

LEGISLATIVE ORDER OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Continuing Removal Hearing for Accusation Against Pisinemo District Council
Representative Eugene Lopez to December 4, 2024)

LEGISLATIVE ORDER NO. 24-397

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; and

25 **WHEREAS,** by Legislative Order No. 24-363, the Legislative Council granted a continuance of
26 the removal hearing and rescheduled it to November 18, 2024; and

27 **WHEREAS,** on November 4, 2024, the Accused Representative Eugene Lopez requested a
28 continuance of the November 18, 2024 removal hearing and the Accusers agreed
29 to postpone and reschedule the November 18, 2024 removal hearing.

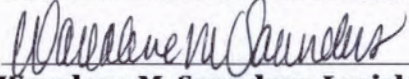
30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** by the Legislative Council that the hearing on the Accusation
31 against Pisinemo District Council Representative Eugene Lopez set for November

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18, 2024 is continued to December 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at a location to be designated by the Council chairperson.

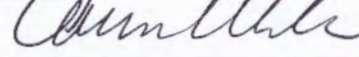
The foregoing Order was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 15TH day of NOVEMBER, 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,005.7 FOR; 257.6 AGAINST; [01] NOT VOTING; and [04] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(a) and 1(l) and 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, Legislative Chairwoman

26 day of November, 2024

ATTEST:


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

25 day of November, 2024

ACTION: CONTINUING REMOVAL HEARING FOR ACCUSATION AGAINST PISINEMO DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE EUGENE LOPEZ TO DECEMBER 4, 2024

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN MANUEL

SECOND: COUNCILMAN LEANDER MASE

DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 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 (Grace Manuel)	138.0 138.0	X 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 (<i>Absent</i>) (Christina Andrews) (<i>Present</i>) 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			
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			X
SIF OIDAK 247.1	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa) 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			X
	TOTAL	3,263.30	3,005.7	257.6	[01]	[04]