

Native candidate blocked from running for City of McLaughlin mayoral position



A mayoral election is coming up on June 9, in the City of McLaughlin on the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation, and Hoksila White Mountain, is a promising candidate.

He is a recent graduate of Sitting Bull College with a BA in social work. Hoksila also has life experience and growing support from the Native community. But Lakota People's Law Project is reporting that, McLaughlin City has struck him from the ballot.

According to LPLP, City officials said "they heard" through the grapevine that Hoksila didn't follow a provincial law requiring him to collect petition signatures himself to enter the race.

Lakota People's Law Project is saying Hoksila did two separate rounds of signature gathering specifically to meet the standard. LPLP is researching the issue and possible legal remedies.