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LAGUNA AGENCY  
P.O. BOX 1448  
Laguna, New Mexico 87026  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

## RULES OF ELECTION

### RULES TO GOVERN THE ELECTION TO VOTE ON ADOPTING OR REJECTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PUEBLO OF LAGUNA.

These rules are in accordance with Part 81, Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations:

1. **ELECTION DATE:** October 19, 2012
2. **NO POLLING PLACE:** THE ELECTION IS ABSENTEE BALLOT ONLY.  
Absentee ballots must be received by 4:30 pm, close of business, on October 19, 2012.
3. **ELIGIBLE VOTERS:** All regular enrolled members who are at least 18 years old or older on the date of the election, eligible to vote in tribal elections, and who have registered by the 2012 Voter Registration Form/Request for Absentee Ballot, will be permitted to vote to adopt or reject the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Pueblo of Laguna. Naturalized members are not eligible to vote in this election.
4. **REGISTRATION:** The "2012 Voter Registration Form/Request for Absentee Ballot" must be completed and returned in the self-addressed envelope to the Election Board Chairperson, postmarked by September 21, 2012, 4:30 p.m. (local time).

CHAIRPERSON  
LAGUNA SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD  
P.O. BOX 1001  
LAGUNA, NEW MEXICO 87026

Remember, if you do not properly register with the Secretary of the Interior, you will not be allowed to participate in this election. If you did not receive the registration material or it has become lost, contact Lorelei Johnson, Election Board Member, at (505) 552-6001; or at [lorelei.johnson@bia.gov](mailto:lorelei.johnson@bia.gov) at the Laguna Agency.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 4:30 p.m. (local time), September 21, 2012.

5. **VOTERS LIST:** The registered voter list shall be in alphabetical order and shall be posted for review no later than September 28, 2012.

Posting will be at the Laguna Agency and the Pueblo of Laguna Administration Office (Old Laguna Industries, Inc., facilities in Mesita).

6. **ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:** Any individual whose name does not appear on the official eligible voter list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written claim to the Election Board. The right to vote of anyone whose name is on the list may be challenged only by an eligible voter.

The claim or challenge must be submitted in writing to the Election Board and sent to: Chairperson, Laguna Secretarial Election Board, P.O. Box 1001, Laguna, New Mexico 87026. Claims and challenges must be presented to the Election Board Chairperson before close of business on October 9, 2012. On October 9, 2012, the Election Board shall rule on any and all claims or challenges; its decision shall be final. The final official list of those entitled to vote shall be posted on October 9, 2012, at the same places as listed in No. 5.

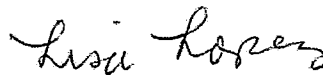
7. **ABSENTEE VOTING:** Registered voters shall vote by absentee ballot. No polls will be established. Absentee ballot requests may also be obtained from the Election Board at any time prior to October 19, 2012, so long as the requestor is registered by the October 9, 2012, deadline.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE ELECTION BOARD AT THE LAGUNA AGENCY, NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M. (LOCAL TIME) ON OCTOBER 19, 2012.**

8. **POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:** The results of the election shall be posted at the Laguna Agency and the Laguna Administration Office on October 19, 2012. The results of the election will also be posted in the Pueblo newsletter, published to the village leaders, and included on the Pueblo of Laguna website.
9. **CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:** Any eligible voter may challenge the election results within three work days following the posting of the results of the election. The challenge must be in writing, must be filed with the Secretary of the Interior, through the Election Board Chairperson, and must give the grounds for the challenge with substantiating evidence. If, in the opinion of the Secretary, the objections are valid and warrant a recount or new election, the Secretarial Election Board shall so order. The results of the recount or new election shall be final.

**CONTESTS MUST BE FILED BY 4:30 p.m., OCTOBER 24, 2012, AT THE LAGUNA AGENCY, LAGUNA, NEW MEXICO.**

10. **ADOPTION:** The proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be considered adopted if the majority vote is in favor of adoption, provided at least thirty percent (30%) of the registered voters have cast ballots in the election. The proposed amendments to this constitution shall become effective when approved by the Southwest Regional Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs or by operation of law.



Chairperson  
Secretarial Election Board