

**LEGISLATIVE ORDER OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**(Appointing Representative Francis Homewytewa to the Agricultural and Natural Resources**  
**Committee and Representative Gloria Johnson to the Cultural Preservation, Domestic Affairs,**  
**and Human Resources Development Committees)**

**LEGISLATIVE ORDER NO. 26-068**

1 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the power to establish  
2 rules and procedures to regulate all meetings of the Council and its standing  
3 committees (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(a)); and

4 **WHEREAS,** Representative Jerome F. Joaquin resigned from office effective February 13,  
5 2026 and alternate Gloria Johnson immediately succeeded him as a Legislative  
6 Council representative for the Gu Achi District (12 T.O.C. Chapter 1, Section  
7 1505(B)(3) and 11206(C)); and

8 **WHEREAS,** Representative Joaquin's resignation created vacancies on the Agricultural and  
9 Natural Resources, Cultural Preservation, and Domestic Affairs Committees; and

10 **WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Legislative Rules, Article XII, Section 3(L)(2), "[w]hen a Legislative  
11 Council representative leaves office during his or her term, any resulting vacancy  
12 on a Legislative Council committee may be filled by seniority preference,  
13 provided that a representative's transfer from another committee shall not  
14 require a change in a committee's assigned meeting day. Thereafter, any  
15 remaining vacancies shall be filled by the representative's successor in office.";  
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17 **WHEREAS,** in accordance with Legislative Rules, Article XII, Section 3(L)(2), Council  
18 representatives were given the opportunity, based upon seniority, to change  
19 committee assignments in a manner that does not alter the meeting dates  
20 approved in the 2025-2027 Legislative Council Committee Meeting Schedule  
21 adopted by Legislative Order No. 25-180; and

22 **WHEREAS,** Representative Francis Homewytewa has requested a seniority preference  
23 appointment on the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee and his  
24 transfer from the Human Resources Development Committee will not require a  
25 change in the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee's meeting day; and

26 **WHEREAS,** Representative Francis Homewytewa shall fill the vacancy on the Agricultural  
27 and Natural Resources Committee; and

28 **WHEREAS,** Representative Johnson, as former Representative Joaquin's successor in office,  
29 shall fill the remaining vacancies on the Cultural Preservation, Domestic Affairs,  
30 and Human Resources Development Committees; and

31 **WHEREAS,** the Rules Committee reviewed this legislative order and recommends approval.  
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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it appoints  
2 Representative Francis Homewytewa to the Agricultural and Natural Resources  
3 Committee and Representative Gloria Johnson to the Cultural Preservation,  
4 Domestic Affairs, and Human Resources Development Committees, and the 2025-  
5 2027 Legislative Council Committee Meeting Schedule is amended accordingly.

6 The foregoing Order was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 02<sup>ND</sup> day of  
7 MARCH, 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR;  
8 -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by  
9 Article VI, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the  
10 Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant  
11 Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June  
12 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

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19 13<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2025

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25 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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**ACTION: APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE GLORIA JOHNSON TO THE CULTURAL PRESERVATION, DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES**

**MOVED: COUNCILMAN ROGER MANUEL**

**SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN ORA CAMPILLO**

**DATE: MARCH 02, 2026**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF ODAK 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	X			
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. DELMAM. 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. GLORIA JOHNSON ( )	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 (Cornelius Antone)	180.95	X			
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO ( )	199.45	X			
	2. NED NORRIS, JR (Leander Mase)	199.45	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,321.1</b>	<b>3,321.1</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>[01]</b>