

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Supporting Tohono O'odham Nation's FY 2026 Community Project Funding/
Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Western Police and
Fire Substation Technology and Equipment)**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-105

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with the authority "to promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members" and to "consult with the Congress of the United States and appropriate federal agencies regarding federal activities that affect the Tohono O'odham Nation and all federal appropriation estimates and projects for the benefit of the Tohono O'odham Nation . . ." (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j)); and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2021, the United States House of Representatives announced the return of federal earmark requests, now called Community Project Funding Requests in the U.S. House of Representatives and Congressionally Directed Spending Requests in the U.S. Senate; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution Nos. 22-145 and 23-094, the Legislative Council supported the Tohono O'odham Nation's Police and Fire Western Substation Congressionally Directed Funding Proposal for the FY 2023 and FY 2024 round of earmark requests; and

WHEREAS, the Nation's Police and Fire Western Substation Congressionally Directed Funding Proposal were not selected and included in federal funding legislation during FY 2023 and FY 2024; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-104, the Legislative Council supported the Nation's FY 2025 Police and Fire Western Substation Community Project Funding request and appropriated 25%, \$125,000, in matching funds to support the Project, subject to a federal funding appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department and Fire Department headquarters are located 40 miles east of the western part of the reservation, which creates significant challenges for timely emergency response to the Nation's western communities; and

WHEREAS, the goal of establishing a Western Police and Fire Substation, as a permanent base of operations and emergency operations center, is to improve emergency response times and support direct "first responder" services to the Nation's western districts; and

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WHEREAS, Congress appropriated \$1 million in federal funding for the FY 2024 Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending for the Nation's Western Police and Fire Substation project and the Nation appropriates \$250,000 in matching funds in accordance with Resolution No. 23-094; and

WHEREAS, the Nation's FY 2025 Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending request will include a request for \$375,000 for technology and related equipment, and will commit to a 25% match (\$125,000) of the total technology and equipment costs (\$500,000) that will enhance the operation and response capabilities of the Western Police and Fire Substation; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Verlon Jose and Appropriations Committees reviewed the Nation's FY 2026 Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending request for technology and equipment for the Western Police and Fire Substation and recommend supporting the proposal, including the 25% match of \$125,000, subject to a federal funding appropriation in the amount of \$375,000 by the United States Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council:

- (1) supports the Nation's FY 2026 Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending request for \$375,000 for technology and equipment for the Western Police and Fire Substation to be submitted to the Nation's federal delegation, with a required 25% match of the total technology and equipment costs (\$500,000); and**
- (2) approves a 25% match of \$125,000 from the Nation as appropriated in Resolution No. 23-094, subject to a federal funding appropriation in the amount of \$375,000 by the United States Congress.**

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 11TH day of APRIL 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,998.3 FOR; 1,265.0 AGAINST; [01] NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2), and Section 1(j) 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).

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Wavalene M. Saunders
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman
15 day of April, 2025

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

14 day of April, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 15 day of April, 2025 at 10:15 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.

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Wavalene M. Saunders
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

☒ APPROVED

☐ DISAPPROVED

on the 16 day of April, 2025
at 3:17 o'clock, p.m.

Verlon M. Jose
VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 16 day of
April, 2025, at 3:24 o'clock, p.m.

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: SUPPORTING TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION'S FY 2026 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING/CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING REQUEST FOR WESTERN POLICE AND FIRE SUBSTATION TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS SECOND: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III

DATE: APRIL 11, 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 (<i>Absent</i>) (Nora J. Ruelas) (<i>Present</i>)	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			X
TOTAL		3,263.3	1,998.3	1,265.0	[01]	[01]