

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Supporting Tohono O'odham Nation's FY 2027 Community Project Funding  
/Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Western Police  
and Fire Substation Technology and Equipment)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-095**

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with  
2 the authority "to promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals,  
3 education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members"  
4 and to "consult with the Congress of the United States and appropriate federal  
5 agencies regarding federal activities that affect the Tohono O'odham Nation and  
6 all federal appropriation estimates and projects for the benefit of the Tohono  
7 O'odham Nation . . ." (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j)); and  
8 **WHEREAS,** on March 15, 2021, the United States House of Representatives announced the  
9 return of federal earmark requests, now called Community Project Funding  
10 Requests in the U.S. House of Representatives and Congressionally Directed  
11 Spending Requests in the U.S. Senate; and  
12 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution Nos. 22-145, 23-094, 24-104, 25-105, the Legislative Council  
13 supported the Tohono O'odham Nation's Police and Fire Western Substation  
14 Congressionally Directed Funding Proposals for the FY 2023, FY 2024, FY 2025, and  
15 FY 2026 round of federal earmark requests; and  
16 **WHEREAS,** the Nation's Police and Fire Western Substation Congressionally Directed  
17 Funding Proposals were not selected and included in federal funding legislation  
18 during FY 2023, FY 2025, and FY 2026; and  
19 **WHEREAS,** Congress appropriated \$1 million in federal funding for the FY 2024 Community  
20 Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending for the Nation's Western  
21 Police and Fire Substation project and the Nation appropriated \$250,000 in  
22 matching funds in accordance with Resolution No. 23-094; and  
23 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution Nos. 24-104 and 25-105, the Legislative Council supported the  
24 Nation's FY 2025 and FY 2026 Police and Fire Western Substation Community  
25 Project Funding requests and appropriated \$125,000, 25% of the total cost of the  
26 project in matching funds, subject to a federal funding appropriation; and  
27 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department and Fire Department  
28 headquarters are located 40 miles east of the western part of the reservation,  
29 which creates significant challenges for timely emergency response to the  
30 Nation's western communities; and  
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1 **WHEREAS, the goal of establishing a Western Police and Fire Substation, as a permanent**  
2 **base of operations and emergency operations center, is to improve emergency**  
3 **response times and support direct "first responder" services to the Nation's**  
4 **western districts; and**

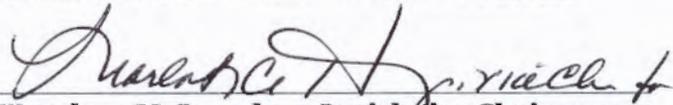
5 **WHEREAS, the Nation's FY 2027 Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed**  
6 **Spending request will include a request for \$375,000 for technology and related**  
7 **equipment that will enhance the operation and response capabilities of the**  
8 **Western Police and Fire Substation; and**

9 **WHEREAS, the Nation's chairman, and the Domestic Affairs and Appropriations Committees**  
10 **have reviewed the Nation's FY 2027 Community Project Funding/Congressionally**  
11 **Directed Spending request for technology and equipment for the Western Police**  
12 **and Fire Substation and recommend supporting the proposal.**

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council supports the**  
14 **Nation's FY 2027 Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed**  
15 **Spending request for \$375,000 for technology and equipment for the Western**  
16 **Police and Fire Substation to be submitted to the Nation's federal delegation.**

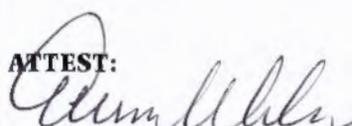
17 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
18 **day of MARCH 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0-**  
19 **AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**  
20 **Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**  
21 **adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy**  
22 **Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the**  
23 **Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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25 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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

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30 13<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2026

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34 **ATTEST:**

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37 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

38 13 day of March, 2026  
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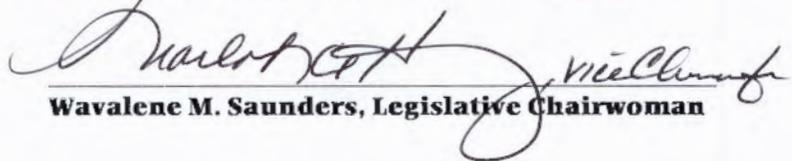
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Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026 at 4:04 o'clock, p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will 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

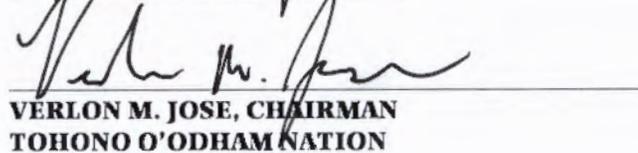
  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 13 day of March, 2026

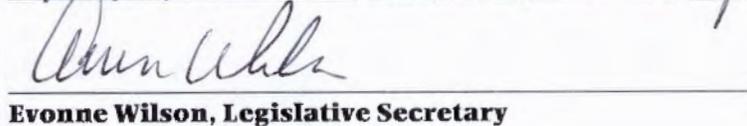
DISAPPROVED

at 4:12 o'clock, p.m.

  
VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 13 day of

March, 2026, at 4:30 o'clock, p.m.

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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**ACTION: SUPPORTING TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION'S FY 2027 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING/CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING REQUEST FOR WESTERN POLICE AND FIRE SUBSTATION TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT**

**MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS SECOND: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESETON III**

**DATE: MARCH 13, 2026**

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