicited by Yaakwdáat Latínx'i Coalition on behalf of the PROXY HOLDERS and NOMINEES listed below for voting at the next Yak Tat Kwaan Incorporated ("the Corporation") shareholder meeting where a quorum is present, including the meeting on September 23, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time AKST at the ANB Hall in Yakutat, AK. I hereby appoint as my attorney in facts and PROXY HOLDERS Catherine Bremner, and Brittany L. Johnson, both of them or any one of them acting in the absence of the others, each with full power of substitution, to vote all shares of stock that I own or that are owned by those for whom I am custodian or otherwise have voting authority ("My Shares"). I instruct my PROXY HOLDERS to vote My Shares as follows:

## VOTES TO ELECT DIRECTORS

I authorize the Proxy Holders to vote My Shares to elect as many of the NOMINEES listed below as the PROXY HOLDERS, in their discretion, deem possible. I authorize the Proxy Holders to cumulate votes. If I cross out a NOMINEE, My Shares may not be cast for that NOMINEE. The NOMINEES, listed in alphabetical order, are as follows:

Amanda Bremner John Buller
Meda DeWitt Rose Gildersleeve
Keith Howard Jennethan Kaufman
Marry Knutsen Violet Sensmeier
Jay Stevens

If a NOMINEES listed above withdraws their nomination, or is otherwise unable to serve, the PROXY HOLDER may cast My Shares for another listed NOMINEE or a replacement nominee at the PROXY HOLDERS's discretion.

### OTHER MATTERS

To extent permitted by law, I hereby authorize the PROXY HOLDERS to vote My Shares on any other matters as may properly come before the Corporation's shareholder meeting at their discretion.

This proxy may only be voted at one shareholder meeting, namely the next shareholder meeting where a quorum is present. To ensure the PROXY HOLDERS can cast your votes at the next shareholder meeting where a quorum is present, date and sign this proxy.

Dated:										
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Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders for Yak-Tat Kwaan Incorporated.

Dear Yak-tat Kwaan Shareholder,

You are invited to attend a meeting of Yak-Tat Kwaan Incorporated shareholders on **Saturday, September 23, at** 

1 P.M. at the ANB Hall in Yakutat, Alaska.

In recognition of the absence of an election for nearly three years, a group of shareholders amounting to more than 6,000 shares have undertaken the legal process to call this meeting. On August 28, 2023, the Superior

more than 6,000 shares have undertaken the legal process to call this meeting. On August 28, 2023, the Superior

Court for the State of Alaska Third Judicial District at Anchorage granted the demand that Yak-Tat Kwaan

Incorporated hold its annual shareholder meeting on September 23, 2023.

At this shareholder meeting, shareholders will vote to fill the nine seats on the board of directors. The three nominees with the most votes will be elected to a term of 3 years, and the three nominees with the fourth, fifth,

and sixth highest number of votes will be elected to a term of two years, and the three nominees with the

seventh, eighth, and ninth highest number of votes will be elected to a term of one year.

Shareholders are permitted to vote in person or by proxy at this meeting. Important information about voting is

provided below:

IN-PERSON VOTING: If you wish to vote your shares in person, registration is at the ANB Hall starting at 12:30

P.M. on September 23, 2023.

VOTING BY PROXY: If your attendance is not feasible, we encourage you to exercise your voting rights by

completing the attached proxy or another valid proxy.

**VOTING AS A PROXY HOLDER:** If you have been appointed a Proxy Holder, you must register and bring the

proxies to the Yak-Tat Kwaan Incorporated offices at 416 MALLOTT AVENUE, YAKUTAT, AK between 11:00

A.M. and 12:00 P.M. on September 23, 2023.

For information about the Yaakwdáat Latínx'i Coalition board slate, kindly review the attached bios and

candidate statements. Your participation in this momentous event is important.

In unity, we can make the way for a healthy future.

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Yaakwdáat Latínx'i Coalition Co-chairs:

Amanda Bremner

Amanda Bremner

Jay Stevens, Jr.

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Amanda <u>K</u>aa Saayí Tláa Bremner 4847 Kupreanof Street, Anchorage, AK 99507 <u>amandaRbremner@gmail.com</u>

20 August 2023

Dear Shareholders,



I trust this letter finds you well. My name is <u>Kaa Saayí Tláa</u>, I am Tei<u>k</u>weidi, a Yak-tat Kwaan shareholder, a Sealaska shareholder, and a Yakutat Tlingit Tribal citizen. I graduated from the Yakutat High School and spent most of my childhood summers on the Situk and Alsek Rivers with my father James Bremner and uncle Gus Bremner, who were commercial fishermen. My mother is Shelley Bremner, who was adopted by Eva Milton into the Tei<u>k</u>weidi clan. I am child of the L'ukna<u>x</u>.ádi, grandchild of the Gaalyax Kaagwaantaan and great-grandchild of the K'ineix <u>K</u>waan. My grandparents were Esther and Harold "Buddy" Bremner. My great grandparents were Helen Italio and Harry K. Bremner.

I am grateful for the trust and confidence you placed in me during my previous tenure as your Board Director from 2011-2015. Serving alongside esteemed individuals such as Byron Mallott, Joe Nelson, Morgan Howard, Jay Stevens, Debra Lekanof, Lisa Nelson, Richard Porter, Cindy Bremner, and others, I witnessed firsthand their unwavering dedication to uplifting our corporation by upholding our values and prioritizing the quality of life of our shareholders.

Based on these principles, Jay Stevens and I established the Yaakwdáat Latínx'i Coalition, which seeks to empower our village corporation by promoting Indigenous values and principles of responsible and ethical leadership, ensuring it operates at its highest potential. This mission underpins the commitment shared by myself and the other candidates in this packet, as we strive to serve the best interests of our shareholders and corporation.

I, again, humbly request your support and vote as we embark on the important journey of resolving our current challenges and responsibly addressing our debts, while upholding our tribal values.

During my time as Chief Operations Officer at the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe, I have prioritized community and tribal member input. Through various channels such as community dialogues, surveys, in-person discussions, and one-on-one conversations, we have sought to involve as many voices as possible in shaping our collective community vision. Community leaders cannot be effective and meet the needs of the community if they don't know what those needs are. The same stands for our corporation: we can't make business decisions that affect shareholders and the community without hearing from you. As your Director, I pledge to ensure transparency and accountability by consistently measuring our performance against shareholder input, upholding the principles of openness and responsiveness in our decision-making process.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering dedication, determination, and commitment to driving positive change. Your patience and support have been invaluable, and I am sincerely thankful for the opportunity to work alongside such a passionate community. Together, let us continue our journey towards a brighter future, united in shared vision and collective efforts.

Gunalchéesh,

Kaa Saayí Tláa Amanda Bremner

Amanda Bremner



Dear Yak-Tat Kwaan Shareholders,

This letter is to officially express my intention to run for a board seat in the Yak-Tat Kwaan Village Corporation. My name is Meda DeWitt, and I bring a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to our community and its sustainable future.

With years of experience in traditional healing, Indigenous leadership, conservation, and community organizing, I have developed a profound understanding of the complex ecosystem and the intricate balance that must be maintained for the benefit of our shareholders and future generations. As a shareholder, I deeply value the traditional knowledge and stewardship that our community has maintained for centuries, paired with the desire to be able to pass this down to our children.

There have been challenging times for our corporation, as evidenced by the legal disputes and financial issues faced <sup>1, 2</sup>. I believe that with transparency, sound financial management, and a focus on sustainable development, we can navigate these challenges and ensure the prosperity of our corporation and the wellbeing of our community.

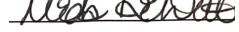
My intention is to serve on the board and actively engage with you, our shareholders. I aim to foster an environment of open communication and collaboration where every voice is heard and respected. Our strength lies in our unity and our shared dedication to our land and our people.

As a board member, I will work diligently to uphold the election requirements and avoid violations that have been an issue in the past <sup>4, 5</sup>. I believe in a democratic process where every shareholder has equal access to information and the opportunity to participate in decision-making processes.

My vision for our corporation is one of resilience, unity, and prosperity. I am dedicated to serving our community and ensuring that our corporation remains a strong and sustainable entity that respects and upholds our Tlingit values and traditions.

Gunalchéesh, for considering my candidacy, I would greatly appreciate your support and vote.

Meda DeWitt, MA., TH.



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- 1: Alaska Beacon https://alaskabeacon.com/briefs/yakutat-tribal-leader-fears-loss-of-land-as-bank-sues-southeast-alaska-villaqe-corporation-for-13-3-million.
- 2: KCAW https://www.kcaw.org/2023/05/24/yak-timber-files-for-bankruptcy-after-its-parent-company-the-village-corporation-is-sued-for-13-3-million/
- 3: KTOO https://www.ktoo.org/2021/11/16/yakutat-village-corporation-delays-elections-after-logging-criticism/
- 4: Alaska Public Media https://alaskapublic.org/2022/11/08/state-fines-yakutat-corporation-for-election-violations
- 5: Northern Journal https://northernjournal.substack.com/p/yakutat-tribal-leader-fears-loss

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Letter of Interest of Candidacy for Board of Directors of Yak-tat Kwaan August 14, 2023



To Our Shareholders,

My name is Xoo Sien Tlaa, Rose Porter Gildersleeve. I am from the Galyax Kaagwaantaan clan (Eagle Beaver Wolf) and a child of the Kwashk i Kwaan clan (Raven Humpy), by way of my father Walter Porter and great grandmother Maggie John Adams. I have been fortunate to spend most of my life in Yakutat, blessed and nourished by our land and resources, and by our loving community and culture. I am the founder of Yakutat Bay Foundation a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to the environmental protection of the Yakutat Bay and very soon to be awarded with my Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies from Alaska Pacific University.

With this letter, I am expressing sincere interest in candidacy for the Yak-tat Kwaan Board of Directors. What I offer is a moral and ethical obligation of protecting our lands, waters, and resources in the way we were taught by our ancestors, by traditions carried on for thousands of years. I value honesty and transparency above all else.

We have faced severe financial difficulties with the current leadership and it has caused great division and sadness among our people. I recognize that we still have turbulent waters ahead. I don't believe in retaliation. But I am deeply committed to finding solutions and strategies to restore our corporation's health and well-being to ensure economic stability for our future and our children.

Lastly, I want to express that even though our people were forced to hand over title to our lands to western corporations under the guise of "economic stability" by the US government, through ANCSA, I believe that our lands are tribal lands and they should remain in tribal hands. I will always strive to put the safety and wealth of our sacred lands and resources back into the hands of the rightful owners, the Yakutat Tlingit people.

Sincerely,

Rose Porter Gildersleeve

Dear Shareholders,

My name is Keith Howard, and I proudly identify as Teikweidi Eagle Brown Bear. I hail from a lineage of respected individuals, being the child of Cornelia Henry and Lloyd Howard, the grandson of Elizabeth (Betty) Abraham, and the great-grandson of Susie Bremner Abraham and Olaf Abraham.

My formative years were split between Yakutat and Kodiak, where I had the privilege of experiencing the wonders of the Alaskan wilderness. At the early age of 13, I embarked on a journey as a crew member on a small crab boat, a venture that spanned 12 summers of my early life. Additionally, I fondly recall the summers spent at fish camp with my Uncle Jerry and Aunt Augusta in East River, learning valuable lessons about our culture and our interconnectedness with the natural world.

With a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Southern Oregon University, I seized the opportunity to transition from the realm of commercial fishing to become an outdoor guide in Alaska and the Global South. Over six years, I led expeditions using rafts and kayaks, immersing myself in the breathtaking landscapes and diverse cultures of South America, Mexico, and Central America. This journey became an important chapter in my life, broadening my understanding of humanity, fostering an appreciation for different ways of life, and instilling in me a deep respect for global Indigenous cultural preservation. Working closely with Indigenous communities globally, I witnessed firsthand their commitment to weaving a balance between sustainable tourism and preserving their traditions. I believe we need to strike a similar balance in Yakutat.

Presently, I find myself in the role of a devoted single father while also working as a General Contractor in Portland, Oregon. It is the experience of raising my two children that has further deepened my drive to actively contribute to the betterment of Yak-Tat Kwaan.

As a dedicated small business owner, I firmly believe that my skills can make a meaningful impact in addressing Yak-Tat Kwaan's ongoing financial challenges. It is my unwavering determination to secure a solid financial foundation for our community that fuels my decision to run for this position.

If granted the opportunity of serving on the Board, my topmost priority will be ensuring the welfare of the people in our village. Yakutat, as the heart of our community, plays a vital role in the lives of all shareholders. The Kwaan should be actively engaged in preserving our cultural heritage and providing for the needs of our people.

By aligning our actions with our shared values, we can pave the way for a prosperous future, guided both by financial stability and the wisdom passed down to us by our ancestors. In essence, my deeprooted aspiration to serve on the Board stems from an unwavering commitment to the prosperity and cultural integrity of Yak-Tat Kwaan. I envision a future where our financial well-being and ancestral values merge harmoniously, propelling us towards a brighter and more sustainable tomorrow.

Gunalchéesh,

Keith Howard

Tay Howard

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Dear Shareholder,

I am seeking a position on the YKI board and I look forward to serving the shareholders. I am a former employee of YKI, and a former short-term director of YKI in the early 1980's. I am also a former employee of YKI's subsidiary, Yak Timber Inc.

Currently, I am enjoying retirement in Yakutat and have dedicated much of my time and energy to making it a better place for our residents, businesses and children.

My leadership skills and experience will bring our corporation into stronger, successful partnerships, with trust and integrity among it's stakeholders, vendors, agencies and possible clientele.

We need efficient leadership, accurate and timely accounting, compliant record keeping, informational shareholder meetings, better communication and media coverage to reach members effectively. We need better financial planning and better stewardship of assets and obligations.

The financial long-term big fix needs to be the creation of a stable and sustainable income stream for the corporation. We should support slow and steady growth, with the goal of making a profit for shareholders; meanwhile being involved in local events, and providing opportunities for non-local shareholders to participate. We should embrace partnerships for training and employment, talent pooling our resources for success in business.

My background includes 31+ years in public service as an Assessment and Taxation Supervisor and Property Tax Analyst. My studies include accounting, computer data analysis and processing, law and archival research. My hobbies include crafting, sewing, hunting, fishing, berry picking, harvesting of meat and seafood.

A business is only as good as it's leaders, officers, management, employees, customers and partners. Each one needs to be active in its professional-relational skills to each other.

Let's get organized, be available, be ready to listen, take action and get to work

Thank you for your consideration.

genetho Kaufman

MARRY KNUTSEN P.O. BOX 18 YAKUTAT, AK 99689 marryk@gmail.com August 8, 2023

Re: Letter of Intrest for Yak-Tat Kwaan Inc. Board of Directors

Dear Shareholders.

I am writing this letter to express my keen interest in serving on the Yak-Tat Kwaan Inc. board of directors. I firmly believe that my involvement in this capacity can bring about positive change for several compelling reasons.

Foremost among these reasons is my determination to navigate our current financial challenges. I strongly believe that as a new board of directors, we can explore untapped opportunities that our current expired board has been unable to pursue. Numerous regional and state organizations have expressed their willingness to support us once a new board is elected by our valued shareholders.

Moreover, I am committed to establishing robust working relationships at the local, regional, and state levels. It is evident that Yak-Tat Kwaan Inc. has strained relationships with key local entities such as the City and Borough of Yakutat (CBY) and the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe (YTT). Restoring trust between these three entities is vital for the well-being of our shareholders, tribal citizens, and community members. Furthermore, it is crucial that we strengthen our ties with Sealaska Corp. on a regional level. Additionally, I firmly believe that by fostering collaborations with other tribes, village corps, and regional corporations within the state, we can ensure fiscal stability for our corporation.

My desire to follow through on the remarkable ideas proposed by shareholders and fellow board members during the last shareholder meeting is another reason for my interest in serving our corporation. One such idea that garnered significant support was the development of a shareholder and descendant subdivision near the West Addition. Although direct land transfers to shareholders under ANCSA provisions are not possible, we can explore the possibility of long-term leases that enable shareholders and descendants to secure home loans for building on these lands. Furthermore, we possess ample land suitable for small-scale tourism, hatcheries, renewable energy farms, eco-tourism, and various other opportunities. It is disheartening to see these potential endeavors not being given due consideration by our current board of directors.

Lastly, forging collaborative projects with CBY and YTT will greatly benefit our community. Both entities have the capacity to apply for grants and programmatic funding that can help us bring many of these project ideas to fruition. Many of these projects may require land that these entities currently lack or are unsuitable for their needs. Establishing memorandums of agreement or understanding with them holds the key to our corporation's and community's financial well-being.

I firmly believe that by collectively exploring alternative solutions, we can overcome our present fiscal crisis without resorting to bankruptcy. I am hopeful that you as shareholders will elect me as a board of director so that I may help to turn our corporation around so that it is successful for our shareholders and descendants.

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Yéi Dika <u>K</u>udaháan Marry Knutsen

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Violet Aandayeen Sensmeier 2221 Legacy Drive Anchorage, AK 99516 907-342-2346 alaskaviolets@gmail.com

20 August 2023

To my fellow shareholders,



As you read this letter, it is my hope that it supports you in remembering the importance of your place in our village corporation. How much you are valued. That we want to hear from you, that your voice matters, and that we all need one another to be able to move forward. It does not matter if you have one share or hundreds of shares, you deserve to know what is going on, to have your thoughts heard, to be able to ask questions and know that you have a board that has the shareholders' best interests at heart. I joined this slate, because I believe this slate will be a board that will honor our ancestors and keep in mind the next generations to come while making decisions that impact all of us. Please, please use your voice and vote your shares in how you feel is best.

My name is Violet Sensmeier, I am Teikweidí (Eagle/Brown Bear Clan), a Yak-Tat Kwaan shareholder, a mother to three beautiful children and a Yakutat Tlingit Tribal citizen. I am very proud to be the child of the Kwashk I Kwaan clan, my father, Raymond Sensmeier, who was born and raised in Yakutat and to this day continues to fight for our homelands. I am the proud daughter of Eva Olin Sensmeier, who is Koyukon Athabascan from Galena, Ak. The late Eva Milton and Ruth Jackson adopted my mother into the Teikweidi clan many years ago and she has dedicated her whole life to caring for the people of Yakutat as a Physician Assistant. My parents raised all six of their children in Yakutat and we all graduated from Yakutat High School.

Yakutat has a rich history of coming together in times of need, as well as lifting one another up and being proud that we can call Yakutat home. We learned from our ancestors how to honor, care for, respect and protect the land that has taken care of us since time immemorial. There is no place like home and the beauty of our lands and waters is in all of us, in our children. It hurts to see what is happening to our sacred sites and what might continue to happen unless we all stand as one and say enough is enough. Now is the time to speak up. We have many amazing and incredible people willing to step forward to face the tough challenges of getting our corporation back to a healthy place and one that we can feel good about leaving to future generations.

I know we can operate from a healthy place, that we can get back to our values and make decisions with not just our heads, but with our hearts. Many of you have been asking how you can help, how can we turn this boat around, what is next? How can we be profitable, create healthy sustainability, create work that we can feel good about, provide more opportunities for our people? I have a strong desire to help our corporation grow, to have transparency, to hold regular elections and include our shareholders in the process. I am respectfully requesting your support and I can promise that I will do my very best to help bring people together and create strong bridges and always know that I am representing each one of you. There is so much to be done and I know that if we can hold one another up in our time of need, that we can create something beautiful that our children's children can be proud of. We need you now, please help us and use your vote that your ancestors fought so hard for. Honor them with us.

Gunalcheesh, Violet Sensmeier Aandayeen "Looking Towards The Village" Dear Shareholders,

I would like to introduce myself, Jay Stevens, also known as Aas Kuwát' Éesh, representing the esteemed Kwaashk'i Kwáan and proudly associated with the Raven Humpy of the Owl House. Born to Doris Stevens and Jay W. Stevens, I bring with me over 30 years of piloting experience from various airlines. It is with great enthusiasm that I offer my skills to guide Yak-Tat Kwaan towards a culturally responsible and financially secure future, one that safeguards and advances the interests of our valued shareholder community.

At the forefront of my priorities is the urgent need to address the injustice caused by the expiration of current board members' terms. Together with my fellow slate members, I am devoted to leading a transparent and ethical board replacement process. I firmly believe that leadership can emerge from anyone, and I am committed to fostering an environment of open expression for both our board and shareholders, free from repression. My vision encompasses ushering in a new era of transparency and shareholder engagement.

Here are some primary areas of focus that I intend to prioritize:

- 1. Stewardship of Natural Resources: Promoting responsible use of cultural resources, fisheries, and forests.
- 2. Protection of Barrier Islands: Safeguarding the barrier islands that shield our community.
- 3. **Responsible Timber Harvesting:** Opposing premature harvesting, improving forest health, and emphasizing responsible engagement.
- 4. **Fisheries Stewardship:** Taking proactive measures for the well-being of our salmon habitat within the confines of our corporation's responsibility.
- 5. **Cultural Heritage Embrace**: Encouraging the use of our lands for cultural harvesting and prioritizing shareholder accessibility.
- 6. **Sustainable Revenue**: Learning from successful corporations to diversify our income ethically and sustainably, even beyond Yakutat.
- 7. **Transparency**: Addressing the current lack of transparency that burdens our community.

It is my sincere hope that, in the years to come, Yak-Tat Kwaan will be recognized for its ethical business practices and its journey in responsible stewardship. My personal career trajectory, starting as a young fisherman and advancing to international flights from Beijing to Brazil with airlines such as American Airlines, showcases my unwavering commitment to responsibility and representation of our people.

Yakutat holds a special place in my heart, and I strongly believe that shareholders worldwide deserve equitable representation on our ancestral lands, in alignment with ANSCSA's vision. Serving on the Board of Directors would allow me to bring equilibrium and holistic progress to our community.

I assure you that I will listen attentively to every perspective, valuing shareholders as the true leaders of our Corporation.



Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**Jay Stevens** 

John (JP) Buller P.O. Box 238 Yakutat, Ak 99689 john.buller85@gmail.com

Letter of Interest for Board of Directors Yak-Tat Kwaan

Hey Folks,



My name is John(JP)Buller, son of Betty Jean and Ron Buller, Grandchild of John and Ester Bremner, and I am writing to express my genuine interest in contributing to the growth and success of Yak-Tat Kwaan. As a dedicated member of our community and a firm believer in the power of diversification, environmental responsibility, and cultural preservation. I am excited to share my thoughts and ideas on how we can collectively shape a prosperous future for our ANCSA village corporation.

First and foremost, I am a strong advocate for diversifying our business portfolio. In today's ever changing economic landscape, it is crucial that we explore new avenues and opportunities that align with our core values and strengths. By expanding our range of offerings, we can not only increase our revenue streams but also create a more resilient and sustainable foundation for Yak-tat Kwaan. I am committed to working collaboratively to identify and pursue ventures that complement our existing activities and contribute to our long term success.

In line with our commitment to environmental stewardship, I am particularly interested in exploring the potential of carbon credits. The global focus on reducing carbon emissions presents a unique chance for us to play a meaningful role in both environmental protection and financial growth. I propose that we conduct a thorough analysis of our carbon credit potential and explore partnerships or initiatives that allow us to monetize our environmentally conscious efforts while positively impacting our surroundings.

Another vital aspect of our journey forward is addressing and eliminating debt. By implementing sound financial strategies and closely managing our resources, we can work towards achieving a more stable and prosperous financial standing. This will not only strengthen our ability to invest in growth opportunities but also position us as a responsible and reliable partner in the business community.

Finally, I firmly believe that we must remain rooted in our cultural values as we navigate the business world. Our unique heritage and traditions are integral to who we are as a corporation and a community. As we expand and diversify, it is essential that we find ways to infuse our cultural identity into our business practices and decisions. By doing so, we can foster a sense of pride and connection among out team members and customers while also differentiating ourselves in the marketplace.

In conclusion, I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for Yak-tat Kwaan. With a focus on diversification, environmental responsibility, debt elimination, and cultural integrity. I am confident that we can create a future that honors our past while embracing new opportunities. I welcome the chance to discuss these ideas further and collaborate on strategies that will drive our corporation's growth and success.

Thank you for considering my perspective, and I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the continued advancement of our Yak-tat Kwaan.

John Buller Aanakwei Eesh Galyax Kaagwaantaan Gineix Kwaan dachxan

John P Buller

#### Yaakwdáat Latínx'i Coalition

"Stewards of Yakutat" Proxy Statement

The proxy is being solicited to elect new directors to the Yak Tat Kwáan Incorporated ("Corporation") board of directors at the annual meeting on September 23rd 2023 at 1 p.m. at the ANB Hall in Yakutat, Alaska. Yaakwdáat Latínx'i Coalition co-chairs Amanda Bremner and Jay Steven filed superior court case 3AN-23-06096CI seeking court orders to require the Corporation to hold shareholder meetings. The enclosed **SHAREHOLDER PROXY CARD** allows you to appoint Brittany L. Johnson of 292 Lake St. Yakutat, AK 99689 and Cathy Bremner of 4416 Gagaan Deiyi Rd Yakutat, AK 99689 as your proxy holders to vote your shares at the next Corporation shareholder meeting.

In case no. 3AN-23-06096CI the superior court ordered the corporation to hold its annual meeting of shareholders on September 23, 2023. By signing and returning the enclosed **SHAREHOLDER PROXY CARD**, you may authorize the proxy holders to vote your shares at the next shareholder meeting. The proxy only confers authority to vote at one shareholder meeting. The proxy holders will ensure your shares are voted in accordance with the directors on the proxy at the next shareholder meeting.

At the next Shareholders meeting, shareholders will vote to fill the nine seats on the board of directors. We have proposed that the three nominees with the most votes will be elected to a term of 3 years, and the three nominees with the fourth, fifth, and sixth highest number of votes will be elected to a term of two years, and the three nominees with the seventh, eighth, and ninth highest number of votes will be elected to a term of one year.

This mailing is anticipated to cost approximately \$2,000. The costs of the mailing have been paid by donations, though no one contributor has donated more than \$500 to the proxy solicitation. Additional shareholders may contact friends' family and fellow shareholders and encourage them to sign and return this proxy. It is not expected that anyone will seek reimbursement from the Corporation for solicitation expenses. Additional information about the Yaakwdáat Latínx'i Coalition may be found at <a href="https://www.vaakwdaatcoalition.com/">https://www.vaakwdaatcoalition.com/</a>.

Nominees for director listed on the SHAREHOLDER PROXY CARD are as follows:

### Amanda Bremner - 4847 Kupreanof St. Anchorage, AK 99507 - 37 years

- Corporate Secretary, Yak-Tat Kwaan, Inc. (2011-2015).
- TecPort, Inc., Board Director (2012-2015).
- Never been employed by the corporation.
- Current Employment: Chief Operations Officer, Yakutat Tlingit Tribe (2023-Present).
- Current Boards: Laperouse Alaska Association, Director (2019-Present). Alaska Native Professional Association, Member (2022-Present). Yaakwdáat Latínx'i Coalition, Co-chair (2023-Present). Native Movement, Advisory Board Member (2023-Present). Little Cub Books, LLC, Co-owner.

## John Buller - PO Box 238 Yakutat, AK 99689 - 38 years

- No previous Kwaan position held.
- Past 5 years served as President of Yakutat Tlingit Tribe
- Don Bremner is my blood Uncle
- ullet Employed as a Commercial Fisherman
- Currently serving in the YTT Tribal Council (Tribal/501c3) and YTT Environmental Stewardship Committee
- Currently serving YCC Inc. Board (for-profit)

## Meda DeWitt - 12130 Shenandoah Rd Anchorage, AK 99516 - 43 years

- No current or previously held positions within the corporation or its subsidiaries.
- No current or previously held positions as a board of director for the corporation or its subsidiaries.
- Senior Specialist, Alaska for The Wilderness Society (TWS). 2020- Present.

- Alaskans Take a Stand 501c3 (ATAS) 2019-Present
- Director and Owner, Haa Jooní, LLC. And Productions (June 2016 Present)
- Independent Contractor (1996 Present)
- Adjunct Educator and Contractor, University of Alaska: Anchorage and Fairbanks (2012 Present)
- Program Associate, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Community Health Services, Wellness Division, Health Promotion, Disease Prevention (July 2011 September 2018)

#### Rose Gildersleeve - PO Box 248 Yakutat, AK 99689 - 35 Years

- No current or previously held positions within the corporation or its subsidiaries.
- No current or previously held positions as a board of director for the corporation or its subsidiaries.
- 2020 Present, Co-founder and Executive Director @ Yakutat Bay Foundation, an environmental nonprofit.
- 2012 2019, Majority owner at Kantak Consulting, a digital marketing firm.
- Full time undergrad student @ Alaska Pacific University.

#### Keith Howard - 2343 se 57th Ave Portland, OR 97215 - 51 Years

- I have never worked for Yak-Tat Kwaan Inc.
- I spent the last 5 years working as a general contractor.

#### Marry Knutsen - PO BOX 18 Yakutat, AK 99689 - 36 Years

- I have never held office for Yak-Tat Kwan Inc.
- I have worked for The Yakutat Tlingit Tribe for 9 years in various capacities. Most recently as the Cultural Heritage Director.
- I have served on the Assembly for the City and Borough of Yakutat for 3 years.
- I have served on the Yakutat School Board for 3 years, serving as President for one of those years.

## Jennethan Kaufman - PO Box 213 Yakutat AK 99689 - 63 Years

- Positions with the Kwaan: 2019-2021 Office Manager. 1980-1984 Secretary/bookkeeper Yak-Tat Kwaan. 1985-1986 Director of the Board Yak-Tat Kwaan.
- Employment history: 2016-2019 Retired. 2019-2021 Yak Timber Office Manager. 2021 Retired.
- Other directorships held: 2019 current Yakutat School Board

### Violet Sensmeier - 2221 Legacy Drive Anchorage, AK 99516 - 43 Years

- Never held office with Yak-Tat Kwaan or any subsidiaries before.
- No other positions held there I don't believe I am related to any board member or executive officer.
- Business experience: Co-owner of a Lawn, Tree & Landscaping business previously- moved away from that 4 years ago.
- 2019-2021 Yak Timber Office Manager

### Jay Stevens - P.O. Box 2011 Sitka. AK, 99835 - 62 Years

- Yak-Tat Kwaan Inc. Board Director (2011-2013)
- Gary Klushkan is my Brother-In-Law
- Formerly: Airline Transport pilot for American Airlines. Currently on long-term disability.