

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving FY 2025 Governmental Relations Representation Contract with Veridus)**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-277

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the power to "consult,**
2 **negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts on behalf of Tohono O'odham**
3 **Nation with Federal, State and local governments and other Indian tribes or their**
4 **departments, agencies, or political subdivisions, or with private persons or**
5 **organizations on all matters within the authority of the Tohono O'odham**
6 **Council" (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section 1(f)); and**

7 **WHEREAS, it is in the Nation's interest to employ a state lobbyist to effectively advocate for**
8 **the Nation's issues and priorities; to provide advice regarding state legislation**
9 **and programs; and, when authorized, act as a liaison between the Nation and the**
10 **State of Arizona; and**

11 **WHEREAS, the Appropriations Committee continues to recommend that the Veridus firm be**
12 **retained as a governmental relations consultant for matters involving legislative,**
13 **administrative, lobbying, and agency activities in the State of Arizona, as well as**
14 **related local and municipal governmental activities that may affect the Nation,**
15 **in accordance with the FY 2025 Governmental Relations Representation Contract**
16 **with Veridus ("Contract"), which is incorporated by this reference, for the period**
17 **commencing October 1, 2024.**

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

- 19 **1. approves the Contract with Veridus for the period commencing October 1,**
20 **2024, which shall be funded by the FY 2025 Executive Branch**
21 **Administration Lobby Budget; and**
- 22 **2. authorizes the Nation's chairperson to execute the Contract, provided that**
23 **any amendments are submitted to the Legislative Council for prior**
24 **approval.**

25 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 11TH**
26 **day of SEPTEMBER 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,705.3 FOR;**
27 **~~0~~ AGAINST; 558.0[03] NOT VOTING; and [04] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the**
28 **Council by Article VI, Section 1(f) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by**
29 **the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**
30 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June**
31 **18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wavalene M. Saunders
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman
20 day of September, 2024

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary
19 day of September, 2024

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 20 day of September, 2024 at 10:50 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

Wavalene M. Saunders
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 23 day of September, 2024

DISAPPROVED

at 10:37 o'clock, p.m.

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VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 24 day of
September, 2024, at 9:13 o'clock, a.m.

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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ACTION: APPROVING FY 2025 GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS REPRESENTATION CONTRACT WITH VERIDUS

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS

SECOND: COUNCILMAN LEANDER MASE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

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			X
GUACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS <i>(Absent)</i> (Tonya L. Joaquin) <i>(Present)</i> 2. JEROME F. JOAQUIN ()	141.35 141.35	X X			
GU VO 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS () 2. LESLIE LUNA ()	138.0 138.0	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. MANUEL () 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	118.1 118.1	X 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			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. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA () 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			
	TOTAL	3,263.30	2,705.3	-0-	558.0 [03]	[04]