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My name is Ricky Compo, Chi Miigwech for your support on my journey for Tribal Council. I would like to share a little about myself for those that do not know me. My Mishomis and Nokomis, Frank Compo and Viola (Shomin) Compo are from Petoskey, MI and East Jordan, MI. My mother, Frances Compo, raised me and my four siblings in Grand Rapids, MI. My wife Ranee (Pelcher-Shananaquet) Compo and I live in Kewadin, MI. We have six children and three granddaughters. Our family has been active in The Little Traverse Bay Bands and The Grand Traverse Band communities. I have been employed with the

Odawa Casino and Resort since 2009 and have held various positions. I began working in housekeeping, then transferred to Security and moved my way into slots and eventually became the Slot Manager. I have maintained each position with my head held high as I learned new skills and moved into management. These various positions have brought me knowledge of how both the back and front of the house is run. I enjoy spending time with my family, golfing, and the outdoors. I particularly enjoy working with my brother-in-law processing cannabis. From seed to licensing, testing, and the many different uses medically and environmentally. As many of us are aware, LTBB has developed a business relationship with Lume Cannabis Company which provides the Tribe a percentage of profits from the business which is managed through Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation (OEAHC). The Tribe has also broadened its income stream with Online Gaming through Odawa Gaming Authority GSP. I believe it is important for the Tribe to continue to grow and support economic diversity efforts in order to create multiple income streams, rather than relying solely on the Gaming Enterprise.

I also feel strongly that we need to focus on continually increasing housing options for our citizens. It is important to create both market rate rental and subsidized housing options, even if it is only one house at-a-time. I have lived in Northern Michigan for over two decades and am only aware of the Murray Road apartments that were resurrected in approximately 2010 and two other houses that have been added to our housing options. I believe we can do better than this and should, so more of our community members can be financially secure in reasonable and affordable housing options and have the ability to move back to our homelands. With the prices of construction and builds in today's day and age, we might not be able to create a multitude of houses or apartments at one time but even one a year should be a goal we work together to accomplish. Although I have never held a seat on Tribal Council, nor worked for our Executive Branch, I respectfully request your support and encourage you to reach out to me with any questions and concerns you may have, Comporicky79@gmail.com.

It would be a privilege and honor to represent you on our Tribal Council.