

LEGISLATIVE ORDER OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving Attorney Contract between the Tohono O'odham Legislative Branch and
Quarles & Brady LLP and Authorizing Litigation)

LEGISLATIVE ORDER NO. 25-420

1 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with**
2 **the power to "negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts on behalf of the**
3 **Tohono O'odham Nation . . . with private persons or organizations on all matters**
4 **within the authority of the Tohono O'odham Council" (Constitution, Article VI,**
5 **Section 1(f)); and**

6 **WHEREAS, the Legislative Council is further vested with the power to "employ legal counsel**
7 **for the protection and advancement of the rights of the Tohono O'odham Nation .**
8 **." (Constitution, Article VI, Section 2(a)); and**

9 **WHEREAS, the Council has prescribed the duties and powers of the Council chairperson and**
10 **vice chairperson by Legislative Order No. 06-047, "Amended Delegation of**
11 **Authority to Legislative Council Chairperson and Vice Chairperson," which vests**
12 **the chairperson with authority to negotiate, conclude, execute, and administer**
13 **Legislative Branch contracts subject to stated limitations; and**

14 **WHEREAS, Legislative Order No. 06-047 further requires the consent of a majority of the**
15 **Legislative Council to authorize litigation on the Council's behalf; and**

16 **WHEREAS, 26 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 1405 vests the Legislative**
17 **Council chairperson with the authority to negotiate, execute, conclude, and**
18 **administer contracts that expend funds pursuant to budgets authorized by**
19 **resolution, provided that the power to approve attorney contracts is reserved to**
20 **the Legislative Council; and**

21 **WHEREAS, the Legislative Council chairperson recommends that the Council approve the**
22 **Attorney Contract between the Tohono O'odham Legislative Branch and Quarles**
23 **& Brady LLP, which is incorporated by this reference, in an initial amount not to**
24 **exceed \$10,000, which will be funded by the FY 2026 Legislative Branch Budget**
25 **approved by Resolution No. 25-336; and**

26 **WHEREAS, the Domestic Affairs Committee has reviewed the Attorney Contract between the**
27 **Tohono O'odham Legislative Branch and Quarles & Brady LLP and recommends**
28 **its approval.**

29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the**
30 **Attorney Contract between the Tohono O'odham Legislative Branch and Quarles**
31 **& Brady LLP in substantially the form incorporated, which shall be funded by FY**
32 **2026 Legislative Branch Budget, and authorizes the Legislative Council**

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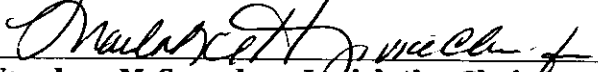
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1 **chairperson to execute it, provided that nothing in the Contract or this Legislative**
2 **Order constitutes a waiver of sovereign immunity or legislative immunity.**

3 **BE IT FINALLY ORDERED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council authorizes litigation on**
4 **the Council's behalf consistent with the Attorney Contract.**

5 **The foregoing Order was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 13TH day of**
6 **NOVEMBER, 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR;**
7 **-0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [02] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
8 **Article VI, Section 1(f) and Section 2(a), and Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Tohono**
9 **O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by**
10 **the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant**
11 **to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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14 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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17 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**

18 14th day of November, 2025

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27 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

28 13 day of November, 2025
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ACTION: APPROVING ATTORNEY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND QUARLES & BRADY LLP AND AUTHORIZING LITIGATION

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN MANUEL

SECOND: COUNCILMAN BENNETT CHEWING

DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2025

| DISTRICT | LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES | # OF VOTES | FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | ABSENT |
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| SIF Oidak 251.2 | 1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez) | 125.6 | X | | | |
| | 2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA () | 125.6 | X | | | |
| SELLS 565.7 | 1. JANET B. ELEANDO () | 282.85 | X | | | |
| | 2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Juan Buendia) | 282.85 | X | | | |
| SCHUK TOAK 195.3 | 1. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine) | 97.65 | X | | | |
| | 2. DELISA M. RAMON (Quintin C. Lopez) | 97.65 | X | | | |
| SAN XAVIER 249.8 | 1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III () | 124.9 | X | | | |
| | 2. JANICE FELIX () | 124.9 | X | | | |
| SAN LUCY 266.3 | 1. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler) | 133.15 | X | | | |
| | 2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews) | 133.15 | | | | |
| PISINEMO 240.3 | 1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas) | 120.15 | X | | | |
| | 2. NAOMI MONTE (Edward D. Manuel) | 120.15 | X | | | |
| HICKIWAN 222.9 | 1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega) | 111.45 | X | | | X |
| | 2. DELMA M. GARCIA () | 111.45 | X | | | |
| GU VO 279.6 | 1. LESLIE LUNA () | 139.8 | X | | | |
| | 2. BENNETT CHEWING () | 139.8 | X | | | |
| GU ACHI 289.2 | 1. JEROME F. JOAQUIN <i>(Absent)</i> (Gloria Johnson) <i>(Present)</i> | 144.6 | X | | | |
| | 2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs) | 144.6 | X | | | |
| CHUKUT KUK 361.9 | 1. MARLAKAY HENRY () | 180.95 | X | | | |
| | 2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS <i>(Absent)</i> (Cornelius Antone) <i>(Present)</i> | 180.95 | X | | | X |
| BABOQUIVARI 398.9 | 1. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray) | 199.45 | X | | | |
| | 2. NED NORRIS, JR (Leander Mase) | 199.45 | X | | | |
| TOTAL | | 3,321.1 | 3,321.1 | -0- | -0- | [02] |