COVID-19 PANDEMIC

GRIC Leaders Sworn-in During Virtual Inauguration

Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Antone Look Forward to Working Together to lead the Community

Communications & Public Affairs Office

(Sacaton, Arizona) – A virtual inauguration ceremony was held to recognize the taking of office by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, Chief Judge Joseph Manuel, and Associate Judges Sherri Casas, Charles Aragon, Janice Brockenridge, Darren Pedro-Martinez and Anthony Hill.

The idea to host a virtual inauguration was done to be in accordance with the Community’s COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

The inauguration marks the beginning of Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis’ third term as Governor of the Community, and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone’s return as Lt. Governor, a position she previously held from 2015 to 2017.

The virtual event included traditional O’otham and Pee Posh singers and a performance by Two Rivers Singers.

Remarks were shared by Community members of all ages, from the Gila River Royalty Court, Akimel O’odham Pee Posh Youth Council and District 3 elder Corrine Escalante.

Gov. Lewis remarked, “I am humbled by the confidence the Community has shown in re-electing me to be Governor of the Community, especially during this time of unprecedented crisis. I look forward to working with Lt. Gov. Antone and the Community Council as we see our way through the pandemic while continuing our work on the long-term goals of the Community.”

He highlighted the priorities of the Community, around its water resources, providing quality education to students, economic development and the pandemic, among other items. Lt. Gov. Antone stated, “I am pleased to be able to again serve the Community as Lt. Governor and look forward to carrying out the priorities and goals of the Community during my tenure.”

She said it is important to continually provide services at a critical time, when the Community must be unite in tackling the issues.

The virtual inauguration also highlighted the Community’s efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic and the tribal leaderships commitment to getting its members the services they need.

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The inauguration can be re-watched on GRBC on channels 19.1 and 29.1.

Gila River Police Department Segment Airs on GRBC

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Public Safety in the Community has a new outlet to highlight developing issues, current events, and the work of the Gila River Police Department (GRPD) efforts to keep the Community safe via Chalihi News.

This news segment is produced by the Gila River Broadcasting Corporation (GRBC) and GRPD. Chalihi News’ first season features several episodes that include dialogue with GRPD staff. The segments cover a wide array of topics and information useful for all Community members.

GRPD’s Chief of Police Timothy Chavez and Detective Barbara Weaver hosts Chalihi News on Gila River Broadcasting Corporation.

The show featured GRPD detectives and Lt. Governor Monica Antone. The episode detailed the effort to Arizona’s House Bill 2570 in 2019. HB 2570 established a statewide task force for interagency information sharing to resolve missing and cold cases on and off Arizona’s Native communities.

Chalihi News’ first season consists of eight episodes and also adorns the GRPD uniform patch. Though this is a new venture for GRPD and Chief Chavez, information sharing goals are critical for the show. “I created this show because I knew there was a need to get out information,” said Chief Chavez. “We have a GRPD app and Facebook, but the information I want to get out is really catered to elders.”

While the show focuses on Community concerns, it also addresses many issues that affect Indian Country, such as the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) movement.

Episode Three focused on local and state MMIWG efforts. The show featured GRPD detectives and Lt. Governor Monica Antone. The episode detailed the effort to Arizona’s House Bill 2570 in 2019. HB 2570 established a statewide task force for interagency information sharing to resolve missing and cold cases on and off Arizona’s Native communities.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:
GRIC ELDER COVID VACCINE UPDATE

COVID VACCINATIONS PROVIDED AT GRHC FACILITIES ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

TO SCHEDULE A VACCINE APPOINTMENT PLEASE CALL:
(602) 528-1482
Monday thru Friday, 8 am - 6 pm
OR EMAIL: c19schedulingbox@grhc.org

After 6 pm and on weekends, Please provide a current phone number and the vaccine scheduling team will contact you to schedule your vaccine.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:
ALL GRIC elders ages 55 and older
ALL elders ages 55 and older living within GRIC boundaries

All Established GRHC Patients Ages 55 And Older With One Or More Of The Chronic Health Conditions Below:

- Cirrhosis
- Heart Disease
- Received an Organ Transplant
- Elder diabetics with one of the following chronic diseases- COPD, rheumatoid arthritis, any cancer, Chronic kidney disease

COVID-19 Test Dates, Flu Vaccines & More! Visit GRHC.ORG/HUB

DRIVE UP COVID-19 TESTING HOURS

HU HU KAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
9 am - 7 pm (MON - FRI)
9am - 5pm (SAT - SUN)

KOMATKKE HEALTH CENTER
Please call (520) 550-6060 to schedule an appointment for COVID-19 testing
8 am - 3:30 pm (MON - FRI)

Gila River Health Care recommends frequent testing for anyone who has not been tested or previously tested negative and has no symptoms. If you are experiencing symptoms please go the ER or Primary Care Department. For COVID-19 test result information, please call: (520) 550-6079

Gila River Indian Community CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449
The Latest COVID-19 Statistics for the Community

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic has been affecting the U.S. for a year now and cases continue to rise. The Gila River Indian Community has been proactive in addressing the many issues brought on by the ongoing pandemic and has advanced Executive Order No. 9. This is the second amendment of the executive order as the Community remains in a state of emergency due to the impact of COVID-19.

GRIC’s Stay-at-home order, partial government shutdown, mask mandate remain in place and gatherings of more than five people, excluding those who live in the same household, are prohibited until March 31, 2021.

Many of the recent COVID-19 cases have been linked to gatherings, particularly funeral services. Previously, the limit on gatherings in the Community was no more than 10 people, but with surge of cases it is now limited to five. In some situations, a waiver from GRIC’s Executive Office may be granted for gatherings larger than 10, after a careful review by the Community’s Tribal Health Department. “This is a significant change and I do not make it lightly,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis in a video addressing the community.

This was supposed to take place last year, but due to COVID, there was a delay in getting the order, said Munoz. “It was taught my whole life how important elders are to us, to give them something they can have and use,” said Munoz.

He said the pandemic pushed a lot of the logistics back, when it came to ordering and having their logo printed on the blankets.

“We have had donations of so many things, like a bag that will help them to accomplish the objective of delivering services to elders in need of supplies, such as clothing and age-specific items,” said Munoz.

“We have had donations from the Gila River Healthcare to get blankets and supplies to homebound elders, who may not be able to get them on their own,” said Brewer.

She said family members and individuals caring for an elder can call the programs main line 520-562-5232 to work with an in-house elder service coordinator to get the fire tablets out to them.

“We understand there is going to be a plan to get them disbursed out and from that we would like to get a tutorial book to aide the elders in how to use the Fire tablets,” said Brewer.

The distribution of the blankets will be through district elderly coordinators, during the delivery of meals to GRIC’s eldest members.

For more information, Community members can contact the Elderly Services Program at 520-562-5232.

### COVID-19 Data Report

**Total Tests = 13,107**

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Local Contractor Makes Donation to Elderly Services Program

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

During the COVID-19 pandemic, a little help can go a long way. Carlos Munoz, of PIMMEX General Contracting, donated blankets to the Elderly Services Program on Feb. 3.

The donation is Munoz’s way of helping elders get the things they need most, during the winter months.

“I was taught my whole life how important elders are to us, to give them something they can have and use,” said Munoz.

He said the pandemic pushed a lot of the logistics back, when it came to ordering and having their logo printed on the blankets.

“This was supposed to take place last year, but due to COVID, there was a delay in getting the order fulfilled,” said Munoz.

He said his business makes annual donations to different age groups in the Community, depending on their needs.

Joanne Brewer, Acting Elderly Services Coordinator and Deputy Director of Community Services Department, was present to receive the donation from PIMMEX. Last year, Brewer was appointed to oversee the program, during the pandemic.

“We coordinated with Carlos to get the numbers and get the blankets here,” said Brewer.

She said they will coordinate a distribution with the districts to have the blankets delivered to the elders.

“Elderly services on our part is an important program, especially during the pandemic with the homemakers service, and we need to take these actions to save lives,” said Brewer.

On February 3, Tribal Health Department’s latest data reported 6,124 COVID-19 cases and 96 deaths. Of those cases reside in the Community. 767,379 COVID-19 cases in the state of Arizona as of February 3.

Munoz and Pima County have reported the most cases. Due to the increase in cases, the Gila River Police Department began safety and education checkpoints in the Community. Checkpoints are set up Friday-Sunday from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. to notify travelers of the executive orders until further notice.

Multiple variants of COVID-19 have been found as viruses are known to mutate and new variants are to be expected over time. Much like the influenza virus, which is why the flu-vaccine is made available annually. Scientists and health officials are closely monitoring these new variants as they learn more cases are expected to rise.

The COVID-19 virus and variants continue to spread easily from person-to-person. With the continued orders in place, it is important to adhere to and protect yourself, family and the Community. Only go out when it is necessary and avoid crowded areas. Always wear a mask and try to stay at least 6 feet apart when you are around others. Wash your hands often but if you are unable, use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.

Stay home if you are sick or if you may have been exposed to the virus and monitor your symptoms closely. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms that include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, headache, muscle or body aches. Symptoms can appear 2-14 days after exposure. If you are experiencing any of these, contact a health care provider.

For additional information on COVID-19 and the Community, including the amended executive order, visit grhc.com/hub.
### GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY FILES $225 MILLION SUIT Against the Trump Administration for Failure to Comply with the Arizona Water Settlements Act

**Communications & Public Affairs Office**

**SACATON, AZ** – The Gila River Indian Community filed a $225 million suit against the Trump Administration in the United States Court of Federal Claims for the United States’ failure to properly invest federal funds set aside for the Community’s and other Arizona tribes’ settlements. The federal funds in question are the Lower Colorado River Basin Development Fund, which the United States has undervested, and at times did not invest at all, resulting in a massive shortfall in the Fund.

Under the Arizona Water Settlements Act (AWSA), the United States has a mandatory statutory duty to invest the Fund for the benefit of the Community and other Arizona tribes with settlements. The United States failed to properly invest the fund, or did not invest the Fund at all, and violated its duty under AWSA. As a result, the value of the Fund decreased by $225 million. AWSA was approved in December 2004, and the United States led its failure to comply with AWSA from 2005 to 2017. The Community first became aware of the United States’ failure in 2017, and soon after this discovery it began discussions with the Trump Administration to find a solution to ensure the Fund’s value would be enough to meet the United States’ settlement obligations under AWSA.

“We entered into good-faith negotiations with the current Administration and thought we had reached a framework agreement at the end of 2019,” said Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor for the Gila River Indian Community. “Unfortunately, it appears the current Administration wasn’t really serious about fixing this problem and strung us along, and now our only option is to sue. I am hopeful that the new Administration will be more receptive to fixing this problem that the United States created,” added Governor Lewis.

For more information or to arrange interviews, contact Roberto Jackson@gric.nsn.us.

Water used by the Community flows from a release valve at the Managed Aquifer Recharge Site 1B in District 1.

Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIC

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### Declaration of Candidacy

**For Office of Community Council**

**Declaration Period:** February 8 thru February 22, 5 p.m.

A member of the Gila River Indian Community residing in one of these districts may declare their candidacy for a Community Council seat per qualifications:

**Districts 1, 4, 5 & 6**

**Declaration of Candidacy (DOC) opens for GRIC community members seeking to declare for Office of Community Council in Districts 1, 4, 5 & 6.** Send your request to TEP@gric.nsn.us for the DOC form or are available at the Tribal Elections office; call for availability prior to arrival.

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- Declaration of Candidacy closes at 5:00 p.m. All forms must be received in the Tribal Elections Office by closing date and time.
- Voter Registration closes for the Community Council election scheduled May 4, 2021.

**February 22, 2021**

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**March 2, 2021**

- Community Election Board to review candidate qualifications of applicants.
- Community Election Board Chairperson – Elected to the Office of Community Council seat.

**March 3, 2021**

- DOC forms are routed to the Departments of Enrollment, Office of General Counsel and Human Resources office to ascertain qualifications of applicants.
- Voter Registration closes for the Community Council election scheduled May 4, 2021.

**March 17, 2021**

- Community Election Board to certify applicants who declared for candidacy for office of Community Council at their second meeting in March.

**May 4, 2021**

- GRIC Community Council Election Day in Districts 1, 4, 5 & 6.
- Polling Sites Open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. TEP office @ 520-562-9715
- Absentee ballots can be dropped off at any polling site before the polling site closes @ 7:00 p.m.

**June 2, 2021**

- Newly elected/re-elected Council Candidates are sworn into office at the first Community Council meeting in June.

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**Gila River Indian News February 5, 2021**
By Billy Allen

Wednesday, January 6, 2021: How did you react to the Capitol takeover by the pro-Trump protestors? Through the years, others might have had the same reaction – it wasn’t the first time violence touched that iconic building. In August of 1814, the United States was in the midst of the War of 1812. American forces burned the capitol of Canada, a British ally, in April of 1813. British forces then marched to Washington, D.C. and set fire to the American capitol. Major rooms in the Capitol, the White House, the Navy yard, and several American warships were set afame.

On July 2, 1915, a German-born Harvard professor protesting American aid to Britain during WWI placed three sticks of dynamite in the Capitol. Luckily the dynamite detonated while the Senate was on recess. (The USA entered the war in 1917.)

On March 1, 1954, four “Boricua” attackers demanding independence for Puerto Rico fired guns in the House, injuring five congressmen. (Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens with no congressional representation and can’t vote for president.)

On March 1, 1971, a bomb explosion in the Capitol building caused damage, but no one was injured. The Weather Underground claimed responsibility as a protest against USA involvement in the South Vietnamese invasion of Laos. On November 7, 1983, once again a bomb was used to attack the Senate chambers. The late evening explosion injured no one, but caused a lot of damage. The Armed Resistance Unit behind this attack was against USA military action in Grenada and Lebanon.

Almost immediately after the recent Capitol siege, a lot of memes and commentary contrasted the seemingly lax police response to those rioters with other protests such as at Black Lives Matter marches, and for Native American protests like that against the Dakota Access Pipeline. Some younger GRIN readers may not know that militant Native Americans took over the Washington, D.C. Bureau of Indian Affairs building in 1972.

From November 3-9 in 1972, Natives occupied the BIA headquarters in Washington, DC. The occupation was the end of a cross-country caravan called the “Trail of Broken Treaties.” This march was to focus attention on numerous treaty rights that had not been honored which affected daily living conditions such as housing and health on reservations.

Nearly 500 Native Americans marched to the BIA building to begin a series of meetings with BIA officials. During one meeting, fighting between government security and a group of young “Indians” broke out. Guards tried to clear the building not knowing permission had been granted for the group to stay past closing time – it was the guards who had to leave. An alarm went out. The occupation was on. Aware of previous forceful police actions taken against Natives, the occupiers barricaded entrances and broke furniture to make weapons. Fires were set in offices. Much of the building itself and contents such as historical documents were destroyed.

Negotiations urged the Administration to appoint more Natives to high level BIA post along with providing $66,000 in transportation monies so protesters could return home. All in all, relatively little violence was done to people. No deaths on either side. The take-over by the American Indian Movement ended with unresolved issues needing attention.

Republicans, Democrats, longhairs, short hairs, urban, rez Natives and many others worked together to address some of the issues. Soon the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 improved Native education and also reversed the termination of some tribes.

The Indian Health Service budget was doubled and in 1976, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act was passed to improve the system and offer scholarships for Natives interested in the health field. The Indian Child Welfare Act followed allowing tribes to control adoption and placement of Native children. In 1978, the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act authorized community colleges on reservations.

We don’t want violence among hallowed sites. Natives still have unresolved issues. A step in the right direction is President Biden’s selection of Representative Deb Haaland of New Mexico to head the Interior Department. There is no substitute for good leadership.


https://law.jrank.org/pages/4301/American-Indian-Movement-Tail-Broken-Treaties.html#ixzz6jGrYAq2y
Community Wi-Fi Hotspots

We know that Internet access is important. GRTI and the Gila River Indian Community have worked together to provide free Wi-Fi hotspots at the GRTI headquarters and all the Community Service Center parking areas. If you are visiting the area or just need to get connected, you can visit any of the locations and get online 24/7.

Username: GilaRiverTel Free Wifi
Password: NO password required
Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team continued their long history of the supporting the Community by making a donation of $20,000 to the GRIC Tribal Recreation Department on Jan. 25th.

“The foundations efforts in the Community, started before the D-backs ever played a game at Chase Field, it’s been a passion of the organization since day one,” said Debbie Castaldo, the team’s Senior Vice President of Corporate and Community Impact.

Castaldo explained that the mission of the community impact arm of the team is to build a new generation of baseball fans and players. That’s balanced by the team’s desire to help families off the field - especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Diamondbacks have assisted families who need emergency food supplies, internet access for virtual learning at home and by providing protective equipment for healthcare workers.

“With the funding in a way that will allow as many young Community members as possible to participate in youth sports,” Castaldo said.

Castaldo described the Diamondbacks charitable giving as a way for the team to help ensure that young people aren’t stuck without access to recreation during the pandemic. “We also wanted to see youth sports get back to work,” said Castaldo, “so we dedicated hundreds of thousands of dollars to help our youth baseball and softball leagues get back on the field, for uniforms, through grants like the one given the Community each year.”

The Diamondbacks Senior VP also explained that the team has expanded its giving to include different sports and equipment – and to include virtual opportunities for Community members and young people across Arizona. As Castaldo put it, the Diamondbacks don’t want the pandemic to prevent young people from safely playing baseball and from getting out and being active.

“We don’t ever want money to be a barrier to not play baseball or softball,” said Castaldo. “We’d like to see the youth from local communities play the game, that’s what we represent.”

Ly R. Carl Bennett, Angel Orque (both of Tribal Recreation Department) stand with Debbie Castaldo (D-backs) and Teaya Vicente (Gila River Hotels & Casinos) in the main rotunda of Chase Field during a check presentation to the Community on Jan. 25.

**ATTENTION!**

Cashiers will now be accepting bill payments over the phone with a credit or debit card.

520-562-9621

Please call the number above and you will be prompted to a recording.
COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

ACTION SHEET
Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER
The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, January 20, 2021, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:04 a.m.

INVOCATION
Provided by Councilman Terrance Evans

ROLL CALL
Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:
D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Prettenhorst; D3-Avery White; D4-Donald Jackson; D5-James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Brian Davis, Sr.; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charlese Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:
D4-Vacant; D5-Thomas White

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #2 THROUGH #4; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION #1, #2, #4, AND #5; ADD NEW BUSINESS #1 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

REPORTS
1. COVID-19 Taskforce Update
Presenters: Bruce Harvey, Candelerian Preston, Laurie Thomas, Chief Timothy Chavez, Dr. Anthony Santiago, Roberto Jackson

ITEM HEARD
2. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) December 1 Tribal Child Count
Presenter: Joann Nelson

ITEM ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Presenter: Carolina Keller

ITEM ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. K-12 Education Program Quarter 1 Manager’s Report For School Year 2020 - 2021
Presenter: Jeffery Thomburn

ITEM ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. GRICUA FY20 Q4 Report
Presenters: Leonard Gold, Pamela Thomas

RESOLUTIONS
*1. A Resolution Approving The Office Of Emergency Management To Apply For And Receive Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Funding Under The Arizona State Department Of Health Services For A Period Of 5-Years, July 1, 2020 Through June 30, 2025 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Bruce Harvey

APPROVED

>2. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Filing Of Applications With The Federal Transit Administration, An Operating Administration Of The United States Department of Transportation, For Federal Transportation Assistance Authorized Buy Chapter 53 Of Title 49 Of The United States Code And Any Other Federal Statutes Administered By The Federal Transit Administration (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Dawn Coomer, Timothy Oliver

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving An Agreement For Right-Of-Way Easement Between The Gila River Indian Community And SFPP, L.P. And A Grant Of Right-Of-Way By The U.S. Department Of Interior Bureau Of Indian Affairs, The Gila River Indian Community And Certain Allotted Landowners Of Land To SFPP, L.P. For A Petroleum Easement For A 20 Year Term (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; NRSC, ESC, CRSC and EDSC concur; EDSC and CRSC forward to Council with additional information; EDSC forwards for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Ronald N. Rosier, Denton Robinson

APPROVED

>4. A Resolution Authorizing Tribal Officials To Initiate Financial Transactions With The United States Department Of Interior Office Of Special Trustee For American Indians (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Thomas Murphy, Treasurer

Robert Keller

APPROVED

>5. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - February 1, 2021

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To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED

[GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10 MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENCED AT 10:45 A.M.]

MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENCED FOR PLACEMENT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

FOR CERTAIN BENEFICIARIES

(G&MSC forwards to registration is to be open for

Title 2/Election Ordinance

2.105, as a result, Tribal Elections

CANDIDATE FORM

Amended: Due to the

COVID-19 Pandemic, District meetings have been canceled therefore difficult to nominate individuals for Community Council pursuant to Section 2.105, as a result, Tribal Elections recommends that individuals seeking Office of Community Council declare their candidacy, instead of being nominated.

Section 2.111 Absentee Voting - current Ordinance states absentee voting shall be open 15 business days prior to an election. Amended: The Tribal Elections Program recommends absentee voting shall be open 22 business days prior to an election.

2. January 6, 2021 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

BRIAN DAVIS, SR.

Legislative Standing Committee One (1) Vacancy

JAMES DE LA ROSA

Economic Development Standing Committee Two (2) Vacancies

JAMES DE LA ROSA AND TERRANCE EVANS

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE

TERRENCE EVANS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers requested for the Community in the loss of family due to COVID-19

Prayers requested for Councilman Thomas White in the loss of his grandson

Prayers requested for Robert Stone in the loss of his sister-in-law

Prayers requested for Alan Blackwater in the loss of his son

Prayers requested for Carl Antone ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:07 A.M.

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NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT NON-MEMBER RESIDENT REGISTRATION

The Community’s Residency Ordinance requires all adults 18 years of age and older who are not enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community, who reside within the boundaries of the Community to register their residency.

All adult non-member residents must register their residency with the Enrollment Department and must update their registration by January 31st each year.

Previously enrolled non-member registrants will receive a renewal form by mail. All other non-member residents should contact the Enrollment Department to request a registration form.

Physical Address: Governance Center 525 W Gu U Ki Sacaton, AZ 85147

Phone number: (520) 562-9735

The Registration Form may be submitted in person at the Enrollment Office. A valid Photo ID is required.

Registration Forms submitted to the Enrollment Department by mail, fax or third party must be notarized.

Registration deadline of February 22, 2021. Due to safety measures in place for COVID-19 virus, declaration of candidacy form requests can be made beginning February 8, 2021. Requests can be made to Tribal Elections Program by e-mail to TEP@gric.nsn.us or in person by calling (520) 562-9735 to make arrangements to pick up a form.

Questions? Contact DPW at (520) 562-3334 or DEQ at (520) 562-2234

A message from the Department of Environmental Quality to use the correct color bin for recycling and trash on the designated day. If a blue bin is set out for trash day or vice versa, it will not be collected and emptied. Remember to keep materials separate in their proper bins. Too many contaminated recyclables can ruin the whole truckload. The DPW driver has no way of knowing what is actually in the bin, if the wrong color is used. The DPW driver has no way of knowing what is actually in the bin, if the wrong color is used. This means that a bill for recycling will be sent for disposal.

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