

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Opposing Significant Reductions to Federal Housing Program Funding in the
Federal FY 2020 Budget)**

RESOLUTION NO. 19-111

1 **WHEREAS,** **the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with**
2 **the authority to “promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals,**
3 **education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members”**
4 **and to “consult with the Congress of the United States and appropriate federal**
5 **agencies regarding federal activities that affect the Tohono O'odham Nation. . .”**
6 **(Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j)); and**

7 **WHEREAS,** **generally, the Nation's written comments to federal laws, rules, and proposed**
8 **actions must be approved by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council (1 Tohono**
9 **O'odham Code Chapter 3); and**

10 **WHEREAS,** **on March 11, 2019, President Trump's administration released its FY 2020 budget**
11 **request, which would reduce spending for the Department of Housing and Urban**
12 **Development by \$8.6 billion, a 16.4 percent decrease from the 2019 estimate; and**

13 **WHEREAS,** **numerous federal housing programs that meet treaty and trust obligations would**
14 **be reduced in the FY 2020 budget request and some would be eliminated; and**

15 **WHEREAS,** **President Trump's FY 2020 proposed budget includes a decrease in funding for**
16 **the Indian Housing Block Grant Program from \$755 million to \$600 million, and**
17 **a complete elimination of the Indian Community Development Block Grant**
18 **Program while American Indian and Alaskan Natives continue to face a severe**
19 **shortage of affordable, quality, housing across the United States; and**

20 **WHEREAS,** **a substantial reduction in funding for housing construction and the elimination**
21 **of successful competitive grant programs such as the Indian Community**
22 **Development Block Grant will only generate more unmet housing needs; and**

23 **WHEREAS,** **the FY 2020 budget request also calls for the elimination of all funding for the**
24 **Native Hawaiian Block Grant, the Housing Improvement Program (“HIP”)**
25 **through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”) and the Rural Development 502**
26 **Single Family Direct Loan through the United States Department of Agriculture**
27 **(“USDA”); and**

28 **WHEREAS,** **if these proposed funding reductions are enacted, the housing services provided**
29 **to the Nation's members would be severely affected; and**

30 **WHEREAS,** **the National American Indian Housing Council (“NAIHC”) has recommended the**
31 **following funding levels for FY 2020: Indian Housing Block Grant \$932 million no**
32 **less than \$755 million, Indian Community Development Block Grant \$100**
33 **million, HIP \$23 million, Tribal HUD-VASH \$7 million, Section 184 Loan**
34 **Guarantee \$10 million, Title VI Loan Guarantee \$2 million and Rural**

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1 **Development 502 Single Family Direct loans \$1 billion (general) with tribal set-**
2 **aside; and**

3 **WHEREAS, the Housing Committee has reviewed this resolution and recommends approval**
4 **of this position.**

5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Nation opposes the proposed**
6 **reductions included in President Trump's FY 2020 budget request that would**
7 **affect the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and other**
8 **agencies and stands in support of the honorable fulfillment of the federal trust**
9 **responsibility and treaty obligations across the federal government to**
10 **adequately fund housing programs and resources for tribal nations, including**
11 **the Tohono O'odham Nation.**

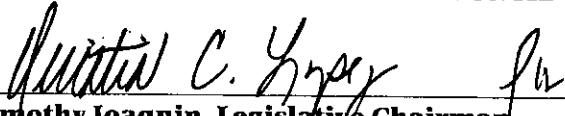
12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Nation urges the United States Congress**
13 **to fund federal housing programs in FY 2020 consistent with NAIHC's**
14 **recommendations.**


15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Nation requests the Trump**
16 **Administration engage in government-to-government tribal consultation on any**
17 **proposed reductions to federal funding that affect American Indians and Alaska**
18 **Natives.**

19 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council authorizes and directs**
20 **the Nation's delegation to the National Congress of American Indians 2019 Mid-**
21 **Year Conference and Marketplace submit this resolution to NCAI for its approval.**

22 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 03RD**
23 **day of APRIL, 2019 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,084.6 FOR; -0-**
24 **AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
25 **Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**
26 **adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy**
27 **Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the**
28 **Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

30 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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34 Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman
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36 8 day of April, 2019
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38 **ATTEST:**
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41 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary
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43 9 day of April, 2019

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1 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono
2 O'odham Nation on the 8 day of April, 2019 at 3:31 o'clock, P.m.,
3 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become
4 effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48
5 hours of submittal.
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7 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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9 Timothy C. Joaquin for
10 Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman
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15 APPROVED

on the 10th day of April, 2019

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17 DISAPPROVED

at 8:41 o'clock, A.m.

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20 Edward D. Manuel for
21 Edward D. Manuel, Chairman
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28 Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 10 day of

29 April, 2019, at 8:42 o'clock, A.m.

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ACTION: OPPOSING SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS TO FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAM FUNDING IN THE FEDERAL FY 2020 BUDGET

Moved: COUNCILWOMAN MONICA K. MORGAN

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN LORETTA LEWIS

DATE: APRIL 03, 2019

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 235.8	1. MARY LOPEZ ()	117.9	X			
	2. LUCINDA ALLEN (<i>Absent</i>) (Yolonda Garcia) (<i>Present</i>)	117.9	X			X
SELLS 527.2	1. ARTHUR WILSON (<i>Absent</i>) (Evelyn Juan Manuel) (<i>Present</i>)	263.6	X			
	2. ADRIANNE TILLER ()	263.6	X			
SCHUK TOAK 185.7	1. ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO JR. (Teresa F. Donahue)	92.85	X			
	2. QUINTIN C. LOPEZ (Agnes V. Joaquin)	92.85	X			
SAN XAVIER 232.3	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III (Felicia Nunez)	116.15	X			
	2. JANICE FELIX (Adam Andrews)	116.15	X			
SAN LUCY 231.1	1. JANA MONTANA (<i>Absent</i>) (Diana Manuel) (<i>Present</i>)	115.55	X			X
	2. GLORIA RAMIREZ (Lorraine Eiler)	115.55	X			
PISINEMO 225.9	1. CHESTER ANTONE (Caroline D. Garcia)	112.95	X			
	2. MONICA K. MORGAN ()	112.95	X			
HICKIWAN 209.0	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (<i>Absent</i>) (Shirley Molina) (<i>Present</i>)	104.5	X			
	2. SANDRA D. ORTEGA ()	104.5	X			
GU VO 256.9	1. GRACE MANUEL ()	128.45	X			
	2. DALLAS LEWIS (Nacho Flores)	128.45	X			
GU ACHI 270.9	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Louis L. Johnson)	135.45	X			
	2. LORETTA LEWIS (Victoria Hobbs)	135.45	X			
CHUKUT KUK 337.7	1. BILLMAN LOPEZ (Patricia Antone)	168.85	X			
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (<i>Absent</i>) (Juanita Homer) (<i>Present</i>)	168.85	X			
BABOQUIVARI 372.1	1. FRANCES MIGUEL (<i>Absent</i>) (Roberta E. Harvey) (<i>Present</i>)	186.05	X			X
	2. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling)	186.05	X			
TOTAL		3,084.6	3,084.6	-0-	-0-	[03]