

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Appropriating Gaming Savings for Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki Association Operations  
in Fiscal Years 2025-2029)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-383**

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with  
2 the power to enact laws "to promote, protect and provide for public health, peace,  
3 morals, education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its  
4 members" and to "manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tohono  
5 O'odham Nation . . ." (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(d)(2));  
6 and

7 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki Association ("TOKA") is the Nation's tribally  
8 designated housing entity in accordance with the Native American Housing  
9 Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, 25 U.S.C §4101, *et seq.*, P.L. 104-  
10 330, 110 Stat. 4016 ("NAHASDA") (18 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 1); and

11 **WHEREAS,** the Nation receives its share of annual NAHASDA funding via the Indian Housing  
12 Block Grant ("IHBG") formula, which is designated to the Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki  
13 Association to provide well constructed and affordable homes for the Nation's  
14 members; and

15 **WHEREAS,** TOKA aggressively seeks additional sources of funds other than the IHBG funds to  
16 leverage and develop housing projects; and

17 **WHEREAS,** despite the annual funding provided by NAHASDA and the TOKA's dedicated and  
18 continued efforts to seek competitive grant opportunities, the TOKA still faces  
19 significant need for housing that those sources cannot provide; and

20 **WHEREAS,** the need for additional housing for the extreme low income families and over  
21 income families has been a priority for the Nation's leadership, but finding  
22 sources of revenue to support housing efforts has also been difficult; and

23 **WHEREAS,** TOKA has consulted with each of the Nation's districts in accordance with 26  
24 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 1301(B); and

25 **WHEREAS,** the Housing and Budget and Finance Committees have reviewed and recommend  
26 approval of the TOKA's multi-year appropriation request.

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it  
28 appropriates \$10,000,000 annually from gaming savings for fiscal years 2025-  
29 2029 to TOKA to support its operations, provided that:

- 30 (1) A payment of \$10,000,000 a year will be transferred from the Nation to TOKA  
31 on October 1, 2024, October 1, 2025, October 1, 2026, October 1, 2027 and  
32 October 1, 2028 after the TOKA has satisfied the reporting requirements of  
33 Article XII, 18 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 1, and the Nation's treasurer



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certifies in writing that sufficient funds are available in the gaming savings account to meet all other pending obligations.

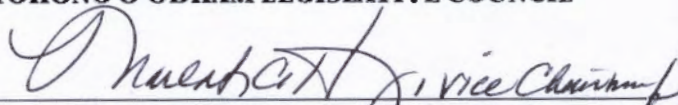
(2) Funds will be wired to TOKA's account on the date set forth above without further Tohono O'odham Legislative Council action, provided that all funds shall remain assets of the Nation until transferred to TOKA.

(3) Pursuant to 26 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 1301(B), TOKA shall consult the Nation's districts before requesting another multi-year gaming savings funding request to the Legislative Council committees and Legislative Council.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the TOKA shall provide to the Housing and Budget and Finance Committees upon request any TOKA financial records or reports for which disclosure is not prohibited by law, and shall make an annual financial and operational report, including a detailed expenditure report, to the Legislative Council in accordance with Article XII of 18 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 1.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 13<sup>TH</sup> day of **NOVEMBER 2024** at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of **3,042.8 FOR; 220.5 AGAINST; [01] NOT VOTING; and [04] ABSENT**, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and 1(d)(2) 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, Legislative Chairwoman

27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024

**ATTEST:**

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

21 day of November, 2024

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Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2024 at 12:40 o'clock, p.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, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2024

DISAPPROVED

at 2:07 o'clock, p.m.

  
VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 22 day of

November, 2024, at 2:20 o'clock, p.m.

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary



## ACTION: APPROPRIATING GAMING SAVINGS FOR TOHONO O'ODHAM KI:KI ASSOCIATION OPERATIONS IN FISCAL YEARS 2025-2029

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN VICTORIA HOBBS

SECOND: COUNCILMAN EDWARD D. MANUEL

DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2024

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling) 2. JESSE NAVARRO ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Alberta J. Ray) ( <i>Present</i> )	197.1 197.1	X 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 ( )	138.0 138.0	X X			
HICKIWAN 220.5	1. DELMA M. GARCIA ( ) 2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Loretta A. Ortega) ( <i>Present</i> )	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) ( <i>Absent</i> ) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ ( <i>Present</i> ) (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			X
SIF OIDAK 247.1	1. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ( ) 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			X
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,263.30</b>	<b>3,042.80</b>	<b>220.50</b>	<b>[01]</b>	<b>[04]</b>