

Judge rules partially in favor of Nev. tribes

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A federal judge on Friday found partially in favor of two Native American tribes in their lawsuit against the Secretary of State's Office and two Nevada counties in a voter disenfranchisement case.

Federal Judge Miranda Du released her ruling late Oct. 7 which found in favor of the Pyramid Lake and Walker River Paiute tribes' request for early in-person polling in Nixon and Schurz and Election Day in-person polling at Nixon. She denied the request for satellite voter registration sites in both places.

"In this case, while injunctive relief would impose costs upon defendants, there is no indication it would interfere with the state's ability to move forward with the November election as scheduled," Du said in the ruling. "The public interest is served by the enforcement of the (Voting Rights Act of 1965) and the inclusion of protected classes in the political process."

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