RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (Terminating Tohono O'odham Nation Washington Representation Contract with Steptoe and Johnson, L.L.P)

RESOLUTION NO. 01-311

1	WHEREAS,	the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council, by Resolution No. 01-078, did approve a
2		"Washington Representation Contract" ("Contract") between the Tohono O'odham
3		Nation and Steptoe and Johnson, L.L.P.; and
4	WHEREAS,	in return for lobbying the Federal government for funding to support the Nation's
5		west side clinic, Steptoe and Johnson has been compensated at a rate of \$10,000 per
6		month; and
7	WHEREAS,	the terms of the Contract also authorize the Nation to terminate the Contract with or
8		without cause "[u]pon 30 days written notice to Steptoe"; and
9	WHEREAS,	after entering into the lobbying contract, the Nation learned that Steptoe and
10		Johnson is also representing American Greyhound Racing, Inc., which is engaged in
11		litigation seeking to end Indian gaming in Arizona; and
12	WHEREAS,	Steptoe and Johnson's client, Greyhound Racing, Inc., has not only filed suit to
13		prevent the Governor of Arizona from entering into any "new, modified, or renewed"
14		tribal-state gaming compacts, it has also engaged in a mean-spirited and factually
15		inaccurate public relations campaign opposing Indian gaming; and
16	WHEREAS,	in order to respond to this campaign, Arizona Indian tribes have been forced to divert
17		limited resources from essential governmental programs; and
18	WHEREAS,	as a gaming tribe, the Nation cannot justify spending thousands of dollars to both
19		compensate the Steptoe firm and defend against the efforts of that firm's client, the
20		American Greyhound Racing, Inc., to terminate the Nation's single greatest source
21		of revenue; and
22	WHEREAS,	Steptoe and Johnson's dual representation of the Nation and an organization that is
23		so clearly adversarial to the Nation's interests is a serious breach of Steptoe and
24		Johnson's duty of loyalty to the Nation and justifies termination of the Steptoe and
25		Johnson lobbying contract.
26	NOW, THER	EFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Council hereby gives notice to Steptoe and
27		Johnson, L.L.P., that it is terminating, and does hereby terminate, its "Washington
28		Representation Contract" ("Contract").
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RESOLUTION NO. 01-311 (Terminating Tohono O'odham Nation Washington Representation Contract with Steptoe and Johnson, L.L.P) Page 2 of 3 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to the terms of the Contract, termination shall be 2 effective thirty days after written notice to Steptoe and Johnson. 3 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Legislative Council hereby directs Steptoe and Johnson, L.L.P. 4 to *immediately* cease representing, monitoring, lobbying, or conducting work or 5 business of any kind on the Nation's behalf. The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 07TH. Day 6 of JUNE, 2001 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,813.1 FOR; 604.4 7 8 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Section 1 (f) of Article VI of the Constitution of the Tohono O'Odham Nation, adopted by the 9 10 Tohono O'Odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 11 18. 1934 (48 Stat. 984). 12 13 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** 14 15 16 17 Rita Martinez, Legislative Chairwoman 18 19 hrne ,2001 ____ day of ___(20 21 22 ATTEST: 23 24 25 Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary 26 27 une, 20_01. day of 28 29 30 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham 31 Nation on the <u>8th</u> day of <u>Anne</u>, 20<u>01</u> at <u>3:28</u> o'clock, <u>P</u>.M., 32 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective 33 upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of 34 submittal. 35 36 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** 37 38 39 40 Rita Martinez, Legislative Chairwoman 41 42 43

RESOLUTION NO. 01-311 (Terminating Tohono O'odham Nation Washington Representation Contract with Steptoe and Johnson, L.L.P) Page 3 of 3 on the // day of Jane, 2001 APPROVED at <u>7:20</u> o'clock, <u>A</u>.M. **] DISAPPROVED** EDWARD D. MANUEL, Chairman **TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION** Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the <u>//#</u> day of 20_01_, at 10:56 o'clock, <u>A</u>.M. au Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary

ACTION: TERMINATING TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION WASHINGTON REPRESENTATION CONTRACT WITH STEPTOE AND JOHNSON, L.L.P

MOVED: COUNCILMAN DAVID GARCIA

SECOND: COUNCILMAN KENNETH WILLIAMS

DATE: JUNE 07, 2001

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
CHUKUT KUK	1. KENNETH WILLIAMS	124.05	X			
248.1	(Juanita Homer) 2. DAVID GARCIA (Mary Audrey Juan)	124.05	x			
HICKIWAN	1. SHIRLEY MOLINA	83.65	x			
167.3	() 2. SANDRA ORTEGA ()	83.65	х			
GU VO	1. FERN SALCIDO	94.15		Х		
188.3	() 2. EMILIO LEWIS** (Michael Flores)	94.15		x		
SAN LUCY	1. ALBERT MANUEL, JR.	80.35	х			
160.7	(John W. Lawson, Sr.) 2. GLORIA RAMIREZ ()	80.35	x			
PISINEMO	1. BARBARA SALVICIO	87.35	х			
174.7	(Alex Antone) 2. PATRICIA CRUZ** (Johnson Jose)	87.35	х			
GU ACHI	1. CAMILLUS LOPEZ	115.35	х			
230.7	() 2. ALEX J. RAMON (Jerome Joaquin)	115.35	x			
BABOQUIVARI	1. FRANCES MIGUEL	158.85	Х			
317.7	() 2. FRANCES G. ANTONE (Lucilda Norris-Valenzuela)	158.85	X			
SAN XAVIER	1. TONY BURRELL	92.35	Х			
184.7	() 2. DENNIS RAMON ()	92.35	х			
SCHUK TOAK	1. MARY FLORES	72.25	х			х
144.5	() 2. AMBROSE ENCINAS (Frances B. Conde(Francisco))	72.25	X			
SELLS	1. DENNIS E. JOSE	208.05		x		
416.1	() 2. EVELYN JUAN ()	208.05		x		
SIF OIDAK	1. ISIDRO LOPEZ**	92.35	x			
184.7	() 2. RITA MARTINEZ (Nicholas Jose)	92.35	x			
T	OTAL	2,417.5	1,813.1	604.4	-0-	[01]