

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving FY 2025 - FY 2027 Attorney Contract between the Tohono O'odham
Nation and NCE Counsel PLLC)**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-043

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council vests the Legislative Council with the**
2 **power to "employ legal counsel for the protection and advancement of the rights**
3 **of the Tohono O'odham Nation" (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**
4 **Article VI, Section 2(a)); and**

5 **WHEREAS, the Office of Attorney General requires the legal services of NCE Counsel PLLC for**
6 **matters related to the representation of Hewel Ni'ok and its associated public**
7 **radio stations; and**

8 **WHEREAS, the Office of Attorney General has prepared and submitted for review and**
9 **approval the FY 2025 – FY 2027 Attorney Contract between the Tohono O'odham**
10 **Nation and NCE Counsel PLLC for legal services related to the Nation's public**
11 **radio stations for the period beginning March 1, 2025, through February 28, 2027,**
12 **which is incorporated by this reference; and**

13 **WHEREAS, fees for services provided under this Contract will be paid out of the FY 2025 – FY**
14 **2027 Office of Attorney General Budget in accordance with the terms of the FY**
15 **2025 – FY 2027 Attorney Contract with NCE Counsel PLLC for the period beginning**
16 **March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2027; and**

17 **WHEREAS, The Domestic Affairs Committee has reviewed the FY 2025 - FY 2027 Attorney**
18 **Contract with NCE Counsel PLLC and recommends its approval.**

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the**
20 **FY 2025 – FY 2027 Attorney Contract between the Tohono O'odham Nation and NCE**
21 **Counsel PLLC for the period of March 1, 2025, through February 28, 2027, which**
22 **shall be funded from the Office of the Attorney General Budget.**

23 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council authorizes and directs**
24 **the Nation's Chairperson to execute the Attorney Contract in substantially the**
25 **form attached, provided that any amendments or modifications shall be**
26 **submitted for prior approval by the Tohono O'odham Nation Legislative Council.**

27 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 12TH**
28 **day of FEBRUARY 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR;**
29 **~~-0-~~ AGAINST; ~~-0-~~ NOT VOTING; and ~~-0-~~ ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
30 **Article VI, Section 2(a) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the**
31 **Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**
32 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June**
33 **18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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Wavalene M. Saunders

Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

18 day of February, 2025

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

18 day of February, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 18 day of February, 2025 at 10:45 o'clock, a.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

Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 18 day of February, 2025

DISAPPROVED

at 4:00 o'clock, p.m.

Verlon M. Jose

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

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 18 day of

February, 2025, at 4:24 o'clock, p.m.

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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ACTION: APPROVING FY 2025 - FY 2027 ATTORNEY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION AND NCE COUNSEL PLLC

Moved: COUNCILMAN LEANDER MASE

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN MANUEL

DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2025

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 ()	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 (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. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA () 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			
TOTAL		3,263.3	3,263.3	-0-	-0-	-0-