

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**(Approving Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2025 – FY 2027 Attorney Contract with**  
**Dentons US LLP for Border Issues)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-360**

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, Article VI, Section**  
4 **2(a)); and**

5 **WHEREAS, the FY 2025 – FY 2027 Attorney Contract between Dentons US LLP and the Tohono**  
6 **O'odham Nation Office of Attorney General ("Attorney Contract") for legal**  
7 **services related border issues was approved by the Legislative Council by**  
8 **resolution No. 24-341; and**

9 **WHEREAS, the cost of services provided by Dentons US LLP are projected to exceed the**  
10 **original contract cap amount and the contract requires an amendment to**  
11 **accommodate the actual cost of services; and**

12 **WHEREAS, the Office of Attorney General has prepared Amendment No. 1 to the Attorney**  
13 **Contract, which is incorporated herein by reference and will be funded by the FY**  
14 **2025 – FY 2027 Office of Attorney General Budgets; and**

15 **WHEREAS, the Domestic Affairs Committee has reviewed Amendment No. 1 to the Attorney**  
16 **Contract and recommends approval by the Legislative Council.**

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves**  
18 **Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2025 – FY 2027 Attorney Contract between Dentons US**  
19 **LLP and the Tohono O'odham Nation Office of Attorney General for border**  
20 **issues, in substantially the form attached, which shall be funded by the Office of**  
21 **Attorney General Budget.**

22 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council authorizes and directs**  
23 **the Nation's chairperson to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Attorney Contract,**  
24 **provided that any further amendments shall be submitted for prior approval by**  
25 **the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.**

26 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
27 **day of SEPTEMBER 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,992.65**  
28 **FOR; 328.45 AGAINST; [01] NOT VOTING; and [04] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the**  
29 **Council by Article VI, Section 2(a) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted**  
30 **by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy**  
31 **Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the**  
32 **Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**  
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Wavalene M. Saunders  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

30 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 30 day of September, 2026 at 9:15 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 11:08 o'clock, a.m.

Verlon M. Jose Vice Chairman on behalf of  
VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 30 day of

September, 2026, at 11:19 o'clock, a.m.

Evonne Wilson  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

**ACTION: APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE FY 2025 – FY 2027 ATTORNEY CONTRACT WITH DENTONS US LLP FOR BORDER ISSUES**

**Moved: COUNCILMAN BENNETT CHEWING**

**SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 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        |         | 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  |            | 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. Eller)<br>2. ROGER MANUEL ( <i>Absent</i> )<br>(Christina Andrews) ( <i>Present</i> ) | 133.15<br>133.15 | X        | X       |            |        |
| PISINEMO<br>240.3    | 1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ<br>(Nora J. Ruclas)<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   |         |            | 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>(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   |         |            | X      |
| TOTAL                |                                                                                                                            | 3,321.1          | 2,992.65 | 328.45  | [01]       | [04]   |