

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**(Approving FY 2027 Professional Services Contract between the Tohono O'odham**  
**Nation and Robert J. Curigliano, Esq. of Curigliano Law PLLC)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-343**

1 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative**  
2 **Council with the power "to employ legal counsel for the protection and**  
3 **advancement of the Tohono O'odham Nation..." (Constitution of the Tohono**  
4 **O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section 2(a)); and**

5 **WHEREAS, the increasing needs of Tribal Members ("Members") for legal representation**  
6 **has caused a need for contracted attorneys to represent Members in cases where**  
7 **the Tohono O'odham Advocate Program is ethically conflicted out of the**  
8 **representation; and**

9 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Advocate Program has prepared and submitted for review**  
10 **and approval FY 2027 Professional Services Contract between the Tohono**  
11 **O'odham Nation ("Nation") and Robert J. Curigliano, Esq., which is incorporated**  
12 **herein by this reference, to represent Tribal Members in certain Civil Conflict**  
13 **Cases who cannot be represented by the Nation's Advocate Program due to a**  
14 **conflict of interest; and**

15 **WHEREAS, fees for services provided under this Contract will be paid out of the FY 2027**  
16 **Advocate Program Budget in accordance with the terms of the FY 2027**  
17 **Professional Services Contract with Robert J. Curigliano, Esq., which shall**  
18 **extend from October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027; and**

19 **WHEREAS, the Domestic Affairs Committee has reviewed the contract and recommends**  
20 **approval by the Legislative Council.**

21 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the**  
22 **FY 2027 Professional Services Contract between the Tohono O'odham Nation and**  
23 **Robert J. Curigliano, Esq. in substantially the form attached.**

24 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council authorizes and directs**  
25 **the Nation's chairperson to execute the Professional Services Contract, provided**  
26 **that any amendments to the Professional Services Contract shall be submitted**  
27 **for prior approval by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.**

28 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
29 **day of SEPTEMBER 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR;**  
30 **~~-0-~~ AGAINST; [01] NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council**  
31 **by Article VI, Section 2 (a) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the**  
32 **Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**  
33 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of**  
34 **June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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Wavalene M. Saunders  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

29 day of September, 2026

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

29 day of September, 2026

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 29 day of September, 2026 at 8:15 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  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

☒ APPROVED

on the 30 day of September, 2026

☐ DISAPPROVED

at 3:42 o'clock, p.m.

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VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 30 day of

September, 2026, at 4:00 o'clock, p.m.

Evonne Wilson  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

**ACTION: APPROVING FY 2027 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION AND ROBERT J. CURIGLIANO, ESQ. OF CURIGLIANO LAW PLLC**

**Moved: COUNCILMAN FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA      SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 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>(Dionne Kuth-Le)       | 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  |         | X          |        |
| GU ACHI<br>289.2     | 1. GLORIA JOHNSON<br>(Rodney T. Aguilla)<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  |         |            | X      |
| BABOQUIVARI<br>398.9 | 1. JESSE NAVARRO<br>( )<br>2. NED NORRIS, JR.<br>(Leander Mase)                            | 199.45<br>199.45 | X<br>X  |         |            |        |
| TOTAL                |                                                                                            | 3,321.1          | 3,321.1 | -0-     | [01]       | [01]   |