LEGISLATIVE ORDER OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (Denying Accused Judge's Motion to Continue Suspension Hearing)

LEGISLATIVE ORDER NO. 13-369

1	WHEREAS,	the Legislative Council is exclusively vested with the authority to suspend
2		Nation's judges from office for criminal conduct, gross neglect of duty, and other
3		grounds, subject to a reasonable cause determination by the Judiciary
4		Committee and a final determination by the Legislative Council (6 T.O.C.
5		Chapter 4, Suspension of Judges); and
6	WHEREAS,	the Legislative Council Judiciary Committee is vested with authority to
7		determine whether "there is reasonable cause to believe that the accused judge
8		has committed an offense for which suspension is available as charged in the
9		suspension statement" (6 T.O.C. Chapter 4, Section 4104); and
10	WHEREAS,	on August 5, 2013 Chief Judge Violet Lui-Frank ("Complainant") filed with the
11		Judiciary Committee chairperson an Amended Suspension Statement
12		requesting the suspension of Judge Larry K. Yazzie ("Accused Judge") in
13		accordance with the provisions of 6 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 4, Section
14		4103; and
15	WHEREAS,	after providing written notice of its reasonable cause hearing date, a copy of the
16		Amended Suspension Statement, and the Judicial Suspension Reasonable Cause
17		Hearing Procedures to both parties, the Judiciary Committee conducted a
18		suspension reasonable cause hearing on August 27-28, 2013 in accordance with
19		the provisions of 6 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 4, Section 4104; and
20	WHEREAS,	the Accused Judge was given the opportunity to file motions, be present at the
21		hearing, be represented by legal counsel, testify, call and question witnesses,
22		make opening and closing statements, make objections, present evidence, and
23		otherwise answer the charges contained in the Amended Suspension Statement;
24		and
25	WHEREAS,	following deliberations, the Judiciary Committee found reasonable cause that
26		the Accused Judge committed conduct contrary to justice, honesty, modesty or
27		good morals and misconduct reflecting on the dignity and integrity of the
28		Judicial Court as charged in the Amended Suspension Statement; and
29	WHEREAS,	on September 4, 2013, the Legislative Council Secretary serviced the parties with
30		the Judiciary Committee's reasonable cause resolutions, written notice of the
31		Legislative Council's September 17, 2013 suspension hearing, the Amended
32		Suspension Statement, and the Council's Judicial Suspension Hearing
33		Procedures; and
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LEGISLATIVE ORDER NO. 13-369 (Denving Accused Judge's Motion to Continue Suspension Hearing) Page 2 of 2 WHEREAS. on September 12, 2013 legal counsel for the Accused Judge filed a motion to continue the September 17, 2013 suspension hearing and legal counsel for the Complainant filed a response. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it denies the Accused Judge's motion to continue the September 17, 2013 suspension hearing. The foregoing Order was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 12TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2013 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,168,9 FOR; 777,6 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [06] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(a) and 1(l); Article VIII, Sections 3 and 4; and Article XIII, Section 1 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). Q'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL lative Chairman ATTEST: Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: DENYING ACCUSED JUDGE'S MOTION TO CONTINUE SUSPENSION HEARING

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN PAMELA ANGHILL SECOND: COUNCILMAN ARTHUR WILSON

DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Nicholas Jose)	112.1	X			
224.2	2. MARY LOPEZ	112.1	X			
SELLS	1. ARTHUR WILSON (Kimberly Mull)	251.0	Х			
502.0	2. BARBARA HAVIER	251.0	х			
SCHUK TOAK	1. FRANCES B. STEPHENS (Anthony J. Rios)	87.1	х			X
174.2	2. QUINTIN C. LOPEZ (John Fendenheim)	87.1	х			
SAN XAVIER	1. HILARION CAMPUS	112.1	Х			
224.2	2. ADAM ANDREWS (Rachel Vilson-Stoner)	112.1		ж		
SAN LUCY	1. DIANA MANUEL	109.8	x			
219.6	(Gloria Ramirez) 2. JANA MONTANA	109.8	х			
PISINEMO	1. CHESTER ANTONE	105.3	X			
210.6	(Tony Murrietta) 2. EDWARD MANUEL, SR. ()	105.3	:	X		
HICKIWAN	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Michelle Ortega)	98.45	Х			Х
196.9	(Michelle Ortega) 2. SANDRA ORTEGA (Manuel Osequeda, Jr.)	98.45	х			
HIA CED 19.6	1. LORRAINE EILER (Jolene Garcia)	9.8	x			Х
15.0	2. MICHAEL FLORES ()	9.8	Х			
GU VO	1. GRACE MANUEL (Floyd Flores)	120.5		Х		
241.0	2. PAMELA ANGHILL (Jeffery Antone, Sr.)	120.5		X		
GU ACHI	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN	128.65	х	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		
257.3	2. LORETTA LEWIS <i>(Absent)</i> (Louis Johnson) <i>(Present)</i>	128.65	x			X
CHUKUT KUK	1. ETHEL GARCIA	159.6		х		Х
319.2	(Marlakay C. Henry) 2. BILLMAN LOPEZ ()	159.6		x		
BABOQUIVARI	1. FRANCES MIGUEL	178.85	X			х
357.7	(Roberta Harvey) 2. VERNON J. SMITH (Gloria Zazueta)	178.85	x			
	TOTAL	2,946.5	2,168.9	777.6	-0-	[06]