

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Appointing Legislative Council Alternate Christina C. Bell Andrews to the Miss
Tohono O'odham Nation Committee as an Interim Member)**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-258

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Tohono O'odham
2 Legislative Council with the power to "provide for, appoint, or provide for the
3 appointment of, and prescribe the duties and powers of committees, boards,
4 officers and agents" and "to preserve and cultivate native arts, crafts and
5 traditions" (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(b) and Section 1(c)(8)); and
6 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Nation has historically held a pageant to select young
7 O'odham women to represent and serve the Nation as official ambassadors and
8 in accordance with the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee Bylaws, the Miss
9 Tohono O'odham Nation Committee has coordinated the Miss Tohono O'odham
10 Nation pageant and acted as chaperones, among other duties and
11 responsibilities provided for by the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee
12 Bylaws, as amended by Resolution No. 11-421, Resolution No. 16-089, and
13 Resolution No. 23-302; and
14 **WHEREAS,** the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee is comprised of "five enrolled
15 female members of the Nation who are at least 25 years of age with a preference
16 for O'odham speakers" who serve staggered, four year terms and who "shall
17 remain in office until their successors have been appointed and may serve an
18 unlimited number of terms" (Committee Bylaws, Sections 3102(B) and (D)); and
19 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution Nos. 24-171 and 24-387, the Legislative Council appointed four
20 female Council alternates as interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee
21 members and their terms expired on June 17, 2025; and
22 **WHEREAS,** the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee currently has one appointed
23 member and four interim Committee members; and
24 **WHEREAS,** the Human Resources Development Committee has advertised Miss Tohono
25 O'odham Nation Committee vacancies for a number of years, but only one eligible
26 applicant submitted her resume and letter of interest and was subsequently
27 appointed by the Legislative Council in 2024; and
28 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 25-219 and Resolution No. 25-220, the Tohono O'odham
29 Legislative Council appointed Council alternate Loretta A. Ortega,
30 Representative Janice Felix, Representative DeLisa Ramon, and Representative
31 Naomi Monte to serve as interim members on the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation
32 Committee; and

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WHEREAS, Legislative Council Alternate Christina C. Bell Andrews is interested and has agreed to serve as an interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee member; and

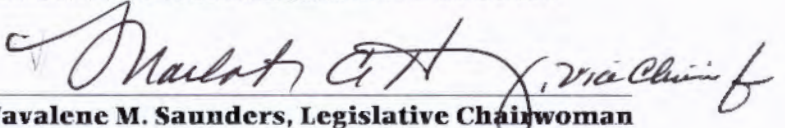
WHEREAS, it is in the Nation's best interest to appoint Legislative Council Alternate Christina C. Bell Andrews as an interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee member to exercise the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee's functions while the Human Resources Development Committee continues to advertise and recruit applicants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, notwithstanding Section 3102 (A) of the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee Bylaws, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council appoints Legislative Council Alternate Christina C. Bell Andrews to replace Representative DeLisa Ramon to serve as an interim member on the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee until a successor is appointed, provided that:

- (1) nothing in this resolution precludes the Legislative Council from appointing Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee members to replace the interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee member appointed by this resolution; and**
- (2) if an interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee member appointed by this resolution no longer serves as a Legislative Council alternate for any reason, her appointment shall expire immediately.**

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 06TH day of AUGUST, 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [02] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(h), Section 1(c)(8) 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

 day of August, 2025

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ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

7 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

☐ DISAPPROVED

on the 8 day of August, 2025

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: APPOINTING LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ALTERNATE CHRISTINA C. BELL ANDREWS TO THE MISS TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION COMMITTEE AS AN INTERIM MEMBER

Moved: COUNCILMAN BENNETT CHEWING

SECOND: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III

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			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-	[02]