

# Letters to Editor

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Editor Howard Rock  
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Dear Editor:

You found something to write about in your last issue of the Times. 'Tho I can't find it to refer to, it must have been used to start the fire as is the fate of all papers entering this house.

A political party to represent the native population, is a great thing, and their needs whether land claims, hunting and fishing rights, ~~mineral~~ claims, education or whatever. Whatever the platform embraces it is certain to awaken interest all over the state as issues are discussed and adopted or dropped.

I submit one item for consideration. In order to get the most, and most effective representation in our state government with the impending reapportionment we should change to a unicameral legislature. And we should see to it that there is a one voter—one vote policy instead of the urban residents being able to vote for six or fourteen representatives, as it is now, while the remote voter gets one vote.

It is proposed that the party be for natives only but I doubt if others can be kept from voting for candidates running under the new party banner. Since it would be undesirable to try, this should be clarified. As you well know by the experience with the paper, you have a few very good friends and supporters in the non-native community, and probably more silent sympathizers than you suspect.

Sincerely,

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