

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving San Lucy District Land Acquisition Budget)**

RESOLUTION NO. 23-373

1 **WHEREAS,** "It shall be the policy of the Tohono O'odham Nation to seek the return to the
2 Tohono O'odham Nation of lands and natural resources, including minerals and
3 water rights, within or adjacent to the Tohono O'odham Nation, or which
4 originally were a part of the historic Papagueria," and the Legislative Council is
5 vested with authority "to purchase or otherwise acquire property" (Constitution,
6 Article XVI, Section 9; Article VI, Section 1(i)(3)); and

7 **WHEREAS,** for more than 30 years, the Tohono O'odham Nation and the San Lucy District
8 have sought to recover lands adjacent to San Lucy Village (Resolution No. 01-099,
9 as amended by Resolution No. 01-378; Resolution No. 01-500; Resolution No. 578);
10 and

11 **WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IX, Section 7 of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham
12 Nation, "[n]o district council shall expend district funds except pursuant to
13 budgets authorized under resolutions of the district council and approved by the
14 Tohono O'odham Council. The management of these funds shall be only by a
15 treasurer or other authorized officer of the district council who has furnished a
16 surety bond satisfactory to the treasurer of the Tohono O'odham Nation, and all
17 expenditures of these funds shall be by checks signed by such treasurer or other
18 authorized officer and the chairman or vice chairman of the district council."
19 ; and

20 **WHEREAS,** by San Lucy District Council Resolution No. SL-08-181-23, the San Lucy District
21 approved a Land Acquisition Budget in the amount of \$3,000,000.00, which would
22 be funded by the District's rent allocation portion of the Desert Diamond
23 Distribution Account, and which is incorporated by this reference, for the
24 acquisition of approximately 290 acres of land in the Town of Gila Bend; and

25 **WHEREAS,** the Agricultural and Natural Resources and Budget and Finance Committees
26 have reviewed San Lucy District Land Acquisition Budget and recommends its
27 approval.

28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council (1) supports
29 and approves San Lucy District's purchase of land in the town of Gila Bend; (2)
30 approves the San Lucy District Land Acquisition Budget in the amount of
31 \$3,000,000.00; and (3) upon the effective date of this Resolution, directs the
32 Nation's treasurer to transfer \$3,000,000.00 from San Lucy District's rent

1 allocation portion of the Desert Diamond Distribution Account to the San Lucy
2 District Investment Fund.

3 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the San Lucy District
4 Land Acquisition Budget shall be managed and expended in accordance with
5 Article IX, Section 7 of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation and the
6 Nation's laws, provided that any amendments or modifications shall be
7 authorized under District Council resolution and submitted for prior approval by
8 the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.

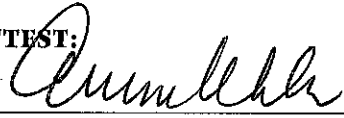
9 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 19TH
10 day of SEPTEMBER 2023 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR;
11 -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by
12 Article VI, Section 1(i)(3); Article IX, Section 7; and Article XVI, Section 9 of the Constitution of the
13 Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and
14 approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6,
15 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

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18 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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22 Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

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24 19TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2023

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27 ATTEST:

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30 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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32 20 day of September, 2023

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34 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono
35 O'odham Nation on the 19TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2023 at 1:03 o'clock, P .m.,
36 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become
37 effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48
38 hours of submittal.

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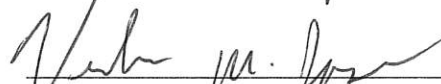
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APPROVED on the 22 day of September, 2023

DISAPPROVED at 2:10 o'clock, p.m.



VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 22 day of

September, 2023, at 3:31 o'clock, p.m.

EXCEEDED 48 HOURS



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING SAN LUCY DISTRICT LAND ACQUISITION BUDGET

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN MANUEL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling) 2. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray)	197.1 197.1	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 354.7	1. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone) 2. MARLAKAY HENRY ()	177.35 177.35	X X			
GU ACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin) 2. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Jerome L. Joaquin)	141.35 141.35	X X			
GU VO 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS () 2. LESLIE LUNA (Grace Manuel)	138.0 138.0	X X			X
HICKIWAN 220.5	1. DELMA M. GARCIA () 2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	110.25 110.25	X X			
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUAL (Monica Morgan) 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	118.1 118.1	X X			
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL (<i>Absent</i>) (Christina Andrews) (<i>Present</i>) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	128.8 128.8	X X			X
SAN XAVIER 244.5	1. JANICE FELIX () 2. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ()	122.25 122.25	X X			
SCHUK TOAK 191.8	1. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco) 2. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	95.9 95.9	X X			
SELLS 558.0	1. EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL (Arvada Liston) 2. JANET B. ELEANDO ()	279.0 279.0	X X			
SIF OIDAK 247.1	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa) 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (<i>Absent</i>) (Mary Lopez) (<i>Present</i>)	123.55 123.55	X X			X
	TOTAL	3,263.30	3,263.3	-0-	-0-	[03]