

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Appointing Legislative Council Alternate Rodney T. Aguilla as
Interim TERO Commissioner)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-322

1 **WHEREAS,** the Legislative Council is vested with the authority to enact ordinances "to
2 promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals, education and
3 general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members" and the power
4 "to provide for, appoint, or provide for the appointment of, and prescribe the
5 duties and powers of committees, boards, officers and agents" (Constitution of
6 the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and 1(b)); and
7 **WHEREAS,** in 1985, the Papago Council enacted the Papago Employment Rights Ordinance
8 ("TERO Ordinance"), which established the Papago Employment Rights
9 Commission, since renamed as the Tribal Employment Rights Commission (the
10 "TERO Commission") and vested the Legislative Council with the power to select,
11 appoint, and remove TERO Commissioners by resolution (13 Tohono O'odham
12 Code Chapter 1, Tribal Employment Rights); and
13 **WHEREAS,** in 2012, the Nation suspended the TERO Commissioners by Resolution No. 12-
14 384 "Suspending TERO Commissioners" and ultimately removed the TERO
15 Commissioners by Resolution No. 14-060 "Removing TERO Commissioners"; and
16 **WHEREAS,** in 2013, when the TERO Commissioners were suspended, but had not yet been
17 removed, interim TERO Commissioners were appointed to serve until
18 successors could be appointed so that the Commission could conduct business,
19 ensure that Indian preference was enforced, and provide necessary services for
20 the Nation's members (Resolution Nos. 13-093, 13-094, 13-095, 13-096); and
21 **WHEREAS,** beginning in 2016, when the previous interim TERO Commissioners resigned,
22 the Legislative Council appointed members of the Human Resources
23 Development Committee as interim Commissioners so that the TERO
24 Commission could continue to conduct business (Resolution No. 16-063,
25 Resolution No. 16-412, Resolution No. 19-241, Resolution No. 22-239); and
26 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 23-124, the Legislative Council approved the appointment of
27 James Moreno to the TERO Commission replacing former Council
28 Representative Lucinda Allen; and
29 **WHEREAS,** on March 10, 2026, the Human Resources Development Committee invited
30 Legislative Council alternates to consider an interim appointment to the TERO
31 Commission; and
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WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 26-138, the Legislative Council approved the appointment of Legislative Council Alternate Cornelius Antone as interim TERO Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2026, James Moreno resigned as TERO Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Development Committee recommends that Legislative Council Alternate Rodney T. Aguilla be appointed to serve as interim TERO Commissioner and to assist the other interim TERO Commissioners with the duties and responsibilities of the TERO Commission.

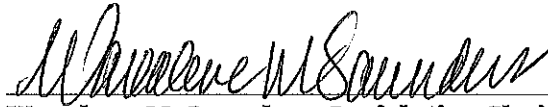
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council appoints Legislative Council Alternate Rodney T. Aguilla as an interim TERO Commissioner, provided that:

(1) nothing in this resolution precludes the Legislative Council from appointing TERO Commissioners to replace interim TERO Commissioner Rodney T. Aguilla or any interim TERO Commissioners; and

(2) if interim TERO Commissioner Rodney T. Aguilla no longer serves on the Legislative Council as an alternate, his appointment to the TERO Commission shall expire immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 17TH day of SEPTEMBER 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,489.1 FOR; 832.0 AGAINST; [01] NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(h) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

19 day of September, 2026

ATTEST:



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

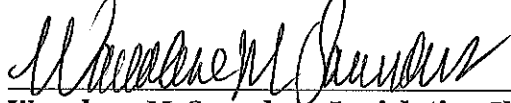
23 day of September, 2026

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Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 24 day of September, 2026 at 9:58 o'clock, a.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 24 day of September, 2026

☐ DISAPPROVED

at 2:31 o'clock, p.m.


VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 24 day of

September, 2026, at 3:17 o'clock, p.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPOINTING LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ALTERNATE RODNEY T. AGUILLA AS INTERIM TERO COMMISSIONER

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN GLORIA JOHNSON

DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez) 2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA (Dionne Kuth-Le)	125.6 125.6	X X			
SELLS 565.7	1. JANET B. ELEANDO () 2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Juan Buendia)	282.85 282.85		X X		
SCHUK TOAK 195.3	1. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine) 2. DELISA M. RAMON (Quintin C. Lopez)	97.65 97.65	X 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 (Lorraine M. Eller) 2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	133.15 133.15		X X		
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (<i>Absent</i>) (Nora J. Ruelas) (<i>Present</i>) 2. NAOMI MONTE (Edward D. Manuel)	120.15 120.15	X X			X
HICKIWAN 222.9	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega) 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			
GU ACHI 289.2	1. GLORIA JOHNSON (Rodney T. Aguilla) 2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (<i>Absent</i>) (Victoria A. Hobbs) (<i>Present</i>)	144.6 144.6	X X			X
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY () 2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	180.95 180.95	X X			X
	1. JESSE NAVARRO () 2. NED NORRIS, JR. (Leander Mase)	199.45 199.45	X X			
TOTAL		3,321.1	2,489.1	832.0	[01]	[03]