

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Opposing Proposed Funding Reductions to U.S. Housing and Urban Development
and Inaccurate Classification of Native American Housing Block Grants as
Funding on the Basis of Race)**

RESOLUTION NO. 17-228

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

7 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki Association ("TOKA") is the Nation's tribally
8 designated housing entity in accordance with the Native American Housing
9 Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, 25 U.S.C. § 4101, et seq., P.L. 104-
10 330, 110 Stat. 4106 ("NAHASDA") and is authorized to receive and administer the
11 Indian Housing Block Grant and to seek other funds to operate and expand
12 affordable housing; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the Indian Housing Block Grant Program from the United States Housing and
14 Urban Development is TOKA's primary source of funding in addition to applying
15 for and being awarded the Indian Community Development Block Grant; and

16 **WHEREAS,** on May 5, 2017, when signing H.R. 244 into law, President Trump issued a
17 statement that identified "Native American Housing Block Grants" as an
18 example of a provision "that allocate benefits on the basis of race, ethnicity, and
19 gender" (Statement by President Donald J. Trump on Signing H.R. 244 into Law);
20 and

21 **WHEREAS,** President Trump's statement classifying funding for tribal programs on the
22 basis of race misconstrues the trust responsibilities and treaty obligations of the
23 federal government to Indian tribes and Native Americans; and

24 **WHEREAS,** on May 23, 2017, President Trump's administration released the FY 2018 budget
25 request, which includes a decrease in funding for the Indian Housing Block
26 Grant Program from \$670 million to \$600 million, and a complete elimination of
27 the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program; and

28 **WHEREAS,** there continues to be a severe shortage of affordable, quality, housing for Native
29 Americans across the United States and a reduction in funding for housing
30 construction and the elimination of successful competitive grant programs such
31 as the Indian Community Development Block Grant will only generate more
32 unmet housing needs; and
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1 **WHEREAS, the Housing and Appropriations Committees recommend opposing the funding**
2 **reductions to the Indian Housing Block Grant Program and elimination of the**
3 **Indian Community Development Block Grant Program in President Trump's FY**
4 **2018 budget proposal and opposing the classification of funding for tribal**
5 **programs as race based.**

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council opposes:**

- 7 (1) **the funding reductions to the Indian Housing Block Grant Program and**
8 **elimination of the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program**
9 **in President Trump's FY 2018 budget proposal; and**
10 (2) **the classification of funding for tribal programs as race based.**

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council authorizes and**
12 **directs the Nation's delegation to the National Congress of American Indians'**
13 **2017 Mid-Year Conference and Marketplace to submit this resolution to NCAI for**
14 **its approval.**

15 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it authorizes and**
16 **directs the Nation's Chairman or official designee to advocate the Nation's**
17 **positions expressed in this resolution to appropriate federal and state**
18 **departments, agencies, or members of Congress.**

19 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 06TH**
20 **day of JUNE, 2017 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,021.4 FOR; -0-**
21 **AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [07] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
22 **Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1 (j) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**
23 **adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting**
24 **Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section**
25 **16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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27 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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30 *Timothy Joaquin*
31 **Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman**

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33 *7th* day of *June*, 2017

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37 **ATTEST:**

38 *Evonne Wilson*
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40 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

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42 *6* day of *June*, 2017
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Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 7 day of June, 2017 at 12:51 o'clock, P.m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Ysacinda J. Akken for:
Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 9 day of June, 2017

DISAPPROVED

at 9:30 o'clock, A.m.

Edward D. Manuel
EDWARD D. MANUEL, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 9 day of

June, 2017, at 9:50 o'clock, A.m.

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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ACTION: OPPOSING PROPOSED FUNDING REDUCTIONS TO U.S. HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND INACCURATE CLASSIFICATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS AS FUNDING ON THE BASIS OF RACE

Moved: COUNCILMAN ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO JR. SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN RACHEAL VILSON-STONER

DATE: JUNE 06, 2017

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 367.2	1. FRANCES MIGUEL (Roberta E. Harvey)	183.60	X			
	2. VERNON J. SMITH (Gloria Zazueta)	183.60	X			
CHUKUT KUK 332.1	1. ETHEL GARCIA (<i>Absent</i>) (Marla Kay Henry) (<i>Present</i>)	166.05	X			X
	2. BILLMAN LOPEZ (Patricia Vicenti)	166.05	X			
GUACHI 265.0	1. TIMOTHY I. JOAQUIN (Louis L. Johnson)	132.50	X			
	2. LORETTA LEWIS ()	132.50	X			X
GU VO 250.6	1. GRACE MANUEL (Dallas Lewis)	125.30	X			
	2. PAMELA ANGHILL (Jeffery Antone, Sr.)	125.30	X			
HICKIWAN 205.8	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Shirley Molina)	102.90	X			
	2. SANDRA ORTEGA ()	102.90	X			X
PISINEMO 219.9	1. CHESTER ANTONE (Caroline D. Garcia)	109.95	X			
	2. MONICA K. MORGAN ()	109.95	X			X
SAN LUCY 226.5	1. DIANA MANUEL (Lorraine Eiler)	113.25	X			
	2. JANA MONTANA (<i>Absent</i>) (Gloria Ramirez) (<i>Present</i>)	113.25	X			X
SAN XAVIER 228.6	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III (<i>Absent</i>) (Felicia Nunez) (<i>Present</i>)	114.30	X			X
	2. RACHEAL VILSON-STONER (Olivia Villegas-Liston)	114.30	X			
SCHUK TOAK 180.6	1. ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO JR. (Teresa F. Donahue)	90.30	X			
	2. QUINTIN C. LOPEZ (John Fendenheim)	90.30	X			
SELLS 513.5	1. ARTHUR WILSON (Beverly Rivas)	256.75	X			
	2. BARBARA HAVIER (<i>Absent</i>) (Idaleen Reyes) (<i>Present</i>)	256.75	X			X
SIF OIDA 231.6	1. LUCINDA ALLEN ()	115.80	X			
	2. MARY LOPEZ ()	115.80	X			
TOTAL		3,021.4	3,021.4	-0-	-0-	[07]