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Memorandum

TO: Oneida Business Committee
FROM: Brandon Stevens, LOC Chairperson 
DATE: August 12, 2015
RE: Petition: Cornelius-Special GTC Meeting to Address Four Resolution – Update

A petition was submitted to the Tribal Secretary's Office on April 28, 2015 and was verified by the Enrollment Department. This Petition was submitted to the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) agenda and accepted at the May 13, 2015 meeting. This Petition requests a Special GTC meeting allowing the petitioner to present on and address four resolutions.

This Petition reached the Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) during the May 20, 2015 LOC meeting in which it was added to the active files list. At that same meeting, a motion was made to forward a memorandum to the OBC addressing concerns that the four resolutions were not attached to the petition; the motion carried unanimously.

At the next OBC meeting on May 27, 2015, it was directed that the Tribal Secretary reach out to the petitioner in order to request the resolutions and that they be submitted within 30 days. When this Petition next made the OBC agenda, on June 24, 2015, the resolutions still had not been provided to the Tribal Secretary. During this meeting Chief Counsel expressed concerns relating to the validity of the petition because it was not possible to determine whether those whom had signed the petition had actually seen and endorsed any resolutions that may be presented by the petitioner since the resolutions had not been presented to the Tribal Secretary in conjunction with the verified petition. The petitioner asserted that there had not been any resolutions included with his original petition, but that he could present some if that was required. There was a motion to direct the Tribal Secretary to work with the petitioner relating the resolutions; the motion carried unanimously.

At the July 8, 2015 OBC meeting there was an update on this Petition; a meeting was held with the petitioner on June 29, 2015, and more time was needed. A motion was made and carried unanimously to defer this Petition to the July 22, 2015 OBC meeting.

At the July 22, 2015 OBC meeting the Tribal Secretary presented a memorandum to the OBC. The memorandum stated that a meeting was held with the petitioner on June 29, 2015 during which it was agreed that the Tribal Secretary would research whether any resolutions could have possible been

submitted with the petition. The memorandum stated that further research confirmed that her office had not received any resolutions with the original petition. Lastly, the memorandum stated that the petitioner submitted a report to the Tribal Secretary on the day of their meeting, June 29, 2015; the report was attached to the Secretary's July 22, 2015 memorandum as a handout. At July 22, 2015 OBC meeting discussion ensued and petitioner asserted that he had in fact presented resolutions to the Tribal Secretary's Office and the Tribal Secretary's office maintained that she had not yet received any resolutions. On July 22, 2015, at 11:35 PM the Tribal Secretary's office received the petitioner's four resolutions.

Having now received the resolutions, the Legislative Reference Office will now proceed to prepare statements of effect for each of the four resolutions and will submit for the OBC's consideration for the August 26, 2015 OBC meeting.