

ONEIDA APPEALS COMMISSION

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Ralph L. Powless,  
Petitioner,

v.

Gary Jordan,  
Julie Barton,  
Shirley Hill,  
Leland Danforth,  
Tina Danforth,  
and  
82 members of the Oneida General Tribal Council,  
Respondents,

Docket # 03-TC-242

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COMES NOW THE PETITIONER, Ralph L. Powless, Pro Se, and Petitions this Court for relief for denial or his Civil Rights to Due Process and Equal Protection guaranteed by the laws of the Oneida Tribe, including the Oneida Constitution, the Indian Civil Rights Act and the directives of the Oneida General Tribal Council, as follows:

1. On May 22, 1999 at a duly called meeting of the Oneida General Tribal Council, as shown by the minutes of that OGTC meeting approved by the OTGC on February 23, 2000, a Motion was made to impose sanctions against the Petitioner.
2. All meetings of the OGTC are political meetings called to make decisions on matters of which formal Notice is given to the membership for their information that will be discussed prior to making said decisions.
3. Political meetings are subject to the decision of each member of the OGTC as to whether or not they choose to attend.

Regardless of the importance of any meeting, attendance cannot be compelled. Therefore, the meeting on May 22, 1999 was a political meeting and any decision made or acted on there, including the one being complained of here, is strictly political.

4. That the Motion that was passed at the instance of the Respondents at the meeting on May 22, 1999 was done contrary to the warnings of the Chairwoman, Deborah Doxtator and the Parliamentarian, Chief Counsel Jo Swamp that such action was Out of Order because it would be a denial of the Petitioner's Civil Rights, which warnings were ignored when the vote on the Motion was a popular vote on the rights of the Petitioner.
5. That by making the rights of the Petitioner subject to a popular vote was wholly inappropriate and a matter for which the Respondents must be held accountable.
6. That since the OGTC was acting in its political authority the Respondents are not protected by Tribal, legislative, personal or any other immunity.
7. That the acts to manipulate a vote by the OGTC by the Respondents were ultra vires or unlawful acts.

The Petitioner hereby requests this Court to grant appropriate relief to rehabilitate the damage done to his reputation., including,

1. Monetary losses,
2. Punitive damages, and
3. Any other relief the Court deems equitable and appropriate.

Further the Petitioner says nothing until the Court may convene a hearing at which evidence may be presented on his behalf in furtherance of the Petition.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2003

Respectfully submitted by



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