

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Authorizing and Approving the Tohono O'odham Nation to Enter Into a 50 Year
Master Lease with the Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki Association for a Parcel of Real
Property Located Within the Schuk Toak District for TOKA's Development,
Construction, and Operation of Public Housing Units)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-186

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation ("Nation") vests the Tohono
2 O'odham Legislative Council ("TOLC") with the power to enact laws "to promote,
3 protect and provide for public health, peace, morals, education and general
4 welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members" and to enact laws
5 "governing the use, assignment, permit, lease or other disposition of lands,
6 interests in land and resources of the nation consistent with Federal law"
7 (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Article XVI, Section 1); and
8 **WHEREAS,** pursuant to Ordinance 98-03 duly enacted by the TOLC on July 1, 1998, as
9 amended by Resolution No. 02-089, Resolution No. 02-110, Resolution No. 06-440,
10 Resolution No. 10-019, and Resolution No. 11-191, (collectively, "Ordinance 98-
11 03"), the Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki Association ("TOKA") is the successor-in-interest
12 of the Papago Housing Authority and the tribally designated housing entity
13 ("TDHE") of the Tohono O'odham Nation ("Nation") whose primary purposes and
14 responsibilities are (i) providing well-constructed and affordable homes for the
15 Nation's members, as well as maintaining the Nation's current assisted stock of
16 home ownership homes and rental homes; (ii) implementing a comprehensive
17 program to address the housing needs of the Nation; and (iii) administering the
18 Nation's United States Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") Indian Housing
19 Block Grant ("IHBG") Program pursuant to the Native American Housing
20 Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, 25 U.S.C. § 4101, et seq., P.L. 104-
21 330, 110 Stat. 4016 ("NAHASDA") and operating and developing low income
22 housing for the Nation and its members; and
23 **WHEREAS,** in pursuit of its mission, TOKA desires to lease from the Nation a parcel of the
24 Nation's federal trust lands within the Nation's reservation situated on and
25 within the Nation's Schuk Toak District (the "Property"), as legally described in
26 the form of a Master Lease attached as Exhibit A (the "Master Lease"), for the
27 development, construction, and operation by TOKA of one or more public
28 housing projects, financed by TOKA through its use of one or more funding
29 sources, including but not limited to IHBG funds and/or Low Income Housing Tax
30 Credits ("LIHTC"), consisting of approximately 150 newly-constructed residential
31 housing units (collectively, the "San Isidro Subdivision Project"); and

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1 **WHEREAS, in order for TOKA to proceed with the financing, development, and construction**
2 **of the San Isidro Subdivision Project, TOKA must secure and maintain site control**
3 **of the Property; and**

4 **WHEREAS, for such purpose, it is necessary for TOKA and the Nation to enter into the Master**
5 **Lease for a term of fifty (50) years beginning on the date that the Master Lease is**
6 **approved by the Secretary of the Interior, as required by law; and**

7 **WHEREAS, TOKA believes that the Master Lease by and between the Nation and TOKA for the**
8 **Property is in the best interests of the Nation in order to address and serve the**
9 **housing needs of the Nation's members; and**

10 **WHEREAS, the Schuk Toak District supports, and the TOIC Agricultural and Natural**
11 **Resources and Housing Committees recommend approval of the TOKA Board of**
12 **Director's request for the Master Lease by and between the Nation and TOKA in**
13 **order for TOKA to qualify and satisfy any applicable public housing program and**
14 **funding eligibility requirements, including but not limited to the Arizona**
15 **Department of Housing's LIHTC program.**

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council:**

- 17 **1. Authorizes and approves the Master Lease by and between the Nation and**
18 **TOKA for the Property, as legally described in the form of the Master Lease**
19 **attached as Exhibit A, for a term of fifty (50) years commencing on the date**
20 **that the Master Lease is approved by the Secretary of the Interior, as required**
21 **by law; and**
- 22 **2. Authorizes the Nation's chairperson, or any designated official, for the**
23 **purposes of the San Isidro Subdivision Project, to execute the Master Lease**
24 **by and between the Nation and TOKA for the Property, as legally described in**
25 **the form of the Master Lease attached as Exhibit A, on behalf of the Nation,**
26 **subject to approval by the Secretary of the Interior, as required by applicable**
27 **law.**

28 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 03RD**
29 **day of JUNE 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,965.05 FOR; 356.05**
30 **AGAINST; [01] NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
31 **Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Article XVI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham**
32 **Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting**
33 **Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section**
34 **16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**
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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL


Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman
8 day of June, 2026

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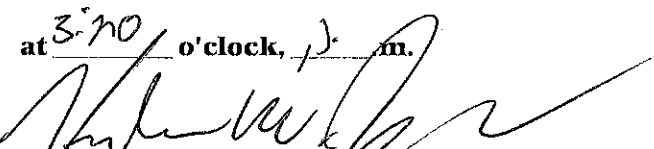

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary
8 day of June, 2026

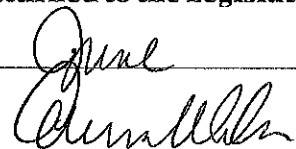
Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 8 day of June, 2026 at 2:40 o'clock, p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL


Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED on the 8 day of June, 2026

DISAPPROVED at 3:30 o'clock, p.m.

VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 8 day of June, 2026, at 3:30 o'clock, p.m.

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION TO ENTER INTO A 50 YEAR MASTER LEASE WITH THE TOHONO O'ODHAM KI:KI ASSOCIATION FOR A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE SCHUK TOAK DISTRICT FOR TOKA'S DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS

Moved: COUNCILMAN NED NORRIS, JR.

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN JANET B. ELEANDO

DATE: JUNE 03, 2026

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF ODAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	125.6	X			X
	2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ()	125.6	X			
SELLS 565.7	1. JANET B. ELEANDO ()	282.85	X		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 (<i>Absent</i>) (Nora J. Ruelas) (<i>Present</i>)	120.15	X			X
	2. NAOMI MONTE (Edward D. Manuel)	120.15	X			
HICKIWAN 222.9	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	111.45		X		
	2. DELMA M. GARCIA ()	111.45		X		
GU VO 279.6	1. LESLIE LUNA ()	139.8	X			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			
TOTAL		3,321.1	2,965.05	356.05	[01]	[03]