

LEGISLATIVE ORDER OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Setting Hearing on Removal Accusation Against Pisinemo District Council Representative Eugene Lopez)

LEGISLATIVE ORDER NO. 24-357

1 **WHEREAS, on July 24, 2024, Patricia Cruz and Eleanor Pablo, who are registered voters of the**
2 **Tohono O'odham Nation, filed a removal accusation ("Accusation") with the**
3 **Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee against Pisinemo District Council**
4 **Representative Eugene Lopez in accordance with the provisions of 12 T.O.C.**
5 **Chapter 1 – Elections, Article X, Section 11002(C); and**

6 **WHEREAS, on September 24, 2024, the Judiciary Committee held a hearing upon the**
7 **Accusation in accordance with the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**
8 **Elections law, and Reasonable Cause Hearing Procedures and, by Judiciary**
9 **Committee Resolution Nos. 24-01 and 24-02, found reasonable cause to believe**
10 **that Representative Lopez committed the offenses of moral turpitude and**
11 **misconduct reflecting on the dignity and integrity of the Tohono O'odham**
12 **government; and**

13 **WHEREAS, the Judiciary Committee filed its resolutions and the Accusation with the**
14 **Legislative Council secretary on September 25, 2024 in accordance with the**
15 **provisions of 12 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 1, Section 11002(C); and**

16 **WHEREAS, the Legislative Council has previously adopted the amended "Tohono O'odham**
17 **Legislative Council Removal Hearing Procedures" pursuant to Legislative Order**
18 **No. 16-454 to govern removal hearings before the Council; and**

19 **WHEREAS, the Elections law requires that the Legislative Council set a hearing on the**
20 **Accusation.**

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Legislative Council that a hearing on the allegations**
22 **of moral turpitude and misconduct reflecting on the dignity and integrity of the**
23 **Tohono O'odham government as contained in the Accusation against Pisinemo**
24 **District Council Representative Eugene Lopez shall be held on October 25, 2024 at**
25 **10:00 a.m. at the Archie Hendricks Sr. Skilled Nursing Facility Clubhouse**
26 **building.**

27 **BE IT FINALLY ORDERED that the removal process before the Legislative Council shall be**
28 **governed by the "Tohono O'odham Legislative Council Removal Hearing**
29 **Procedures" previously adopted by the Council pursuant to Legislative Order No.**
30 **16-454, (1) except that required disclosures shall be provided to the other party**
31 **and to the Legislative secretary no later than October 18, 2024 and (2) provided**
32 **that the secretary shall attempt to serve the Accusation on the Accused consistent**

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with the Procedures and may serve the Accused by posting at his residence or by service to an adult residing at the Accused's residence..

The foregoing Order was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 09TH day of OCTOBER, 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,645.85 FOR; 617.45 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [04] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(a) and 1(l); Article XIII of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the 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 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wavalene M. Saunders
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

21 day of *October*, 2024

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

21 day of *October*, 2024

ACTION: SETTING HEARING ON REMOVAL ACCUSATION AGAINST PISINEMO DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE EUGENE LOPEZ

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN MANUEL

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN THEORIA CAMPILLO

DATE: OCTOBER 09, 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 (Tonya L. Joaquin) 2. JEROME F. 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			
HICKIWAN 220.5	1. DELMA M. GARCIA () 2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	110.25 110.25	X X			X
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUEL () 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			X
SELLS 558.0	1. EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL (Arvada Liston) 2. JANET B. ELEANDO ()	279.0 279.0	X	X		
SIF OIDA 247.1	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa) 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			
	TOTAL	3,263.30	2,645.85	617.45	-0-	[04]