Special Election on GRIC constitution will coincide with General Election on Nov. 3

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Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community will be having a Special Election that coincides with the GRIC General Election and U.S. Presidential election on Nov. 3. In this Special Election, Community Members will be voting to amend the Gila River Constitution, but in order for these changes to be valid, at least 30 percent of registered voters must participate in this election. In 2006, Community Council adopted Resolution GR-30-06 establishing the Tribal Constitution Reform Project. In 2008, the project created a task force of Community members, one from each district, to educate and seek critical input from Community members about the Constitution and bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community, and possible reasons why the constitution should be reformed. The initial constitution was enacted May 14, 1936. The Community has since made some previous amendments to the constitution, first in 1946 and again in 1960 which is now the current constitution. The amendment of Article 15 Powers of the Community, Article III – Membership, Section 3, it states: “A member who establishes residence off the Reservation and remains away from the Reservation continuously for a period of twenty (20) years shall automatically forfeit membership. If he returns to the Reservation, he may be reinstated as a member by majority vote of the Council.” The task force found that this section of the constitution had never been utilized and its origins are unknown. With the majority of the Community agreeing it should be removed. The amendment to this article would delete the 20-year rule, with a YES vote that will remove the language and allow member to maintain their membership if they remain away for 20 years. Voting NO would keep the current language.

Article XI – Districts

Currently, Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution states that the area known as Co-op shall be within District 6. However, the legal boundaries stated in Article 11 of the constitution place Co-op within District 7. When the task force first reached out to the Community, the boundary issue was one of the first to be raised. During task force meetings, Community members made several appearances to explain the historical and political reasons why Co-op should be part of District Six.

In 2009, a proposed legal description and maps that would place the village of Co-op in District Six was submitted by co-op residents and forwarded to Land Use Planning and Zoning who confirmed the accuracy and supported the proposed amendment. A YES vote will change the legal boundaries of District 7 and District 6, while voting NO would keep the current boundary and the majority of Co-op will remain in District 7.

District 7 Community Council Representative Devin Redbird stated that, “The District would like to remain unified and keep the current boundary as currently identified.” Article 15 Powers of the Gila River Indian Community – Secretary of Interior The amendment of Article XV will remove the Secretary of Interior from Community Council’s ordinance and resolution approval process. Currently, Articles 3 and 15 of the constitution state that the Secretary of Interior has the authority to review certain kinds of ordinances and resolutions enacted by the Community Council, including civil and criminal codes and ordinances regulating tribal membership. Voting YES would remove the Secretary of the Interior from the Ordinance and Resolution approval process. A NO vote will keep the current constitution. Currently, in the constitution of the Gila River Indian Community, it states that in order for the amendments to be
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Source: National Congress of American Indians, U.S. Census Bureau

ITCA CENSUS ESSAY CONTEST

The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona asked American Indian/Alaska Native students who attend a high school, college, or university in Arizona to commit to the official ITCA Census 2020 Pledge Card and answer the following question in 500 words or less: Why is participating in the Census 2020 important to you? Community Member and Jr. Miss Gila River Sineca Jackson was selected as a contest finalist. In her essay Sineca expresses that the “Census is our opportunity to shape the future for our community, if we were not included tribes could lose funding for housing, public safety, transportation education and more. The US census is important due to our entire representative democracy being based on it, it assists tribes in understanding their communities and helps with the distribution of public funds.” “This hugely impacts our tribal governments use of funds and helps improve the lifestyles of those within them. The ability to oversee a community this way ensures fair allocations to the funds that support tribal programs in meeting community members needs. If we do not have an accurate AIAN count we could risk losing funding; since our tribe’s luxuries and programs rely on this we would all be at a potential disadvantage if it were not for the data collected by census”.

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Return the completed questionnaire by mail using the self-addressed stamped envelope or use the unique 12-digit code on your questionnaire to respond online at www.2020census.gov or by phone (844) 330-2020. If you received your questionnaire in the mail use your address for online or phone response.

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Community members can express themselves creatively with GRIC Voices

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

With the shift in lifestyle, work, and school due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tribal Education Department and Gila River Health Care are working together to build a virtual space for Community members to creatively express their feelings. GRIC Voices is a project to showcase creative expression of life in the Community during the pandemic and “share inspiration.”

Through GRIC Voices, Community members can submit poetry, essays, photos, paintings, and videos to express themselves in the era of COVID-19. During this time with social distancing, employment and school disruptions, and minimal in-person interaction, it is easy to feel secluded with anxiety and stress. That notion is a primary purpose for the project.

In contrast, the committee hopes to demonstrate the unique effects of life during COVID-19 while providing a healthy outlet. Anthony Gray, the Cultural Coordinator at TED, said, “We want to give the people a voice to express themselves because the feeling of being closed up can lead to negative thoughts. And it’s perfectly fine to feel that way, but to get it out in a healthy way is a primary goal for this.”

Gray also hopes that while gathering submissions, they can also share information for a crisis anxiety, and stress phone lines, as seen on the flyer.

Co-chair for the GRIC Voices, Anna Pacheco, Prevention Education Specialist-Lead GRIC Behavioral Health Services, said, “What’s driving this project is to allow everyone in the Community to have a voice, to speak to one another, strengthen one another, and stay Gila River strong.”

In May, Tribal Education Department and GRIC’s Behavioral Health staff wanted to create a space for the Community to speak of their experiences during this time while virtually connecting others with similar experiences. Eventually, a planning committee was formed to collectively host a virtual showcase of talent from Community members featuring art, poetry, and videos.

Though there will be incentives given to the first 50 entries, the program is non-competitive. Instead, GRIC Voices will showcase and encourage viewers to “not feel alone” during the pandemic. Pacheco said, “We do have similarity in feelings of frustration, and maybe it feels like ‘it’s just me going through this,’” but by voicing our feelings, we can be positive encouragement for the Community.”

GRIC Voices is similar to the annual Yes2Life and Mul-Chu-Tha essay and art contest, except for the competition portion and allowing for entries from all ages. Part of the effort is to draw from all generations that comprise the Community, especially elders. The committee felt it was integral for elders to participate because they also have their perspectives and wisdom to share.

The committee also encourages everyone to be creative and promote anything unique and expressive. There is no right or wrong idea to submit but be tasteful, appropriate, and original.

Gray mentioned that he had viewed videos online through the Facebook website. Though funny most times, he realized they could provide a positive message, that’s also an option for everyone to consider.

The submission deadline is Aug. 28, and all submissions will need to be free from derogatory language or inappropriate content such as references to drugs and alcohol.

So if you or someone you know would like to participate, your submission will need to be emailed to Anthony Gray at Anthony.gray@gric.nsn.us. Those who would like to submit a video, audio recording, and anything media-related will need to email your submission to Reuben Rangero at editBox at edit2video@gmail.com.

Beginning in September, submissions will be showcased online through all of the official GRIC social media platforms.

For further information, please contact Anthony Gray via email or by phone at (520) 562-3662.

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Cold Case Offices in Indian Country.

At the moment, there are plans to open seven task force offices across the country in major city centers, near tribal communities. The first cold case office opened in Billings, Mont., where Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, was present to highlight DOI’s efforts to assist with cases involving missing and murdered Indigenous people in the region and across the Nation.

Additional, other offices in Minnesota, South Dakota and Albuquerque are now open to address cold cases in Indian Country. [They] are evidence, that we are taking seriously the concerns of tribal communities who want to know the circumstances of their people, who have gone missing or fallen victim to murder,” said Charles Addington, Deputy Bureau Director for the BIA Office of Justice Services.

“The Blackfeet Nation is in full support of the Cold Case Murder Task opening in region and are hopeful that this will be path forward for providing justice to many Indian families who have lost ones to either murder and or abduction,” said Timothy Davis Blackfeet Tribe.

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Open call to GRIC Voices
What’s on your mind?
What message do you want to share with others?
Express your thoughts, feelings, and emotions through the COVID-19 pandemic.

SING - DANCE - DRAW - SPEAK - WRITE - POETRY - YOUR VIDEO!

IN 2 MINUTES OR LESS VIDEO, SHARE YOUR EXPRESSION WITH THE COMMUNITY.

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Constitution Amendments Mobile Tour goes through districts to promote Special Election

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Gila River Indian News

The “Constitution Amendments Mobile Tour,” traveled throughout the Gila River Indian Community to provide information on the upcoming Special Election. Due to the pandemic, outreach to the Community has required alternate ways to engage with Community members while the Community still maintains the mask-up and stay-at-home orders.

On Saturday, Aug. 15, in a parade-like style, three vehicles lined up and made announcements through a PA system while driving through some of the Districts’ residential areas and Service Centers with information and promotional items on the Constitution Amendments that are up for vote in the Special Election on Nov. 3.

The tour kicked off on Saturday morning, in District 7 at the Pee Posh housing subdivision and D7 Multi-purpose building parking lot. The tour moved on to District 6: 51st Avenue housing and swap meet, Lone Butte housing, District 5: Sacate housing and ended the day at the Arts & Crafts parking lot on Casa Blanca Road. A brief history on the upcoming Special Election, Constitution and amendments, important upcoming dates and contact information was announced during the tour and 230 t-shirts, cups, pens, clips and hand sanitizers were given away.

The tour continued on Sunday morning, Aug. 16 in District 4 Goodyear housing/Snaketown, George Webb housing, Gila Butte housing, D4 Service Center parking lot, District 3: South housing, Sacaton Supermarket parking lot, East housing, and the Post Office parking lot. District 2: Hashan Kehk housing, D2 Multi-purpose building parking lot and District 1: Veteran’s Building parking lot and D1 Service Center parking lot. This mobile tour approach allowed members to stay safe at home or in their vehicles while volunteers for the mobile tour wore masks and gloves to adhere to COVID-19 safety guidelines provided by the Community.

approved, at least thirty (30) percent of registered voters must vote in such election. The Communications & Public Affairs Office has put together a Constitution outreach team to promote and educate GRIC members about the important Special Election.

Due to the pandemic, outreach to the Community has required more creativity to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and maintain physical distancing. A virtual constitutional convention will be held on Saturday, August 29 and broadcasted on Gila River Broadcasting Corp., to inform Community members about the special elections and to answer any questions.

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FROM THE FRONT PAGE
Shia: ‘em tha:hathag? How are you feeling?

During these unprecedented times, it’s important to check on one another concerning our physical health and mental well-being. When you’re with a family member who looks under the weather or want to find out how they are feeling, a useful question to ask in O’otham is “Sha: ‘em tha:hathag?” (How are you feeling?) This question is made up of three parts. The first is the question word Shia: that speakers and learners might recognize from phrases like “Shap ai masma?” and “Shap ai chu’ig” Shia: is the question word in O’otham that correspond to the English question word (How?) The second word ‘em is the pronoun that signifies (you) and tells the family member that you are talking to them directly. The last word in this question is tha:hathag which is the O’otham word for feeling a certain way. If you wanted to ask about someone other than the person you’re talking to (a third person) you would not use any pronoun but instead say their name at the end of the question. For example, you could ask Shia tha:hathag heg Victoria? (How is Victoria feeling?) You could also ask someone, “Sha: tha:hathag heg ‘em Jé’? (How is your Mom feeling?).

You can make this question a bit more specific by adding a short phrase indicating the time of day that you are referring to. For example, if you are asking someone how they are feeling and it happens to be in the morning you could say “Sha: ‘em tha:hathag ithi sam-juk” (How are you feeling this morning?) If it is midday you can change ithi sam-juk to ithi tham-juk to form the question “Sha: ‘em tha:hathag ithi tham-juk” (How are you feeling this afternoon?) When it is the late afternoon you can use the phrase ithi mu’i-juk and if it is evening you can use ithi huduñig. Each of these short added phrases are made up of the O’otham word ithi (this) plus the time of day. If you want to be non-specific with the time of day you can also use the phrase ithi thahika to ask “Sha: ‘em tha:hathag ithi thahika?” (How are you feeling today?)

There are many ways to answer “Sha: ‘em tha:hathag?” and they all depend on how you are actually feeling. The most common response that speakers will use, especially if they really don’t want to get into all the details of their life, is to simply say “Mañ sap eñ tha:hathag.” (I’m good!) If you want to stress that you’re feeling happy you can add the phrase “Mañ sap eñ tha:hathag!” and if you’re really feeling happy and overjoyed over something you could say “Mañ sap eñ tha:hathag!”

Some other possible answers to the question “Sha: ‘em tha:hathag?” include “S-ko:sim ‘anth,” if you’re tired. These responses are formed in the same way, using the words biu:gim (to be hungry) and thonom (to be thirsty) along with the auxiliary word ‘anth which tells the listener that you are referring to yourself. There are many more possible ways to answer the question “Sha: ‘em tha:hathag!” If you’re a learner, ask an elder or speaker in your family about how they would ask and answer the question. Questions and answers may be slightly different between the villages. We encourage you to speak O’otham in your everyday lives. This month’s word match will give you more practice on using the question and ways to answer “Sha: ‘em tha:hathag!”

A special Thank You for the Vah-Ki District Elders for sharing their knowledge of O’otham heek which made this article possible.

Shia: ‘em tha:hathag? Match the Feeling response with its picture!

Mañ sap eñ tha:hathag

Shoig eñ tha:hathag

Thonom ‘anth

S-ko:sim ‘anth

Gevkvo ‘anth

Bi’a shai up eñ tha:hathag

Bi:ugim ‘anth

Veterans and Family Services Office presents displays to Vietnam veteran

Robert Rhodes, a Gila River Indian Community member, graduated from Casa Grande Union High School in 1965. During his senior year, Robert took a course in Aeronautics & Basic ground flight school. The same year Robert received his draft notice and enlisted in the U.S. Army. Robert was sent to Fort Bliss, Texas for basic flight school. Upon completion of basic flight school, the 82nd Abn Division was sent to Fort Ord, Calif, for Infantry Tactics/Radio Telephone Operator. Then to Fort Benning Ga., to Airborne school. Robert was assigned to the 82nd Abn Division, 1st / 504th Company C at the Dominican Republic where they were involved in Operation (Fast Strike). On Oct. 21 1968, Robert completed his tour of duty.

Robert was assigned to Active Reserve with 22nd Abn Ft Carson CO. In 1975, he joined the Army National Guard in Casa Grande, Ariz., where he retired SSgt as Combat Infantry Tactical Communication Chief. On Aug. 3, the Veteran & Family Service Office staff along with the District 3 Council Representatives Rodney Jackson and Avery White gathered at Mr. Rhodes residence, in his front yard to present him with a shadow box that contained his Military Ribbons, Badges and Patches. A separate board displayed his military medals which included the Army Achievement medal w/4 oak leaf clusters, the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnam Service medal w/star the Armed Forces Expeditionary medal and the National Defense Service Medal to name a few. All presentation items were assembled by VFSO staff member Darrell Whitman. On behalf of the GRIC Veteran & Family Service Office, it was an honor for all to pay recognition to Mr. Robert Rhodes and recognize his service to this country and to say “Thank You.”

Robert stated, during his Tour of Duty “He gave his all for God and Country.” After returning home, “He gave his Heart and Soul to his late wife of 47 yrs. and daughter.”

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Artisans are using their talents to help GRIC ‘Mask Up!’ during pandemic

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

In the midst of a pandemic, face coverings are the new normal in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. Artisans in the Gila River Indian Community are doing their part to make sure everyone can “Mask Up!” as the slogan says.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis’ Executive Order No. 8 is still in effect which mandates the use of face coverings in the Community. Local arts and crafts enthusiasts are using their skills to offer an alternative for conventional face coverings and masks for GRIC members.

“In this Community, we are seeing some of our more creative Community members taking it upon themselves to make masks,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. He added, besides being one of the effective ways to protect against the spread of COVID-19, it is good to know there are Community members making masks for others.

Across the Community, individuals are creating face masks with an endless variety of designs from floral, traditional and even with sports logos. Gila River Health Care campaigns are also calling on youth to submit designs for face mask promotions on health awareness.

These types of campaigns address serious health disparities while incorporating artwork and messages on face masks. Others like GRIC member, Sunshine Pablo, is using her talents to help those most vulnerable to COVID-19. Pablo, from District 3, discussed why she started making face masks.

“The whole idea of wanting to learn how to make face masks were to provide for the Elderly Complex of District 3,” she said.

“All of her masks are made from 100 percent cotton fabric with patterns of her choosing or by request.

“Keep in mind I am nowhere [near] being a professional seamstress, however I do enjoy helping where I can. At this time, I do not sell my face mask, this is my way of helping my family and the Community to stay safe for our well-being,” said Pablo.

AOPPYC Youth Workshops will begin in September

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Gila River Indian News

On the heels of the successful 32nd Annual Akimel O’odham Pee-Posh Youth Council (AOPPYC) Youth Conference in July, the AOPPYC is keeping the momentum going with a virtual workshop series for youth starting next month.

The series will include instructional workshops and seminars on four areas that youth from the conference enjoyed most and that would like to see more of in the future.

Michael Preston, AOPPYC Coordinator, said, “Outside of learning a new skill we really want to use these as a way to connect youth with their peers and create a network that wouldn’t have been possible if not participating in the workshop.”

In a post-conference survey, the youth expressed their interest in more hands-on activities along with more O’otham and Pee Posh cultural teachings.

With that in mind, Preston decided to combine the two to develop the new series.

The Youth Council hosted two hands-on workshops on mask coverings and pottery, and Preston saw the promise of providing a series of workshops for youth to learn a new skill. According to Preston, the series is also an opportunity for youth to build a mentorship with the instructors and expand their knowledge.

The series will be on Wednesdays starting Sept. 2 with a beading workshop presented by Christine Porter of CP Creations. The following will be a painting workshop facilitated by Paul Molina on Sept. 9.

The third workshop is a clay pottery workshop presented by Yolanda Hart Stevens on Sept. 16. The final workshop is Preston’s entrepreneurship workshop scheduled for Sept. 30.

All the workshops will start at 6 p.m. on the listed dates and can last anywhere from two to three hours. The workshops are available to all enrolled GRIC youth ages 13-21-years-of-age.

Space is limited to 20 youth per workshop which is most effective for virtual instruction. Participants must register in advance in order to receive a required “art kit” in the mail before the workshop.

Preston emphasized that youth must be mindful of the times and dates listed.

“If you sign up for a workshop, clear your schedule, and please commit to your workshop’s time and date.” Anyone who registers should also ensure they have reliable internet or WiFi connection as the workshops will be live over the web for up to three hours.

To register for workshops and more information, please visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSxcL8LJogzR3Z3VybCHeLflyqqjuxd0f9lw_tzTjB7GhsDU/y/viewform. You can also contact Michael Preston by email or phone at Michael.Preston@gric.nsn.us or by phone at (520) 562-1866.

Residents at Caring House can cruise to visit family with new program

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Ron Preston, Caring House Administrator, said the Caring House follows strict safety guidelines with the Cruiser Program. According to Preston, the program runs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and residents have options on where they go. They said relatives are welcome to request to see their family member through the Cruiser Program while maintaining safe distancing. Preston added, that the Cruiser Program is also available to residents in the Memory Care Program.
COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS
Courtsey of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • August 5, 2020

ACTION SHEET
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CALL TO ORDER
The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, August 5, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:07 a.m.

INVOCATION
Provided by Lt. Governor Robert Stone

ROLL CALL
Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:
D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Regina Antone-Smith; D5-James De La Rosa, Thomas White; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird
Council Members Absent:
D2-Carol Schurz; D5-Martin Dixon, Vacant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #1 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CORRECT RESOLUTION #2 AND CORRECT NEW BUSINESS #3

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #2 AND #3; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1, #2, AND #3; NEW BUSINESS #2 THROUGH #5 AND #8 THROUGH #12 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS
1. Introduction – Trina M. Hart, Director of Tribal Social Services
   Presenter: Frank Pablo, Sr.
   MR. FRANK PABLO, SR. INTRODUCED MS. TRINA M. HART. MS. HART PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND PLANS FOR THE DEPARTMENT. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

2. Introduction of Cindy Lewis, Sacaton Middle School Principal
   Presenters: Dr. Cheryl Paul, Cindy Lewis
   DR. CHERRYL PAUL INTRODUCED MS. CINDY LEWIS. MS. LEWIS PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WRITTEN WELCOME REPORTS
   >1. Office Of The Prosecutor’s April 1, 2020 – June 20, 2020 (3rd Quarter Report)
   Presenter: Michael Voyles
   ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   Presenter: Carolina Kelley
   ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. GRICUA Report – FY 20 2nd Quarter Report
   (January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020)
   Presenters: Pamela Thomas, Leonard Gold
   ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

   Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee
   REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council (Executive Session)
   Presenters: Dale Enos, Melvin S. Sanderson
   REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTIONS
   >1. A Resolution Approving The Policy For The Temporary Rental Assistance Program Administered By The Department Of Housing Development (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)
   Presenter: Wayne M. Allison
   ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

   >2. A Resolution Approving The Revised Gila River Indian Community Development Proposal Review Process And Rescinding Resolution GR-75-12 And Resolutions GR-170-12 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)
   Presenters: Casandra Wallace, Elizabeth Antone
   ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

   >3. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Transfer Of The Gila River Indian Community General Assistance Program Services From Tribal Social Services Department To The Community Services Department (H&SSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
   Presenter: Laurie Thomas
   ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

   ORDINANCES
   UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
   1. Clenera LLC Solar Project – MOU And Term Sheet (Executive Session) (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)
   Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Denten Robinson
   ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUPPORT THE MEMORIAL AIRFIELD SOLAR PROJECT, THE SIGNED MOU AND APPROVAL OF THE LEASE TERM SHEET
   NEW BUSINESS
   1. Vacancy on the Housing Owner’s Team (G&MSC forwards to Council for nomination and action of Council Members)
   Presenter: Javier Ramos
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN JAMES DE LA ROSA
   >2. Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Audit (G&MSC motions to accept and forward to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement in the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)
   Presenters: Stephen T. Harris, Albert Cheung
   ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

   Presenters: Michael Morago, Donna Stowell, Henry & Horne
   ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

   >4. City of Maricopa Proposed Lease for Monument Sign (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)
   Presenter: Elizabeth Antone
   ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

   >5. El Paso Natural Gas Scholarship Revisions (ESC forwards to Council under New Business as FYI and placement on the consent agenda)
   Presenters: Isaac Salcido Trina Hart
   ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

   6. 2020 Primary Election Candidates-Certification Of Qualifications (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a recommendation to certify the Candidates for Lieutenant Governor and move to the Primary Election David Anderson, Carolyn Kay Thompson, Miguel Valencia, Weldon J. Saltkey, Monica Lynn Antone) (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council the Candidates for Lt. Governor Joseph Manuel Jr., to not certify based upon the declaration affidavit is incorrect) (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a recommendation to certify the candidates for the Associate Judge and move to the General Election Sheri L. Cassa, Charles W. Aragon, Janice F. Breckenridge, Anthony J. Hill) (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a recommendation to certify one Candidate for the office of Chief Judge and to move to the General Election Joseph Manuel) (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a recommendation to certify the candidates for the office of Governor and to move to the General Election Robert Stone, Stephen Roe Lewis)
   Presenter: Nadine Shettle
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE CANDIDATES FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND MOVE TO THE PRIMARY ELECTION DAVID ANDERSON, CAROLYN KAY THOMPSON, MIGUEL VALENCIA, WELDON J. SALTKEY AND MONICA LYNN ANTOINE MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO NOT CERTIFY JOSEPH MANUEL JR. BASED UPON THE

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MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE JUDGE AND TO MOVE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION SHERI L. CASSA, CHARLES W. ARAHON, JANICE F. BRECKENRIDGE, ANTHONY J. HILL
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF CHIEF JUDGE AND TO MOVE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION JOSEPH MANUEL
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR AND TO MOVE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION ROBERT STONE AND STEPHEN ROE LEWIS

7. Certification Of Qualifications-District Five Community Council Candidates (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a recommendation to certify the candidates for the District Five Community Council position Brian E. Davis Sr., Pamela J. Vega, Serena Joaquin, Jacob Antone, Deborah A. Norris) Present: Nadine Shelde
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DISTRICT FIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL POSITION BRIAN E. DAVIS SR., PAMELA J. VEGA, SERENA JOAQUIN, JACOB ANTOINE AND DEBORAH A. NORRIS

8. Sacaton Middle School Tribal Allocation Revised Written Plan (ESC motioned to approve the request and to forward to Council with placement on the consent agenda) Present: KIM FRANKLIN
MOTION MADE AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. Sacaton Elementary School Tribal Allocation Revised Written Plan (ESC motioned to approve the request and to forward to Council with placement on the consent agenda) Present: Wanda Burton
MOTION MADE AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. Casa Blanca Community School Tribal Allocation Revised Written Plan (ESC motioned to approve the request and to have the presenter submit the signed Tribal Allocation Revised Written Plan and for placement on the consent agenda) Present: Kim Franklin
MOTION MADE AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

11. Gila Crossing Community School Tribal Allocation Revised Written Plan (ESC motioned to approve the request and to forward to Council with the additions added to the cover letter and placement on the consent agenda) Present: Jim Mosley
MOTION MADE AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12. Blackwater Community School Tribal Allocation Revised Written Plan (ESC motioned to approve the request and to forward to Council with placement on the consent agenda) Present: Jagdish Sharma
MOTION MADE AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES
1. June 17, 2020 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. July 15, 2020 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS
~ IOPC WORK SESSION WITH G&MSC FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2020, 9AM, LONE BUTTE EVENT CENTER
~ SPECIAL G&MSC MEETING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020
~ H&SSC WORK SESSION WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020

ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:24 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)
> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

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**Labor Day**
**Monday, September 7, 2020**

Gila River Health Care’s Administrative Offices will be closed. Primary Care clinics will be open 9/5/20.

**HHKMH Pharmacy Hours**

- **Saturday, 9/5** ......... 8:30 am - Midnight
- **Sunday, 9/6** .......... Noon - 10 pm
- **Monday, 9/7** ......... CLOSED

For information on services open during the holiday, please call GRHC’s main line (520) 562-3321. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, 9/8/20. If you need immediate assistance, call 911 or visit the Emergency Department at HHKMH.
The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for the renewal of the air quality operating permits for the following facilities:

- **Facility Name, Facility Type, District**
  - Champion Homes, Pre-manufactured homes, 4 CEMEX Santan/Sacaton Plant, Concrete batch plant, 4 CalPortland, Concrete batch plant, 4 Rock Solid Concrete, batch plant, 4 Hanson Plant #8, Concrete batch plant, 4 Gila River Sand & Gravel – Maricopa Plant, Sand & gravel mine, 4 Gila River Sand & Gravel – Santan Plant, Sand & gravel mine, 4 Tokia Sticks Chevron, Gas station, N/A Slatecreek, Medical waste, 4 Air Contaminants: Emitted: Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Sulfur Oxides (SOx), Particulate Matter (PM), Particulate Matter <10 Microns (PM10), Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs).

Public Notice Start Date: August 7, 2020
Public Notice End Date: September 7, 2020

Public comments will be accepted in writing until the public notice end date, after which the DEQ will review and respond to all the comments received. Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Criteria for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision. Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for review on the AQP website at: http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/education-outreach/public-notices. Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to: Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality, Attn: Ryan Eberle, Mailing Address: P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147

For further information or to schedule an in-person review, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520) 796-3781 / ryan.eberle@gric.nsn.us.
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