

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Calling on the City of Tucson to Rename Christopher Columbus Park in
Honor of Tohono O'odham Elder Danny Lopezbad)**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-377

1 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with**
2 **the authority to consult on behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with local**
3 **governments or their departments or agencies on all matters within the**
4 **authority of the Tohono O'odham Council. (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(f));**
5 **and**

6 **WHEREAS, the members of the Tohono O'odham Nation approved the Nation's current form**
7 **of government, in part, to "protect and build upon our unique and distinctive**
8 **culture and traditions [and] . . . to promote the rights, education and welfare of**
9 **the present and future generations of our people and to show our gratitude to**
10 **I'itoi our Maker" (Preamble of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation);**
11 **and**

12 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham and our ancestors have lived in the Tucson Basin and along**
13 **what is now known as the Santa Cruz River since time immemorial; and**

14 **WHEREAS, the area around Christopher Columbus Park west of the Santa Cruz River is filled**
15 **with archaeological sites, including the ruins of our ancestral village from**
16 **more than 4,000 years ago, and the City of Tucson has recognized this heritage by**
17 **designating it as one of 11 Archeological Sensitivity Zones; and**

18 **WHEREAS, the City of Tucson has opened a public comment period from October 11, 2024 to**
19 **November 25, 2024 to gather input on a proposal to rename the Christopher**
20 **Columbus Park for Tohono O'odham elder Danny Lopezbad; and**

21 **WHEREAS, the late Danny Lopezbad was a Marine Corps veteran, revered and beloved**
22 **Tohono O'odham elder, and educator who dedicated his life to teaching and**
23 **sharing not only our O'odham ñi'okī, but our himdag, our culture and practices**
24 **as people indigenous to this land; and**

25 **WHEREAS, while he passed away in 2008, his unwavering dedication to preserving and**
26 **sharing Tohono O'odham knowledge and nurturing future generations lives on**
27 **and embodies the values of inclusivity and empowerment that should define the**
28 **public spaces we share in and around Tucson; and**

29 **WHEREAS, the legacy of Danny Lopezbad is a testament to the resilience and strength of**
30 **Indigenous cultures, and renaming this park to honor Danny Lopezbad is a step**
31 **toward reconciliation and healing; and**
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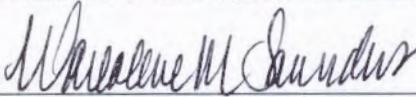
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1 **WHEREAS, the Cultural Preservation Committee has drafted comments supporting the**
2 **renaming of the park to Danny Lopez Park and recommends that the Legislative**
3 **Council approve them.**

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the**
5 **Nation's comments supporting the renaming of Christopher Columbus Park to**
6 **Danny Lopez Park and authorizes the Nation's chairperson to submit them on the**
7 **Nation's behalf.**

8 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 12TH**
9 **day of NOVEMBER 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR;**
10 **-0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
11 **Article VI, Section 1(f) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono**
12 **O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary -**
13 **Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934**
14 **(48 Stat.984).**

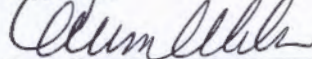
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16 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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18 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**

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20 19 day of November, 2024

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25 **ATTEST:**

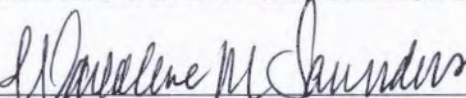
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27 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

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29 18 day of November, 2024

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32 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono**
33 **O'odham Nation on the 19 day of November, 2024 at 1:00 o'clock, p .m.,**
34 **pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become**
35 **effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48**
36 **hours of submittal.**

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40 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**

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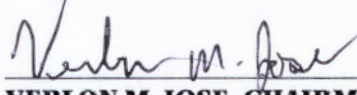
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APPROVED

on the 20 day of November, 2024

DISAPPROVED

at 6:23 o'clock, p. .m.



**VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 21 day of

November, 2024, at 11:49 o'clock, A .m.


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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ACTION: CALLING ON THE CITY OF TUCSON TO RENAME CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PARK IN HONOR OF TOHONO O'ODHAM ELDER DANNY LOPEZBAD

MOVED: COUNCILMAN JEROME F. JOAQUIN

SECOND: COUNCILMAN LESLIE LUNA

DATE: NOVEMBER 12, 2024

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE (<i>Absent</i>) (Francine Schooling) (<i>Present</i>) 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			
GUACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin) 2. JEROME F. JOAQUIN ()	141.35 141.35	X X			
GUVO 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			
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (<i>Absent</i>) (Lorraine M. Eiler) (<i>Present</i>)	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			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	3,263.3	-0-	-0-	[01]