

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Extending Timeframe for Interim Executive Director of Planning and
Economic Development Department, Alexander Yazza, to Serve)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-030

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Nation's chairperson
2 with authority to appoint the Nation's treasurer, and other officers and heads of
3 all governmental departments with the approval of the Tohono O'odham
4 Legislative Council (Constitution, Article VII, Section 2(e)); and

5 **WHEREAS,** the Appointed Officers law, 1 T.O.C. Chapter 4, establishes the process for
6 legislative review of appointed officer appointments by the appropriate oversight
7 committee and the Legislative Council, and Section 4003(B) identifies the
8 documents and information required to review, including the current job
9 description and appointee's current resume, contact information, and written
10 background investigation report; and

11 **WHEREAS,** the Appointed Officers law provides that "no person shall perform the functions
12 of, or be compensated for performing the duties of, an appointed officer for more
13 than 180 consecutive or nonconsecutive days without approval of the
14 appointment by resolution. The chairperson and Council may agree to extend the
15 180-day period by resolution (1 T.O.C. Chapter 4, Section 4003(G)); and

16 **WHEREAS,** the Appointed Officers law also provides that when a Nation's chairperson is
17 elected or reelected and seated to a new term of office, all appointed officers are
18 subject to the appointment requirements of this chapter (1 T.O.C. Chapter 4,
19 Section 4004(B)); and

20 **WHEREAS,** the Nation's chairperson detailed Alexander Yazza as the Executive Director of
21 the Planning and Economic Development Department on August 6, 2025, and the
22 180-day deadline to serve without Legislative Council approval is February 2,
23 2026; and

24 **WHEREAS,** the Nation's chairperson is requesting an extension of time for Alexander Yazza
25 to serve as the Executive Director of the Planning and Economic Development
26 Department and the Commerce committee does support the extension.

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council, extends the
28 time for Alexander Yazza to serve as the Executive Director of the Planning and
29 Economic Development Department for an additional 180 days.

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8 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 23RD
9 day of JANUARY 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,814.9 FOR;
10 506.2 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council
11 by Article VII, Sec. 2(e) the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono
12 O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary -
13 Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934
14 (48 Stat.984).
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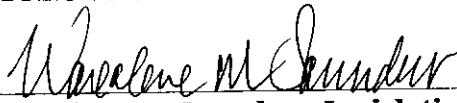
30 ATTEST:
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34 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary
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37 23 day of January, 2026
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40 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono
41 O'odham Nation on the 26 day of January, 2026 at 11:44 o'clock, 11 a.m.,
42 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become
43 effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48
44 hours of submittal.
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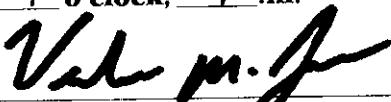
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57 on the 26 day of January, 2026
58 at 12:24 o'clock, P.m.
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64 VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
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4 **Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 86 day of**

5 **January, 2026, at 1:37 o'clock, P.m.**

6 **Signature**
7 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

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ACTION: EXTENDING TIMEFRAME FOR INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ALEXANDER YAZZA, TO SERVE

MOVED: COUNCILMAN JEROME F. JOAQUIN

SECOND: COUNCILMAN ROGER MANUEL

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2026

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (<i>Absent</i>) (<i>Mary Lopez</i>) (<i>Present</i>) 2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ()	125.6 125.6	X X			
SELLS 565.7	1. JANET B. ELEANDO () 2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (<i>Juan Buendia</i>)	282.85 282.85	X X			
SCHUK TOAK 195.3	1. THEORIA CAMPILLO (<i>Rebecca Ann Valentine</i>) 2. DELISA M. RAMON (<i>Quintin C. Lopez</i>)	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 (<i>Lorraine M. Eiler</i>) 2. ROGER MANUEL (<i>Christina Andrews</i>)	133.15 133.15	X X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (<i>Nora J. Ruclas</i>) 2. NAOMI MONTE (<i>Edward D. Manuel</i>)	120.15 120.15	X X			
HICKIWAN 222.9	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (<i>Loretta A. Ortega</i>) 2. DELMA M. GARCIA ()	111.45 111.45	X	X		
GU VO 279.6	1. LESLIE LUNA () 2. BENNETT CHEWING ()	139.8 139.8	X X			
GUACHI 289.2	1. JEROME F. JOAQUIN (<i>Gloria Johnson</i>) 2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (<i>Victoria A. Hobbs</i>)	144.6 144.6	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY () 2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (<i>Cornelius Antone</i>)	180.95 180.95	X X			
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO (<i>Alberta J. Ray</i>) 2. NED NORRIS, JR. (<i>Leander Mase</i>)	199.45 199.45	X	X		
TOTAL		3,321.1	2,814.9	506.2	-0-	-0-