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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear Pueblo of Laguna Member:

On May 18, 2012, the Pueblo of Laguna Council enacted Resolution No. 35-12, to request that the Regional Director of the Department of Interior authorize a Secretarial Election to amend the Pueblo of Laguna's Constitution. The date of the election is set for October 19, 2012.

The proposed constitutional amendments impact two issue areas: 1) Removal of the Secretary of Interior approval of amendments to the Constitution; and 2) Removing the requirement that in order to be a regular member, a person must have applied for registration within two years of birth. There are four places where these provisions appear in the Constitution. Sample ballots are included with this letter, which show the current Constitution, and which show what the Constitution will look like if the Constitution is amended.

Enclosed also is the 2012 Voter Registration Form/Request for Absentee Ballot, the Rules of Election, and a self-addressed envelope. This is a reminder that there is no guarantee on how long it will take for the envelope to reach its destination. To ensure that your request for an absentee ballot or submitting your absentee ballot for the vote reaches the Post Office Box on time, you may wish to return these requests in "overnight mail" or "certified mail - return receipt" at your expense. They must be postmarked no later than September 21, 2012. You can drop your absentee ballots off at the Laguna Agency. They will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on October 19, 2012, if hand-carried.

The Pueblo of Laguna Council has determined that all persons over the age of 18, or that will be 18 as of October 19, 2012, and that are eligible to vote in the tribal elections, will be eligible to vote in this election. The list of eligible voters must be posted at least 20 days prior to the election which does not include the date of posting and Election Day.

Only the questions will be on the ballot. No explanations will be on the ballot itself. Questions regarding the election may be directed to Lisa Lopez, Chairperson, Secretarial Election Board, at (505) 552-6001.

Lisa Lopez
Chairperson, Secretarial Election Board

Enclosures