

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**(Nominating Representative Mary Lopez to the Regional Tribal Conservation**  
**Advisory Council as the Tohono O'odham Nation's Representative)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-342**

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the power to “promote**  
2 **efforts which will preserve and protect the natural and cultural environment of**  
3 **the Tohono O'odham Nation, including its lands, air, water, flora and fauna, its**  
4 **ecological systems, and natural resources, and its historic and cultural artifacts**  
5 **and archeological sites” (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article**  
6 **XVIII, Section 1); and**

7 **WHEREAS, the Legislative Council is further vested with the authority to consult on behalf**  
8 **of the Tohono O'odham Nation with federal agencies on all matters within the**  
9 **authority of the Tohono O'odham Council (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham**  
10 **Nation, Article VI, Section 1(f)); and**

11 **WHEREAS, the mission of the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is to**  
12 **ensure private lands are conserved, restored, and more resilient to**  
13 **environmental challenges, and NRCS works with landowners through**  
14 **conservation planning and assistance designed to benefit the soil, water, air,**  
15 **plants, and animals that result in productive lands and healthy ecosystems; and**

16 **WHEREAS, NRCS proposes to establish three Regional Tribal Conservation Advisory**  
17 **Councils (RTCACs) with each Council to be comprised of 16 members: five**  
18 **Federal members (1 Regional Conservationist, 3 State Conservationists, and 1**  
19 **American Indian Alaska Native Employee Association [AIANEA] representative);**  
20 **10 Tribal representatives (9 Tribal representatives and 1 AIANEA elder), and 1**  
21 **representative from a Regional Tribal Organization; and**

22 **WHEREAS, RTCACs are designed to strengthen government-to-government relations and**  
23 **clarify the lines of communication and consultation with Indian tribes and**  
24 **provide a venue for agency leaders to gather input on tribal issues; and**

25 **WHEREAS, NRCS is soliciting interested tribal applicants to serve a three-year term on the**  
26 **RTCAC; and**

27 **WHEREAS, the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee recommends the**  
28 **nomination of Representative Mary Lopez for appointment to the Regional**  
29 **Tribal Conservation Advisory Council as the Nation's Representative.**

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council nominates**  
2 **Representative Mary Lopez for appointment to the Regional Tribal Conservation**  
3 **Advisory Council as the Nation's Representative.**

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Nation's representation on the Regional**  
5 **Tribal Conservation Advisory Council does not relieve the USDA or any other**  
6 **entity from fulfilling its tribal consultation obligations to the Nation in**  
7 **accordance with Executive Order 13175, "Consultation and Coordination With**  
8 **Indian Tribal Governments" or any other consultation order, memorandum,**  
9 **policy, regulation, or law.**

10 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the appointment made pursuant to this resolution shall expire**  
11 **if the appointed representative is no longer serving on the Agricultural and**  
12 **Natural Resources Committee for any reason.**

13 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 09<sup>TH</sup>**  
14 **day of SEPTEMBER, 2015 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,021.4**  
15 **FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [02] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the**  
16 **Council by Article VI, Section 1(f)(i)and(j) and Article XVIII of the Constitution of the Tohono**  
17 **O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved**  
18 **by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986,**  
19 **pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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21 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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25 **Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman**

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27 10 day of September, 2015

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31 **ATTEST:**

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34 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

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36 10 day of September, 2015

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Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 10 day of September, 2015 at 9:56 o'clock, a .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

  
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Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 10 day of September, 2015

DISAPPROVED

at 4:32 o'clock, p .m.

  
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EDWARD D. MANUEL, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 11 day of

September, 2015, at 8:38 o'clock, a .m.

  
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Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

**ACTION: NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVE MARY LOPEZ TO THE REGIONAL TRIBAL CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL AS THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION'S REPRESENTATIVE**

**Moved: COUNCILMAN BILLMAN LOPEZ**

**SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN FRANCES MIGUEL**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 09, 2015**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 367.2	1. FRANCES MIGUEL (Roberta E. Harvey)	183.6	X			
	2. VERNON J. SMITH (Gloria Zazueta)	183.6	X			
CHUKUT KUK 332.1	1. ETHEL GARCIA (Marlakay K. Henry)	166.05	X			
	2. BILLMAN LOPEZ (Patricia Vicenti)	166.05	X			
GUACHI 265.0	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Louis L. Johnson)	132.5	X			
	2. LORETTA LEWIS ( )	132.5	X			
GUVO 250.6	1. GRACE MANUEL (Dallas Lewis)	125.3	X			
	2. PAMELA ANGHILL (Jeffery Antone, Sr.)	125.3	X			
HICKIWAN 205.8	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Shirley Molina)	102.9	X			
	2. SANDRA ORTEGA ( )	102.9	X			
PISINEMO 219.9	1. CHESTER ANTONE (Tony Murrietta)	109.95	X			
	2. MONICA K. MORGAN ( )	109.95	X			
SAN LUCY 226.5	1. DIANA MANUEL ( )	113.25	X			
	2. JANA MONTANA (Gloria Ramirez)	113.25	X			
SAN XAVIER 228.6	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III (Gene Enis)	114.3	X			X
	2. RACHEAL VILSON-STONER (Olivia Villegas-Liston)	114.3	X			
SCHUK TOAK 180.6	1. ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO JR. (Theresa Donahue)	90.3	X			
	2. QUINTIN C. LOPEZ (John Fendenheim)	90.3	X			
SELLS 513.5	1. ARTHUR WILSON (Beverly Rivas)	256.75	X			
	2. BARBARA HAVIER ( )	256.75	X			
SIF OIDAK 231.6	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Nicholas Jose)	115.8	X			
	2. MARY LOPEZ ( )	115.8	X			X
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,021.4</b>	<b>3,021.4</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>[02]</b>