

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Contract between the
Tohono O'odham Nation and Benjamin Aguilera, Esq.)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-254

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

5 **WHEREAS, the Legislative Council approved a Professional Service Contract with Benjamin**
6 **Aguilera, Esq. by Resolution No. 24-351; and**

7 **WHEREAS, due to the increasing needs of tribal members for legal representation in**
8 **criminal matters which has caused a higher need for attorneys to handle cases**
9 **where the Tohono O'odham Advocate Program is ethically conflicted out of the**
10 **representation, the Advocate Program recommends amending the Contract to**
11 **accommodate the need; and**

12 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Advocate Program has prepared and submitted for review**
13 **an Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Contract with Benjamin**
14 **Aguilera, Esq.; and**

15 **WHEREAS, the Domestic Affairs Committee has reviewed the Amendment No. 1 to the**
16 **Professional Services Contract with Benjamin Aguilera, Esq., which is**
17 **incorporated by this reference, and recommends its approval.**

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the**
19 **Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Contract with Benjamin Aguilera,**
20 **Esq., in substantially the form attached hereto and authorizes the Nation's**
21 **chairperson to execute it; provided that any further amendments shall be**
22 **submitted for prior approval by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.**

23 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 06TH**
24 **day of AUGUST, 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0-**
25 **AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
26 **Article VI, Section 2(a) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the**
27 **Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**
28 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June**
29 **18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL


Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

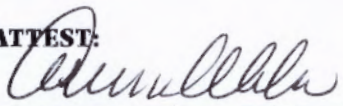
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ATTEST:


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

1 day of August, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 8th day of August, 2025 at 8:14 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, Legislative Chairwoman

☒ APPROVED

on the 8 day of August, 2025

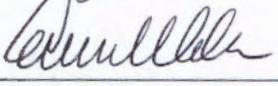
☐ DISAPPROVED

at 9 o'clock, A.m.


VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 8 day of

August, 2025, at 10:14 o'clock, A.m.


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION AND BENJAMIN AGUILERA, ESQ.

Moved: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX

SECOND: COUNCILMAN BENNETT CHEWING

DATE: AUGUST 06, 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			
SAN LUCY 266.3	1. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler) 2. ROGER MANUEL (Absent) (Christina Andrews) (Present)	133.15 133.15	X X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Absent) (Nora J. Ruelas) (Present) 2. NAOMI MONTE (Edward D. Manuel)	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			
GU ACHI 289.2	1. JEROME F. JOAQUIN (Gloria Johnson) 2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs)	144.6 144.6	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY () 2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	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			
TOTAL		3,321.1	3,321.1	-0-	-0-	[01]