

**Chairwoman Brittney Miller**

Interim Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting  
401 S Carson St  
Carson City, NV 89701

Subject: Nevadans Count - Public Input Meeting on Tribal Land

Chairwoman Miller and Committee Members:

Good morning - my name is Tammi Tiger, T A M M I T I G E R. I am a citizen of Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and Clark County resident for over 35 years. I am calling today from the ancestral lands of the Nuwuvi, southern Paiute people and on behalf of the Las Vegas Indian Center. An organization that serves the over 60,000 urban Native Americans in Clark County.

Over the last 10 years, indigenous people in Nevada increased by about 89%. Of Nevada's 3.1 million residents, indigenous people account for 105,790, or 3.4% of the state population. While this may not seem like much, it is remarkable. Currently the Silver State ranks 16th with respect to the share of the indigenous population. A decade ago, we ranked 26th.

The Las Vegas Indian Center believes it's important that the redistricting process recognizes both urban Natives and Nevada's Tribal Nations and communities. Nevada has 20 federally-recognized tribes who have a government-to-government relationship with the United States. These Tribes comprise 27 Tribal bands, colonies, and community councils. Historically, our community has not been represented, and decisions which negatively impact our people, our lifeways are made without meaningful consultation with Tribal leaders.

Chairwoman Miller and committee members, the Las Vegas Indian Center strongly encourages you to hold a meeting specific for Tribal nations, an honor our political relationship. We have created over 30 community of interest maps. We will be analyzing how the proposed district boundaries impact our community, both on and off the reservation lands. We hope that you will consider more engagement with Nevada Tribal Nations and communities to ensure we have better opportunity for representation.

Thank you,

**Tammi Tiger**

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