

LEGISLATIVE ORDER OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Filing Analysis and Arguments Regarding Referendum REF-01-25,
"Tohono O'odham Code, Title 12, Chapter 1 – Elections")

LEGISLATIVE ORDER NO. 25-182

1 **WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 1(g) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the
2 Legislative Council with authority "[t]o enact laws and ordinances for conducting
3 and regulating elections"; and

4 **WHEREAS,** the Legislative Council has enacted 12 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 1 –
5 Elections to regulate election matters, including the conduct of referendum and
6 initiative elections (12 T.O.C. Chapter 1 – Elections); and

7 **WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article XIV of the Constitution, the Legislative Council shall, "either
8 at the direction of the Council itself, or upon receipt of a petition signed by not
9 less than three hundred registered voters of the Tohono O'odham Nation, submit
10 any enacted or proposed ordinance, resolution or other national legislation to a
11 referendum of the registered voters"; and

12 **WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article XIII of 12 T.O.C. Chapter 1, the Election Board has certified
13 that REF-01-25, "Tohono O'odham Code, Title 12, Chapter 1 – Elections"
14 ("Referendum") has received a minimum of three hundred valid signatures; and

15 **WHEREAS,** based upon the Election Board's certification, the Legislative Council by
16 Legislative Order No. 25-156 has called a special election for August 16, 2025 to
17 allow the Nation's voters to consider the Referendum; and

18 **WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 11311(B) of the Elections law,

19 "Not later than 45 days preceding the election, the Council, after providing
20 reasonable opportunity for comments by all representatives, shall prepare
21 and file with the [Election] Board an analysis of the provisions of each ballot
22 proposal of a measure together with a list of popular arguments favoring
23 and opposing such proposal or measure. Each argument shall not exceed
24 300 words in length."

25 ; and

26 **WHEREAS,** Legislative Council representatives were given a reasonable opportunity to
27 submit such comments; and

28 **WHEREAS,** the Rules Committee has developed the attached analysis of and compiled
29 arguments favoring and opposing the Referendum as the "'Tohono O'odham
30 Code, Title 12, Chapter 1 - Elections Referendum' Analysis of Referendum" as
31 dated for reference June 20, 2025, which is incorporated by this reference.
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council directs the Legislative Council secretary to file "Tohono O'odham Code, Title 12, Chapter 1 - Elections Referendum' Analysis of Referendum" as required by Section 11311(B) of the Elections law.

BE IT FINALLY ORDERED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council's action in filing the analysis and arguments is mandated by Section 11311(B) of the Elections law and does not represent the Council's support for or opposition to the Referendum.

The foregoing Order was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 27TH day of JUNE, 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [04] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(g), Article X, and Article XIV 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
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

27TH day of *June*, 2025

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

27 day of *June*, 2025

ACTION: FILING ANALYSIS AND ARGUMENTS REGARDING REFERENDUM REF-01-25, "TOHONO O'ODHAM CODE, TITLE 12, CHAPTER 1 – ELECTIONS"**MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN MANUEL****SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN THEORIA CAMPILLO****DATE: JUNE 27, 2025**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez) 2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ()	125.6 125.6	X X			
SELLS 565.7	1. JANET B. ELEANDO () 2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Juan Buendia)	282.85 282.85	X X			
SCHUK TOAK 195.3	1. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine) 2. DELISA M. RAMON (Quintin C. Lopez)	97.65 97.65	X X			
SAN XAVIER 249.8	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III () 2. JANICE FELIX ()	124.9 124.9	X X			X
SAN LUCY 266.3	1. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler) 2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	133.15 133.15	X X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas) 2. NAOMI MONTE(Absent) (Edward D. Manuel) (Present)	120.15 120.15	X X			
HICKIWAN 222.9	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega) 2. DELMA M. GARCIA ()	111.45 111.45	X X			X
GU VO 279.6	1. LESLIE LUNA () 2. BENNETT CHEWING ()	139.8 139.8	X X			X
GU ACHI 289.2	1. JEROME F. JOAQUIN (Absent) (Gloria Johnson) (Present) 2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ(Absent) (Victoria A. Hobbs) (Present)	144.6 144.6	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY () 2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS(Absent) (Cornelius Antone) (Present)	180.95 180.95	X X			
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray) 2. NED NORRIS, JR (Leander Mase)	199.45 199.45	X X			X
TOTAL		3,321.1	3,321.1	-0-	-0-	[04]