



Kiowa Tribe District 7 Newsletter

September of 2025

District 7



Greetings to all Kiowa citizens,

As we enter the fall season, we prepare for our annual ceremony for the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society, held in Indian City during the second week of October.

This Saturday, we conducted our special election regarding the KIC resolutions

presented at the previous KIC meeting. It is my understanding that we will prepare for a second election to amend the constitution within the next three to six months.

I cannot overstate the critical importance of voter participation in this upcoming constitutional amendment process. Our tribal democracy requires the active engagement of our citizens to function effectively. We need approximately 2,800 voters to participate in the election to successfully ratify an amendment to our constitution—this is not merely a goal, but a constitutional requirement that demands our collective commitment.

The time to act is now. I urge every eligible Kiowa citizen to:

- Register to vote immediately if you have not already done so
- Encourage family members and fellow tribal citizens to register
- Prepare to participate actively in the next special election
- Understand that your vote is essential to our tribal sovereignty and self-determination

This constitutional amendment represents a pivotal moment for our tribe's future governance. The strength of our democratic institutions depends entirely upon the participation of our people. I am providing this advance notice so that every citizen has adequate time to prepare and ensure their voice is heard in this crucial decision-making process.

Your participation is not just encouraged—it is essential to the preservation and advancement of Kiowa self-governance.



THOUGHTS FROM AN ELDER

Understanding Kiowa Cultural and Intellectual Property

What is Kiowa Cultural Property?

Kiowa Cultural Property refers to tangible and intangible items that hold significance to the Kiowa Tribe due to their cultural, historical, or spiritual value. This property can include artifacts, monuments, artworks, traditional knowledge, family histories, languages, rituals, music, and literary and verbal folklore. Kiowa cultural property is often associated with the tribe's heritage and identity, and its preservation is crucial for maintaining its connection to the diversity and richness of human cultures around the world.

What is Kiowa Intellectual Property?

Kiowa Intellectual Property (KIP) is a legal concept that grants creators exclusive rights to their inventions, works of art, designs, symbols, names, and images used in commerce. The main types of intellectual property include copyrights, patents, trademarks, and trade secrets. Intellectual property laws are designed to encourage innovation and creativity by protecting the interests of inventors, artists, businesses, and tribes by allowing them to benefit from their

The Relationship Between Cultural and Intellectual Property

While cultural property often refers to collectively held traditions and artifacts, intellectual property typically refers to individual or corporate creations protected by law. However, there is overlap: some forms of traditional knowledge or cultural expressions may be protected as intellectual property. For example, indigenous designs or traditional medicines can sometimes be patented or copyrighted, raising important questions about ownership, benefit-sharing, and the protection of communal rights versus individual rights.

In summary, it is suggested that Kiowa cultural property is closely tied to Kiowa heritage and identity. In contrast, intellectual property serves as a legal framework for protecting creative and innovative works by Kiowa artists. Both concepts play important roles in safeguarding the Kiowa human creativity, knowledge, and cultural diversity within the tribe. The Kiowa Tribe could establish laws and policies that address the sanctioning of access to cultural and intellectual property as a means of perpetuating the accurate interpretation and representation of the Kiowa people. It is long past time that the exploitation of Kiowa culture and intellectual properties be alleviated as a means of monetary and professional positioning by non-Kiowa individuals.

The Kiowa Tribe needs to consider regulating Kiowa cultural and intellectual properties for the sake of accuracy and integrity. American Indian imagery has been shaped by the non-Indian world for too long. As a result, we have many, many stereotypical images and misinformation that condition our children to live with in our communities. The tribe needs to take command of who they are by reclaiming their cultural and intellectual property and controlling what situations and conditions need refinement and accountability, as well as who is eligible to represent these areas. And cause people to be responsible for what they demonstrate as Kiowa grounded. No more open markets on Kiowa culture (art, music, stories, literature, history, dance, religion, values, customs, etc.). Appropriate tribal law and policy can significantly contribute to reshaping our identity, enabling future generations to know and be proud of who they are as Kiowa and Oklahoma American citizens.



Upcoming Kiowa Tribe Legislature Items:

The Kiowa Tribe Legislature addressed several important resolutions for consideration during their regular session on September 13, 2025. These legislative measures address various aspects of tribal governance, operations, and community services.

Key Resolutions Include:

- **Employee Compensation:** A 3% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) raise for all employees across Executive, Legislative, Judicial, and Kiowa Indian Council branches (sponsored by Warren Queton, District 7)
- **Governmental Operations:** Multiple resolutions addressing tribal governance processes, including amendments to law-making procedures and

contracting authority acts (sponsored by Cole DeLaune, District 4)

- **Economic Policy:** Moratoriums on new tribally owned corporations and funding for existing tribal corporations (sponsored by Cole DeLaune, District 4)
- **Community Programs:** Establishment of a Boys and Girls Club of the Kiowa Tribe and submission of a 477 Plan for Self-Determination (sponsored by Warren Queton, District 7)
- **Administrative Reforms:** Updates to nomination and confirmation processes for tribal appointees and social media access policies for government branches (sponsored by Cole DeLaune, District 4)

The session will also include order overrides for previously introduced legislation and formal publication of multiple resolutions into the tribal record. Full details of these resolutions may be accessed on the [Kiowatribe.org](https://kiowatribe.org) website.

Tulsa Town Hall Meeting

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the recent Kiowa Tribe community meeting in Tulsa. The gathering was productive, featuring important discussions and valuable information for our Tribal Citizens. For those who couldn't attend, here's a recap of what we covered.

Special Election & KIC Resolutions

We had an important discussion about the Special Election on September 27th and the KIC resolutions on the ballot. Citizens had the opportunity to ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of the resolutions, making informed decisions when they vote. Your participation is vital to our Tribe's future.

Kiowa Housing Authority Programs

A special thank you to our guest, Mr. Luke Toyabo Jr., from the Kiowa Housing Authority. He delivered an insightful presentation on the various housing programs available to residents of District 7. Attendees received direct answers to their questions about eligibility and the application process.

Enrollment & Eagle Feathers

The Kiowa Enrollment team was also present to provide crucial guidance on several key processes. They reviewed the documentation required for Tribal Enrollment and for applying for Eagle Feathers, helping to clarify the steps for citizens looking to complete these important applications.

We appreciate the active participation and thoughtful questions from all attendees. Your engagement is what makes our community strong.





Indigenous Media Portal

The Indigenous Media Portal is a multi-media website featuring digitized materials from the OU Libraries Western History Collections. This pilot project is the result of collaboration with eight tribal partners and will continue to incorporate community input through April of 2026.

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- ▶ Cherokee Nation
- ▶ Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
- ▶ Chickasaw Nation
- ▶ Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- ▶ Kiowa Tribe
- ▶ Osage Nation
- ▶ Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
- ▶ Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma

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Pawnee Indian School students performing for the Indians for Indians Radio Show, University of Oklahoma, 1942.

Banner art, "Dancing at Dusk," by Addie Roanhorse (Osage)

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Denver Meeting







The city of Denver is actively strengthening its nation-to-nation relationships with Tribal Nations through its annual Tribal Convening. This initiative aims to establish a consulate for Tribal Nations, focusing on education and honoring the historical and ongoing connections between the City of Denver and sovereign nations. This year's convening included representatives from the Tesuque Pueblo, Southern Ute, and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Nations, continuing the crucial work of accurately representing the history of Colorado and the tribes with historical significance to the region.

To further these diplomatic efforts, members of the Denver City Council and Community will travel to Oklahoma in October. The objective of this visit is to explore deeper collaborations and formally establish a memorandum of understanding and agreement with the Kiowa Tribe. These actions underscore Denver's commitment to ensuring Native peoples are represented respectfully and to fostering robust government-to-government partnerships.

Unofficial Results - Special Election



UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

	ANADARKO	CARNegie	MEDICINE BLUFF	JIMMY CREEK	RED RIVER	ELA CREEK	ALL KIOWA	MAIL IN	TOTAL	%
PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1										
YES	51	24	7	27	5	5	17	1185	1321	87.02%
NO	12	6	5	11	1	2	2	158	197	12.98%
PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2										
YES	41	18	6	21	4	6	11	1007	1114	73.43%
NO	22	12	7	15	2	1	7	337	403	26.57%
PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3										
YES	30	15	10	25	6	4	15	972	1077	70.58%
NO	33	15	3	13	0	3	3	379	449	29.42%
PROPOSED AMENDMENT 4										
YES	53	23	8	28	4	6	14	1103	1239	81.89%
NO	10	7	5	8	2	1	4	237	274	18.11%
PROPOSED AMENDMENT 5										
YES	28	15	5	23	1	6	12	1034	1124	73.90%
NO	35	15	9	15	5	1	7	310	397	26.10%
KIC RESOLUTION CY-6902-2025										
YES	45	22	6	31	4	6	14	1132	1260	83.11%
NO	18	8	7	6	2	1	5	209	256	16.89%
KIC RESOLUTION CY-6905-2025										
YES	49	25	13	30	6	7	16	1120	1266	83.56%
NO	14	5	0	6	0	0	3	221	249	16.44%
KIC RESOLUTION CY-6910-2025										
YES	51	22	12	30	2	6	14	1210	1347	88.56%
NO	12	8	1	6	3	0	5	139	174	11.44%

Please contact the Kiowa Election Commission for any questions or clarification regarding these unofficial results.

Upcoming Events

Kiowa Tribal Princess Sorority

2ND ANNUAL HONOR DANCE

October 4th 2025

[GÛIGÚL]DÈ - RED WOLF COMMUNITY CENTER - CARNEGIE, OKLAHOMA

2 PM - GOURD DANCE
5 PM - SUPPER BREAK
6 PM - WAR MOTHERS'
+ CLOSING GOURD SESSION

HEAD LADY:

Kiowa Tribal Princess
1968 & 1969

7 PM - OH HO MAH
10 PM - CLOSING SONG
10:05 PM WAR JOURNEY SONGS

HEAD SINGER:

Charlie Horse

CO-MC:

Warren Queton

CO-MC:

Carlo Chalepah

CO-HOST:

Comanche Nation Princess Sorority

Kiowa Tribal Princess
Tegan Gouge

Sharon Tsatoke Gritts



SPECIAL INVITATIONS:

Comanche Nation Princess
Isabela Ramirez

HEAD MAN:

Terry Tsotigh

ARENA DIRECTOR:

Marshal Williamson

SECURITY:

To Be Announced

CO-HOST:

Apache Tribal Princess Sorority

Apache Tribal Princess
Abigail Killsfirst

THE KIOWA TRIBAL PRINCESS SORORITY IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL PARTICIPANTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND STAFF. WE STRIVE TO CREATE AN INCLUSIVE AND RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED. THE KIOWA TRIBAL PRINCESS SORORITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS, THEFT, OR DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY DURING THE EVENT. ATTENDEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR BELONGINGS AND MUST TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS. BY PARTICIPATING, YOU AGREE TO HOLD THE SORORITY HARMLESS FROM ANY LIABILITY.

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Kiowa District 7 Language Class



OCTOBER 20TH

NEW LOCATION

**PLAINS CLASSROOM
AT SAM NOBLE MUSEUM**

2401 CHAUTAUQUA AVE
NORMAN, OK 73072

IN PERSON ACTIVITY BEGINS

@ 7:00PM

VIRTUAL CLASS BEGINS

@ 8:00 PM

ZOOM

MEETING ID: 834 4943 7664

PASSCODE: KIOWA



For any questions, please contact:
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TULSA BEGINNING KIOWA LANGUAGE CLASS

**LET'S LEARN
KIOWA!**

**INSTRUCTOR:
WARREN QUETON**

**OCTOBER 27TH
6 TO 7:30 PM**



**LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS**

**Kiowa
District 7
Tulsa Office:**

**15th E 16th Street,
Tulsa OK 74119**

ALSO AVAILABLE ON ZOOM

Zoom link available on our Linktree:

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