

NEXT VOTING

Election Services

Date: May 25, 2022
To: Willie Frank III, Tribal Council Chairman, and Jackie Whittington, Tribal Council Secretary
From: Next Voting
Subject: **2022 General Election Protest**

Pursuant to § 13.02.02(c) of the Nisqually Election Code, the Tribal Council of the Nisqually Indian Tribe (“Tribe” or “Nisqually Tribe”) have hired Next Voting as a third-party election auditor. On May 12, 2022, the Tribe’s duly appointed Third-Party Election Auditor, Next Voting, verified two Election Protests (“Protests”) regarding the Tribe’s May 7, 2022, General Election, and appointed Big Fire Law and Policy Group to investigate the Protests as provided in § 13.03.01(c). Both Election Protests specifically alleged that the General Election violated § 13.02.09 of the Nisqually Election Code in a manner that materially affected the outcome of the election by failing to provide additional reminders and updates, § 13.02.09(f), and failure to print notice of the General Election in the Tribal newsletter, § 13.02.09(b).

Next Voting has reviewed the findings of fact and conclusions of law presented by Big Fire Law and Policy Group, and Next Voting **accepts the findings** of the Third-Party Election Attorney that the General Election held on May 7, 2022, did not violate § 13.02.09(f) of the Election Code, and while a violation of a portion of § 13.02.09(b) occurred, it did not materially impact the outcome of the election such that a second General Election is warranted.

Pursuant to § 13.03.02(c) of the Election Code, Protestors have ten (10) business days to appeal the decision to the Tribal Court.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Next Voting by phone at (917) 300-8429 or email at info@nextvoting.com. Customer service is available by phone from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM eastern time, Monday through Friday, and via email at all other times. Thank you.