

**LEGISLATIVE ORDER OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Accepting Resignation of Rep. Timothy L. Joaquin as Legislative Council Chairperson)**

**LEGISLATIVE ORDER NO. 23-156**

1 **WHEREAS,** "The Tohono O'odham Council shall elect from among its own membership a  
2 chairman and vice chairman. The chairman, or in his absence, the vice-  
3 chairman shall preside at all meetings of the council, shall perform all duties of  
4 a chairman and exercise any authority delegated to him by the council."  
5 (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article V, Section 4); and  
6 **WHEREAS,** Rep. Timothy L. Joaquin has served as Legislative Council chairman since June 17,  
7 2011 and was elected to his current, two-year term beginning June 11, 2021  
8 (Legislative Order No. 21-169); and  
9 **WHEREAS,** the Legislative Council has delegated to the Council chairperson authority to  
10 "Allocate funds, staff, and other resources for the effective operation of the  
11 Legislative Branch, "Approve Legislative Branch expenditures." and "Supervise  
12 and delegate the supervision of Legislative Branch employees." Legislative Order  
13 No. 06-047; and  
14 **WHEREAS,** the Standards of Conduct for Legislative Council Representatives and Alternates  
15 adopted by Legislative Order No. 23-022 require all Council representatives to  
16 "comply with vehicle, travel, and other policies." Standards, II.(I); and  
17 **WHEREAS,** by Legislative Order No. 16-039, the Legislative Council directed Chairman  
18 Joaquin to "prepare and implement an updated credit card policy to govern the  
19 use of credit cards issued to the Legislative Council officers and administrative  
20 staff"; and  
21 **WHEREAS,** on January 29, 2016, Chairman Joaquin issued the Legislative Branch Credit Card  
22 Policy, which requires a Council officer who is issued a credit card to "retain and  
23 submit detailed receipts for each credit card purchase appearing on the monthly  
24 statement" and to justify questionable expenses in writing or lose credit card  
25 privileges and immediately reimburse the Branch; and  
26 **WHEREAS,** the Credit Card Policy requires that, "Separate electronic files, which shall  
27 include copies of the monthly statements and all receipts submitted, shall be  
28 created and maintained by designated Legislative Branch staff for each credit  
29 card." Credit Card Policy Section 6(C); and  
30 **WHEREAS,** Chairman Joaquin, in his capacity as Council chairman and a credit card holder,  
31 was required to satisfy all requirements for credit card expenses and to ensure

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1           that electronic files mandated by the Credit Card Policy were kept by the  
2           Legislative Branch Administration; and

3 **WHEREAS,** as a Legislative Council representative, Chairman Joaquin also was required by  
4           the Legislative Branch Travel Policy to complete a travel request authorization  
5           form for each trip, obtaining approval from the Council vice chairperson for each  
6           form, submit travel expense reports supported by receipts, submit an overall  
7           written report within ten working days of each trip, and distribute the written  
8           travel report "to the Legislative Council at the next general session" as required  
9           by the Legislative Branch Travel Policy, Procedures, I and V.C.; and

10 **WHEREAS,** the Legislative Rules and Budget and Finance Committees have determined that,  
11           over the last two years, Chairman Joaquin has violated these policies and  
12           requirements and recommend that Rep. Joaquin be removed as the Legislative  
13           Council chairperson; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Rep. Joaquin subsequently resigned as Legislative Council chairperson.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it accepts  
16           the resignation of Rep. Timothy L. Joaquin from the office of Legislative Council  
17           chairperson effective immediately; provided that he shall remain in office as a  
18           Legislative Council representative.

19 **BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Legislative  
20           Council officer(s) and office manager shall meet with the Budget and Finance  
21           Committee on a monthly basis and upon the Committee's request to review all  
22           Branch expenditures and the officer(s) shall provide the Committee with all  
23           credit card statements, receipts, reconciliations, and any other Branch financial  
24           and travel records the Committee requests.

25 **The foregoing Order was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 18<sup>TH</sup> day of**  
26 **MAY, 2023** at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,101.65 FOR; 116.35  
27 **AGAINST; [01] NOT VOTING; and [02] ABSENT,** pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by  
28 **Article V, Section 4 and Article VI, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**  
29 **adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy**  
30 **Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the**  
31 **Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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33 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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36 **Alberta J. Ray, Legislative Vice Chairwoman**

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38 19 day of May, 2023  
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1 **ATTEST:**

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4 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

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**ACTION: ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF REP. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN AS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON**

**Moved: COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN MANUEL**

**SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN MARY LOPEZ**

**DATE: MAY 18, 2023**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDA 245.6	1. MARY LOPEZ (Ann M. Garcia)	122.8	X			
	2. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa)	122.8	X			
SELLS 556.5	1. ARTHUR WILSON (Sheila Espino)	278.25	X			
	2. EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL (Arvada Liston)	278.25	X			
SCHUK TOAK 190.5	1. TERESA F. DONAHUE (Alberta Espinoza)	95.25	X			
	2. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco)	95.25	X			
SAN XAVIER 242.6	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III (Racheal Vilson-Stoner)	121.3	X			
	2. JANICE FELIX (Adam P. Andrews)	121.3	X			
SAN LUCY 243.8	1. JANA MONTANA (Lorraine M. Eiler)	121.9	X			X
	2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	121.9	X			
PISINEMO 232.7	1. MARIETTA MARTIN ( )	116.35	X			
	2. EDWARD D. MANUAL (Monica Morgan)	116.35		X		
HICKIWAN 216.6	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ ( )	108.3	X			
	2. DELMA M. GARCIA ( )	108.3	X			X
GU VO 270.7	1. GRACE MANUEL ( )	135.35	X			
	2. CYNTHIA SAAVEDRA (Dallas Lewis)	135.35	X			
GU ACHI 278.5	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN ( )	139.25	X		X	
	2. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin)	139.25	X			
CHUKUT KUK 351.6	1. MARLAKAY HENRY (Billman Lopez)	175.8	X			
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	175.8	X			
BABOQUIVARI 388.9	1. ALBERTA J. RAY (Frances G. Antone)	194.45	X			
	2. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling)	194.45	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,218.0</b>	<b>3,101.65</b>	<b>116.35</b>	<b>[01]</b>	<b>[02]</b>