

MEMORANDUM

To: Attorney Francine Skenandore
From: Racquel Hill, Election Board Chairperson
Subject: Request to Draft Resolution
Date: September 17, 2007

On behalf of the Oneida Election Board, I hereby request that a resolution to rescind BC Resolution 03-12-02-O (attached) be drafted up for the Board's consideration.

In our review of the Oneida Constitution, Article I. Territory states *"The jurisdiction of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin shall extend to the territory within the present confines of the Oneida Reservation and to such lands as may be hereafter added thereto within or without said boundary lines under any law of the United States, except as otherwise provided by law."*

In retrospect, the Oneida Tribe does not have jurisdiction in Milwaukee. The land and building there is leased; therefore the Milwaukee polling site is UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

If additional points are needed, the voter turnout at the polls in Milwaukee has shown a decline in the numbers from 2002 (264 voters) and 2005 (183 voters). The polling site in Milwaukee is not fiscally responsible. It also creates a greater disconnect from those enrolled members residing in Milwaukee with the Oneida community who reside within the original reservation boundaries.

Lastly, the Election Board is recommending the date of July 5, 2008 for the 2008 General Election. This date is in conjunction with the annual Oneida Pow wow where we believe we would get the best voter turnout.

In conclusion, the Election Board thanks you greatly for your assistance in regards to this matter.