

LEGISLATIVE ORDER OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Continuing Removal Hearing for Accusation Against Pisinemo District Council
Representative Eugene Lopez to November 18, 2024)

LEGISLATIVE ORDER NO. 24-363

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

6 **WHEREAS,** on September 24, 2024, the Judiciary Committee held a closed hearing on 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 Elections law requires that the Legislative Council set a hearing on the
17 Accusation.

18 **WHEREAS,** on October 9, 2024, by Legislative Order No. 24-357, the Legislative Council set a
19 removal hearing on October 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. for Pisinemo District Council
20 Representative Eugene Lopez; and

21 **WHEREAS,** on October 10, 2024, notice was sent to all parties of the scheduled removal
22 hearing; and

23 **WHEREAS,** on October 11, 2024, a request for the hearing to be rescheduled was received due
24 to scheduling conflicts for Accusers' attorneys.

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** by the Legislative Council that the hearing on the Accusation
26 against Pisinemo District Council Representative Eugene Lopez set for October
27 25, 2024 is continued to November 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

28 The foregoing Order was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 24TH day of
29 **OCTOBER, 2024** at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR; -0-
30 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by
31 Article VI, Section 1(a) and 1(l) and Article XIII of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham
32 Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting
33 Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section
34 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).
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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wavalene M. Saunders
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

24th day of *October*, 2024

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

24th day of *October*, 2024

ACTION: CONTINUING REMOVAL HEARING FOR ACCUSATION AGAINST PISINEMO DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE EUGENE LOPEZ TO NOVEMBER 18, 2024

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN MANUEL

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN THEORIA CAMPILLO

DATE: OCTOBER 24, 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 | | | |
| GU ACHI 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 | | | |
| PISINEMO 236.2 | 1. EDWARD D. MANUEL () 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ(Absent) (Nora J. Ruclas) (Present) | 118.1 118.1 | X X | | | |
| SAN LUCY 257.6 | 1. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler) | 128.8 128.8 | 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 (Mary Lopez) | 123.55 123.55 | X X | | | |
| | TOTAL | 3,263.30 | 3,263.3 | -0- | -0- | -0- |