



## O'otham New Year Celebration in District 6



Community members celebrate the O'otham New Year at the Komatke Learning Center on June 20. Jeston Morris/GRIN

### Jeston Morris

Gila River Indian News

The District 6 Recreation Department hosted their First Annual O'otham New Year Celebration at the Komatke Learning Center on June 20.

Over 200 GRIC Community

members attended the O'otham New Year Celebration. Whitney Sharpe, recreation coordinator, and Eliana Rhodes, recreation aide, delivered welcome remarks and introduced the singing groups throughout the evening. The celebration concluded with a gift

dance.

The first performance was Aarick Mack, from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, who was joined by Lane Enos. Michelle Mercado, Com-

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## State Bar of Arizona Indian Law Section presents Rodney B. Lewis Award



L-R: Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Rodina Cave Parnell, and Judge William C. Canby Jr. at the award presentation on June 24. Emma Hughes/GRIN

### Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

The Indian Law Section of the State Bar of Arizona presented Rodina Cave Parnell, Executive Director of the American Indian Law Center, Inc., with the Rodney B. Lewis Award of Excellence during their annual convention held at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass on June 24.

The Rodney B. Lewis Award was established in 2018 to honor the legacy of the beloved Gila River Indian Community member and first Native American to successfully argue before the Supreme Court and advocate for tribal water rights. This award

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## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Gila River Youth Conference

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The annual Gila River Youth Conference, hosted by the Akimel O'otham Pee Posh Youth Council, celebrated the theme "Culture, Continuity, and Change" with a two-day conference held in Tempe on June 20-21.

"This theme was chosen by our District 2 representative, Peyton Charles," said AOPPYC member Landon Martinez during a welcome address. "In this day and age as we as Native youth, we face many challenges regarding our culture, such as in this ever-changing society, 'how do we maintain our traditions while still keeping up with the times?'"

Martinez added, "Our generation has learned to accomplish this in many ways, one of them being wearing your beautiful jewelry out and about, or even wearing traditional regalia or ribbon skirts in public."

The conference kicked off with remarks from Gila River



The Gila River Youth Conference celebrates its theme "Culture, Continuity, and Change". Apphia Shirley/CPAO

Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and keynote speaker, artist Thomas "Breeze" Marcus, followed by AOPPYC elections.

Young participants were offered a diverse range of workshops, covering topics from healthcare, self-esteem building,

O'otham culture, content creation, law enforcement, and more. These workshops were designed to cater to a wide range of inter-

ests and needs. The conference also featured physical and cultural activities, ensuring a holistic and engaging experience for all.

Brian Yazzie (Navajo), a professional magician, hosted a workshop and performed as the evening's entertainment, which also featured music by DJ Lokie.

Day two of the Gila River Youth Conference featured inspiring messages from tribal leadership and a special guest whose story resonated with many in attendance.

Lt. Gov. Regina Antone opened the day with remarks encouraging young people to build on their cultural strengths while continuing their education. She emphasized the importance of staying rooted in tradition while stepping confidently into leadership roles.

The keynote speaker, Kusem Goodwind—an actor featured in the Netflix series RezBall—

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# First Annual ‘Chop & Grill’ Men’s Health Event

**Jeston Morris**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Tribal Health Department (THD) hosted the first annual Chop & Grill men’s health event at Sacaton Fairgrounds on June 7.

According to Candalerian Preston, Director of Tribal Health Department, the community health nutrition program and tribal education department collaborated to host the chop & grill event for the National Men’s Health Awareness Month. The Chop & Grill event is a combination of physical and nutrition health education for men in the Community.

“We’re a patriarchal Community and June is a health awareness month for men. That’s why we thought it was a good idea to have the men led event that focuses on mental, physical, and spiritual aspect of health awareness,” said Preston.

According to LaDawn Yazzie, community health nutritionist, several teams from different departments came together for the Chop & Grill event. Anthony Gray, culture and language program manager, and Antonio Davis, cultural specialist, discussed and demonstrated traditional grilling techniques. Mohamad Sari-Basel Sbai, environmental health specialist and John Interpreter, environmental health specialist, discussed food



Participants chop wood for the first annual ‘Chop & Grill’ event held at the Sacaton Fairgrounds on June 7. Jeston Morris/GRIN

safety. Ryan Brown, lead fitness instructor, discussed wood chopping vis-a-vis gym workout.

Gray and Davis started the event by discussing firewood for grilling. When you are hauling firewood, “Don’t get wood that has been struck by a lightning. Lightning is a spirit. If a lightning claimed a tree, don’t use it for firewood,” said Gray.

“Tamarack is not for grilling, its used for something else. We use mesquite wood for grilling.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis also participated in the event, chopping wood. Jeston Morris/GRIN

A lot of times people will chop down entire trees and leave the branches behind. But it’s important to be resourceful and take the branches and dried twigs for kindling,” said Davis.

“Many people think that chopping wood is only a man’s job. But there are times when women chopped firewood especially when the men aren’t available,” said Gray.

According to Sbai, steak and kabob are cooked to 145-degree Fahrenheit whereas chicken is cooked to 165. Ground beef is cooked to 155 degrees. Thermometer is an essential tool.



Kabobs are grilled over a mesquite fire. Jeston Morris/GRIN

In Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis’ speech, he said, “June is Men’s Health Month. It’s important to embrace healthy lifestyle. This include eating healthy and physical fitness. We need to keep ourselves healthy so we can take care of our loved ones,” said Gov. Lewis.

“The Chop & Grill event allowed us men to gather for friendship and comradery and learn about healthy lifestyle. We learned how to chop wood and grill steaks. We learn about healthy fruits and vegetables that complements grilling. We learned about traditional fish diet such as Gila Trout and Sonoran Sucker. The first annual Chop & Grill event was an outstanding,” said Gov. Lewis.

“The Chop & Grill was awesome. It was a successful event. The turnout was amazing. It was informative and fun for everyone who participated,” said Brown.

## Four Tribes Meeting held at Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass



Story will be featured in the next issue of the GRIN

Leadership from the Ak-Chin Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and Tohono O’odham Nation, gathered for their quarterly Four Tribes meeting on June 20. Emma Hughes/GRIN



**O’otham New Year Continued**  
**Bird singers and dancers perform at the O’otham New Year Celebration in District 6.** Jeston Morris/GRIN

munity member from District 7, led a group of bird dancers in the first session. “Cultural celebration brings people together. Thank you for inviting me to be part of the O’otham New Year celebration,” said Mercado.

“Bird singing is part of the Yuman tribal culture. The bird songs have stories such as the origin and creation of the Yuman tribes. The bird songs are sung for many different occasions ranging from burials and wakes to social dance songs. “I’ll be singing social songs to celebration the O’otham New Year,” said Mack.



**District 6 staff share remarks for the O’otham New Year event.** Jeston Morris/GRIN

Terrance Peters, cultural director at the Boys & Girls Club of the Gila River Indian Community, led his singing group, Xvik A’an, for the celebration. “Our group name, Xvik A’an, means Two Feathers. Xvik means ‘two’ in Pee Posh and A’an means ‘feathers’ in O’otham,” said Peters.

The Xvik A’an wore matching black ribbon shirts. The group includes Jalen Peters, Russel Ringlero, David Andrews, Joseph White, Zaidin Enos, and Kevin Ringlero.



**Xvik A’an, a traditional group from the Boys & Girls Club of the Gila River Indian Community, perform during the celebration.** Jeston Morris/GRIN

“The drum is constructed out of a cardboard covered with black duct tape. The drumsticks are made from arrow weed sticks,” Peters explained.

In the latter evening, Chi’Chino Spirit joined the Xvik A’an. They wore matching white ribbon shirts. The combined group had 14 singers. They sang social celebration songs throughout the evening. Community members danced in a circular fashion around the group.

According to Rhodes, a gift dance has gifts such as traditional clothing, household cleaning products, handkerchiefs and scarves. An individual who wants a gift danced with the lady who held the gift. The individual receives the gift at the end of the dance.

“We are going to get started with our give away. If any ladies would like to help with the giveaway, please come to the table, we need all the help we can get. During a gift dance, the men will sing and the ladies will dance with the gift. After one round, an audience member can choose a gift and he/she can dance with the lady,” said Rhodes.

According to Sharpe, the Recreation Department purchased some of the gifts. Renelda Blackwater and Teresa Giff made and donated traditional dresses and ribbon shirts. Harlan Barehand donated scarves and clothing. Community members also donated gifts.

“I’m so happy for the O’otham New Year. Right when the group started singing, I teared up and started crying because my prayers are answered. The new year celebration energy is powerful. I want to thank all of you for being here tonight. We are having a blessed new year celebration,” said LaVerne Jackson, Community elder.

## Road improvements for Snaketown



**Road work is being done for Snaketown residents in District 4.** Photo Courtesy of Miguel Sallard

**Submitted by**  
Miguel Sallard

After several years of dealing with water main leaks, potholes in the middle of the road, and shattered pavement, the Community’s Department of Transportation (DOT) began repaving the village of Snaketown in District 4 on June 2. This project, which had been proposed years ago, is now a reality thanks to the efforts of the Gila River Indian Community strategic plan and the DOT.

Because of this, residents will soon have better water lines and much improved paving for driving safety.

Snaketown residents have been closely follow-

ing the project’s progress. Since the early morning hours, heavy equipment teams have been diligently working, focusing on one lane at a time to minimize disruptions and facilitate access for resident’s vehicles and other Community vehicles.

The Community is planning for more efficient traffic and transportation control in the future as part of this new strategic plan. These efforts are not limited to improving the roads; they encompass multiple initiatives aimed at building a better future for our Community, a plan that has been under development for years.

A modern and well maintained roads system

not only enhance the quality of life for all Community Members, but also enables more efficient transportation, improves access to essential and emergency services, and reduces vehicles wear and tear. As our roads improve, it ensure a prosperous, secure, and culturally rich future for generations to come.

More importantly, these improvements ensure the safety of our elders, youth, and families who rely on well-functioning roads to access vital services such as health, education and cultural activities. Without a doubt, this will lead to a smoother flow of vehicles and more efficient access for everyone.

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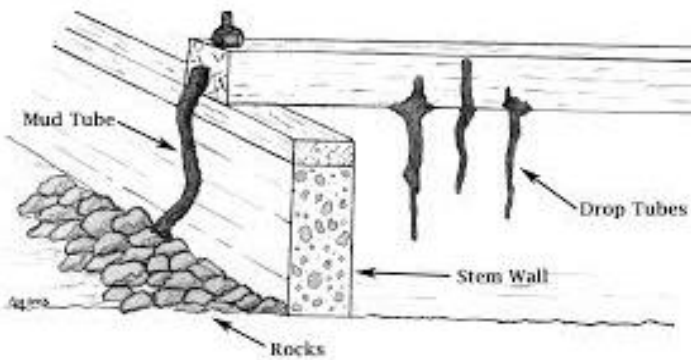
Termite treatments to homes typically come with a warranty, anywhere from one to five years. Who applies the treatment, the pesticide they use, how they apply it and whether treatment is for a newly constructed or existing home, all factor in to the length of warranty extended to you.

Just like a vehicle’s warranty, there are conditions that could void this. As a homeowner, be sure to read the documents provided by the pest management business treating your home or business and ask questions. Ask how long the warranty lasts and if there are things that you should and should not do to get the most out of your treatment

Following the maintenance schedule on your vehicle will help to keep its warranty valid. Similarly, preventative maintenance on your home, through general upkeep, will help to keep your termite warranty valid. The following are recommendations that can assist:

- **Control Food Sources:** Subterranean termites feed on soft wood materials in order to survive and build their colonies. Remove items from around your home that generally attract termites such as: cardboard, wooden pallets, landscape trimmings, stumps, dead vegetation and wood piles. These items are made of cellulose, which is food for termites and will attract these and other pests. If you must store these items, keep them at least 20 feet away from your home and elevated off the soil.
- **Control Moisture Sources:** Termites require water to live. Plumbing leaks and landscape plants or irrigation that are right up next to your home can provide the moisture termites need to thrive. Ensure all drains and gutters direct water away from your home and its foundation.
- **Inspect for Concrete Cracks and Erosion:** Foundation or concrete cracks can allow for termites to gain entrance to your home. Erosion or digging along the perimeter of your foundation, whether caused by rain, animals or humans, can break the treatment barrier, and void your warranty. It is recommended that you inspect regularly for signs of termites working their way into your home and any potential threats to the protective barrier(s) created by a termite treatment.

If your home is relatively new and you suspect a termite presence, reference the information provided to you when your home was turned over for more information. This may require reaching out to either the Department of Housing Development or the Pest Management Business that performed the work initially. 520-562-1863.



If your home is outside of the warranty period and you suspect a termite presence, homeowners can contact the Tribal Health Department - Environmental Health Services to request an assessment. 520-562-5100.

Issues in homes that fall under the Department of Community Housing can be brought to their maintenance office’s attention. 520-796-4550.

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For more information on termite prevention or other Integrated Pest Management strategies.

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Gila River Indian Community Department of Community Housing Various Addresses  
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This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Gila River Indian Community.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 26, 2025, the Gila River Indian Community Department of Community Housing will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the funds to undertake a project known as Central Housing – 11 Units consisting of light demolition and renovation of 11 single-family housing units within the Central Housing Subdivision utilizing Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) funds, Grant No. 5000906699009 (\$1,800,000), at the following addresses:

HUD Unit AZ	Bedrooms	Address	City	State	Zip Code
15-20 #48	Four	97 West Wipsmal Street	Sacaton	AZ	85147
15-20 #51	Two	216 South Kakaicho Street	Sacaton	AZ	85147
15-20 #42	Three	55 West Chiadag Street	Sacaton	AZ	85147
15-15 #11	Three	134 West Chiadag Street	Sacaton	AZ	85147
15-24 #20	Three	135 West Nakshel Street	Sacaton	AZ	85147
15-24 #17	Three	113 West Nakshel Street	Sacaton	AZ	85147
15-30 #25	Three	106 West Toha Street	Sacaton	AZ	85147
15-30 #22	Three	128 West Toha Street	Sacaton	AZ	85147
15-30 #21	Two	134 West Toha Street	Sacaton	AZ	85147
15-30 #45	Three	98 West Wihog Street	Sacaton	AZ	85147
15-30 #46	Three	92 West Wihog Street	Sacaton	AZ	85147

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Gila River Indian Community has determined the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Gila River Indian Community Department of Community Housing at 136 Main Street in Sacaton, Arizona 85147 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 AM to 5 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Gila River Indian Community Department of Community Housing, Jeffrey Jordan, Project Manager. All comments received by July 25, 2025, will be considered by the Gila River Indian Community prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify whether they address the Finding of No Significant Impact or the Request for Release of Funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Gila River Indian Community certifies to HUD that Stephen Roe Lewis in his capacity as Governor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Gila River Indian Community to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Gila River Indian Community’s certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Gila River Indian Community; (b) the Gila River Indian Community has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality . Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at: Patrick Palmer, Lead Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Division, 2800 N. Central, Suite 700, Phoenix, Arizona 85004, tel: 602-379-7197, email: Patrick.E.Palmer@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD/State to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor





Gila River Youth Conf: Continued

Actor Kusem Goodwind and AOPPYC member Zyana Flores. Photo Courtesy of Joseph Morales

shared his journey in the entertainment industry. He spoke candidly about the obstacles he’s overcome and the significance of Indigenous representation in mainstream media. His story left a lasting impression, motivating participants to pursue their passions and consider paths that align with their values and aspirations.

“I’m very glad to be here. I love being at these types of events, it’s a very special time to be here,” said Goodwind during his remarks.

Following his keynote, Goodwind participated in a Q&A session moderated by AOPPYC member Zyana Flores, where he answered questions about his background, creative work, and experiences as a Native American actor. He later met with the youth during a meet-and-greet, where he took photos, signed autographs, and offered encouragement one-on-one.

The conference also gave special recognition to James Milano, an officer with the Gila River Police Department, who was honored with the Leader of the Year award.

“Every time I’ve been here as I’m working with the youth, you guys teach me something, and you teach me how to be respectful to people, and you teach me how to reach out, so I try to pass that on and go forward,” said Milano.

“The Youth Council sat down and we talked about these awards and who embodies all the values of what we want to be great Community leaders, people who serve the Community, and Officer Milano, as well as the rest of our awardees, fit those bills,”

said AOPPYC coordinator Joseph Davis.

The Citizen of the Year award was presented to Terrence Peters, cultural director for the Boys & Girls Club of Gila River Indian Community. “This award’s more of an achievement than anything, it’s a great honor to be handed something from the youth, and I’d just like to say thank you,” said Peters.



The Elder of the Year award was given to Corrina Pino, Native American advisor for the Phoenix Unified School District. “I’m



Bird dancers perform at the 35th annual Gila River Youth Conference. Apphia Shirley/CPAO



L-R: Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, Miss Gila River First Attendant Virginia Rossel, Miss Gila River Gabrielle Garcia, Actor Kusem Goodwind, Jr. Miss Gila River Paige Thomas, Jr. Miss Gila First Attendant Peyton Thomas, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. Photo Courtesy of Joseph Morales



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very honored to be accepting this award,” said Pino, “If it wasn’t for the students, I don’t know where I’d be. It was a joy to work with them and see some of


them grow.”

Additional awards for Male Youth of the Year go to Omi Antone, and Female Youth of the Year is presented to Amare Pratt. “It’s

a great honor to hold this award, and thank you to everyone who nominated me,” said Pratt.



Youth attend various workshops throughout the conference. Apphia Shirley/CPAO



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## Are you a Vietnam Veteran?



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Did you know there are other agents besides Agent Orange? They were referred to as rainbow agents: blue, white, pink, green, purple and orange. They were all herbicides of a different chemical mixtures. Herbicides were used to defoliate any vegetation the enemy might use to hide. As a general rule, the agents were stored in a 55 gallon drum with a colored band around it. The color of the band indicated which of the rainbow herbicides it contained. Agent Orange was the most used herbicide. The United States used more than 11.7 million gallons between 1965-1970 alone. Agent Orange is best known because it contained a chemical called dioxin. As the Agent Orange was being sprayed, sometimes

it would make direct contact on fighting men. It remained on the surfaces of whatever it touched. It could be absorbed by plants growing in soil, get into the water supply or ocean. The water was used for cooking, drinking and bathing. Agent Orange was absorbed by the seafood later eaten. Direct contact with the skin might cause symptoms to manifest quickly. Other health side effects may take decades to manifest.

There is a lot of talk about the Agent Orange Registry, but what is it? If you are concerned about your exposure or possible exposure to Agent Orange, then listen up. The registry is a VA Program that offers a free exam concerning potential health problems related to Agent Orange. They also look at the data collected to determine what new conditions may be added to the Agent Orange Presumptive List. Anything on the presumptive list means less burden on the veteran to prove exposure and how the medical condition relates to the exposure. If you are in one of the qualifying locations,

then you are “presumed” exposed automatically. This includes veterans that were boots-down and those on Navy ships within 12 nautical miles of Vietnam. Qualifying locations are Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Guam/Samoa (and its waters) and Johnston Atoll.

The Agent Orange Presumptive List currently contains 17 medical conditions. If those conditions cause other conditions, you can also file for those as secondary conditions. This is because they were caused by the primary condition. If your service connected conditions get worse. It may be possible to file for increases. There are times when the VA will pay above 100%. If there is a surviving spouse of a veteran and one of the veteran’s service connected disabilities is listed on the death certificate (primary cause or long term health condition) then the surviving spouse may be eligible for a monthly benefit for the rest of their life.

If you have any questions, please contact our office and we can assist you with determining eligible



## Veteran & Family Round Table

- Thursday July 24, 2025
- Sacaton Multi-purpose Building
  - 11am-1pm
  - Office updates
  - Upcoming events



conditions, filing claims and explaining your benefits.	Peer Specialist - US Army Darrell Whitman 520-610-2037	Veterans Service Officer –USMC Kim Skelton 520-562-5144
Happy Independence Day from the VFSO Staff! Contact:	Peer Specialist- USMC Wesley Rhodes 520-610-4384	



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124 SKILL CENTER RD  
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## Nutrition Coalition

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**Are you passionate about food?**

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**Come to our next meeting!**

**We meet every last Thursday of each month in-person & virtual.**

**Location TBD**

**For more information contact Tribal Health Department-Community Health Nutritionist via phone or email at:**

**520-562-5100**

**Calista.Rocha@gric.nsn.us**

MISSING PERSONS

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

<div>CLAYTON WAHPETA</div> <div></div> <div>Last seen: 06/03/2005 Age: 37 Sex: M Hair: Black(shaved) Eyes: Brown Height: 5'5" Weight: 190lbs</div>	<div>PETER THOMAS</div> <div></div> <div>Last seen: 08/03/2007 Age: 47 Sex: M Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Height: 5'5" Weight: 190lbs</div>	<div>JOSEPH UGALDE</div> <div></div> <div>Last seen: 05/14/2009 Age: 43 Sex: M Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Height: 5'9" Weight: 200lbs</div>	<div>ANTHONY PORTER</div> <div></div> <div>Last seen: 10/15/2011 Age: 48 Sex: M Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Height: 5'6" Weight: 210lbs</div>	<div>KERMIT BREAD</div> <div></div> <div>Last seen: 04/11/2014 Age: 39 Sex: M Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Height: 5'9" Weight: 150lbs</div>
<div>CYNTHIA ACEVEDO</div> <div></div> <div>Last seen: 08/31/2019 Age: 39 Sex: F Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Height: 5'4" Weight: 230lbs</div>	<div>TONY GUTIERREZ</div> <div></div> <div>Last seen: 09/16/2022 Age: 37 Sex: M Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Height: 5'11" Weight: 350lbs</div>	<div>LORENZO JOSE</div> <div></div> <div>Last seen: 08/29/2024 Age: 17 Sex: M Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Height: 5'9" Weight: 170lbs</div>	<div>EMMANUEL BARRERA</div> <div></div> <div>Last seen: 09/01/2024 Age: 20 Sex: M Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Height: 5'7" Weight: 175lbs</div>	<div>VINCENT BAPTISTO</div> <div></div> <div>Last seen: 11/20/2024 Age: 44 Sex: M Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Height: 5'11" Weight: 250lbs</div>
<div>HENRY VILLAR</div> <div></div> <div>Last seen: 05/07/2025 Age: 14 Sex: M Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Height: 4'9" Weight: 90lbs</div>	<div>ADRIAN VILLAR</div> <div></div> <div>Last seen: 05/07/2025 Age: 14 Sex: M Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Height: 4'8" Weight: 90lbs</div>	<div>JESSICA PABLO</div> <div></div> <div>Last seen: 03/29/2025 Age: 31 Sex: F Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Height: 5'7" Weight: 190lbs</div>	<div>MAGDALINE THOMAS</div> <div></div> <div>Last seen: 06/05/2025 Age: 17 Sex: F Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Height: 5'1" Weight: 150lbs</div>	<div>AMIRRA LEWIS</div> <div></div> <div>Last seen: 06/17/2025 Age: 15 Sex: F Hair: Brown/Blonde Eyes: Brown Height: 5'2" Weight: 140lbs</div>

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT: (520) 562-4511

ANONYMOUS TIP LINE: (520) 562-7144

Gila River Indian Community

FRAUD HOTLINE

(520) 562-9570

REPORT MISUSE OF GRIC PROPERTY/EQUIPMENT, THEFT OR FRAUD. ALL CALLS ARE ANONYMOUS.

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Gila River Indian Community

Internal Audit Department

12:00

Outgoing Call...



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# Jukbig Mashath, Hiachu Mu:val 2025

**Submitted by**  
Huhugam Heritage Center

The name for this month translates to ‘the rainy month’ and refers to the arrival of the summer Monsoon rains. During this time of year, we experience an increase in moisture both in the form of high humidity and periodic rainfall brought north by the summer rains. This increase in moisture is beneficial to plants and animals. The “haichu mu:val ” or insects also benefit from this added increase in moisture. In this article, we will introduce six insects that you might be able to observe until the landscape dries out in the fall.

Some insects are considered pests, as they are troublesome to pets and O’otham. Insects that are easily heard are the kok’thpol (cicadas), we can hear them buzzing amongst the mesquite trees throughout the community. In former times, O’oth-

am captured the kok’thpol and roasted them over an open fire and ate them as a snack. Today, cicadas are a source of food for different cultures around the world. One insect that is a troublesome pest to our go’gogs (dogs) are ma:msh (ticks) that imbed themselves under the fur of our shoiga (pet). We often purchase collars, powders and soaps to fend off these troublesome insects. Vi:psh (mud wasps) like to build their mud nests under the eaves of our roofs and abandoned buildings, its best to leave them alone, as they will defend their nests.

One insect that defends itself with a chemical spray is the bithokoi (stinkbug). It is best not to let young children and pets bother these insects, as they can spray an oily, stinky secretion several inches away. The agitated bithokoi will stand on its head and point its rear end toward the offender before releasing its chemicals. There are sev-

eral different species of sho:’o (grasshoppers) that we encounter in our yards and when we are out walking our pets. It is hard not to miss them, as they fly up ahead of us with wings making a clicking rasp and land several feet away. This is also the time of year when we observe male hiañ (tarantula) leaving their underground burrows to look for females to mate with and reproduce the species. Hiañ can be observed crossing roadways and open ground, they are experts at climbing walls.

This month’s word match will focus on these six insects. We encourage you to learn their names and use them in your everyday lives. Speak with an Elder or Speaker and learn to say the names. Insect names may be slightly different between the villages. We encourage you to use caution around certain insects, as they can bite, sting or spray chemicals.

*A special Thank You*

*Jukbig Mashath 2025, Match the O’otham Insect Name with its picture!*

*vi:psh*

*ma:msh*

*bithokoi*

*sho:’o*

*hiañ*

*Kok’thpol*

Photographs from InsectID.org



*to our Community Elders whose knowledge about haichu mu:val that made this article possible. Additional source related from O’odham – Mil-gahn Dictionary, Dean & Lucille Saxton, University of Arizona Press, 1969.*

## NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Gila River Indian Community Department of Community Housing 136 Main Street  
Sacaton, Arizona 85147  
Tel: (520) 562-3904

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Gila River Indian Community.

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 26, 2025, the Gila River Indian Community Department of Community Housing will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the following funds to undertake a project known as the New Housing Development at 1241 West Santan Road, Santan, Arizona, consisting of the new construction of 10 duplex apartments and a multipurpose building on approximately 4.7 acres of vacant land, Indian Housing Block Grant American Rescue Plan, Grant No. 55IT0401760 (\$1,200,000).

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Gila River Indian Community has determined the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Gila River Indian Community Department of Community Housing at 136 Main Street in Sacaton, Arizona 85147 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 AM to 5 PM.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Gila River Indian Community Department of Community Housing, Jeffrey Jordan, Project Manager. All comments received by July 25, 2025, will be considered by the Gila River Indian Community prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify whether they address the Finding of No Significant Impact or the Request for Release of Funds.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Gila River Indian Community certifies to HUD that Stephen Roe Lewis in his capacity as Governor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Gila River Indian Community to use Program funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Gila River Indian Community’s certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Gila River Indian Community; (b) the Gila River Indian Community has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality . Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at: Patrick Palmer, Lead Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Division, 2800 N. Central, Suite 700, Phoenix, Arizona 85004, tel: 602-379-7197, email: [Patrick.E.Palmer@hud.gov](mailto:Patrick.E.Palmer@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD/State to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor



# Your input is important!

## I-10/Koli Road Traffic Interchange Study

### PUBLIC HEARING/OPEN HOUSE

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), as the lead agency and project sponsor, in collaboration with the Gila River Indian Community (Community), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Design Memo (DM) for the proposed Interstate 10 (I-10)/Koli Road Traffic Interchange. The proposed I-10/Koli Road Traffic Interchange would be located on I-10 between the existing Wild Horse Pass Boulevard/Sundust Road and State Route 347/Queen Creek Road traffic interchanges.

### DRAFT EA AND DM AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

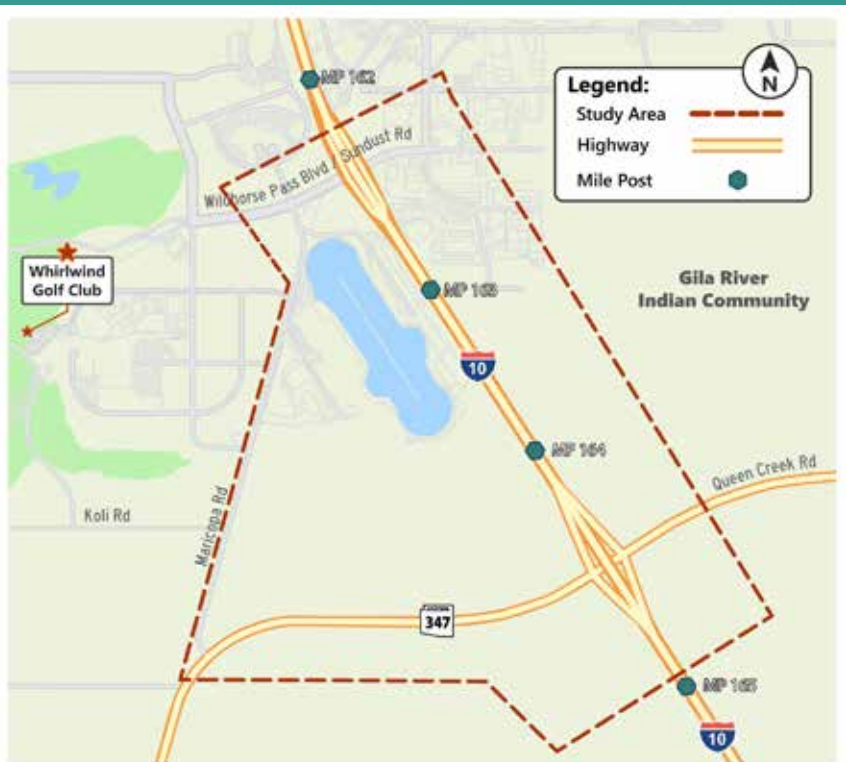
The draft EA and DM will be published and available for public review and comment from **July 14, 2025, through Aug. 13, 2025**. The draft EA and DM evaluate the Recommended Build Alternative as compared to the No-Build Alternative. Select technical reports associated with the draft EA will be available upon request. Please email [koliroad@azdot.gov](mailto:koliroad@azdot.gov) or call **602.522.7777** to make a request. The draft EA and DM can be reviewed at the following repository locations and on the study website at [azdot.gov/koliroad](http://azdot.gov/koliroad):

- Chandler Public Library – Downtown**  
22 S. Delaware St., Chandler, AZ 85225 | 480.782.2800
- Ironwood Library**  
4333 E. Chandler Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85048 | 602.262.4636
- Gila River Indian Community Governance Center**  
525 W. Gu U Ki, Sacaton, AZ 85147 | 520.562.9500
- Gila River Indian Community District 1: Blackwater**  
15747 N. Shegoi Rd., Coolidge AZ 85128 | 520.215.2110
- Gila River Indian Community District 2: Hashan Kehk**  
8070 Park St., Sacaton, AZ 85147 | 520.562.3450
- Gila River Indian Community District 3: Sacaton**  
31 N. Church St., Sacaton, AZ 85147 | 520.562.3334
- Gila River Indian Community District 4: Santan**  
2230 N. Home Run Dr., Sacaton, AZ 85147 | 520.418.3661
- Gila River Indian Community District 5: Casa Blanca**  
3456 W. Casa Blanca Rd., Bapchule, AZ 85121 | 520.315.3441
- Gila River Indian Community District 6: Komatke**  
5230 W. St. Johns Rd., Laveen, AZ 85339 | 520.550.3805
- Gila River Indian Community District 7: Maricopa Colony**  
8035 S. 83rd Ave., Laveen, AZ 85339 | 520.430.4780

### COMMENT ON THE DRAFT EA AND DM

Submit your comments on the I-10/Koli Road Traffic Interchange Study draft EA and DM from **July 14, 2025, through Aug. 13, 2025**. All comments received during the public comment period will be documented and responded to in the I-10 Koli Road Traffic Interchange Study Final EA and DM. All comment methods are considered equal.

- Provide written/verbal comments at the in-person virtual public hearing.**
- Online through our comment form:** [azdot.gov/koliroad](http://azdot.gov/koliroad)
- Email:** [koliroad@azdot.gov](mailto:koliroad@azdot.gov)
- Call:** 602.522.7777
- Mail:** I-10/Koli Road Traffic Interchange Study Office  
7130 W. Fairview St., Chandler, AZ 85226



### PUBLIC HEARINGS

An in-person public hearing and a virtual public hearing will be held to provide an overview of the draft EA and DM, share ADOT's preliminary recommendation and accept public comment. The public hearing presentation and materials can also be viewed on the study website.

In-Person Agenda:		Virtual Agenda:	
5:30 – 6 p.m.	Open House	5:30 p.m.	Formal Presentation
6 – 6:30 p.m.	Presentation	6 p.m.	Q&A
6:30 – 7 p.m.	Formal Public Comments/Open House	6:15 – 7 p.m.	Formal Public Comments

### YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE:

- In-Person Public Hearing for the Gila River Indian Community**  
**Tuesday, July 29, 2025 | 5:30 – 7 p.m.**  
Whirlwind Golf Club at Wild Horse Pass Shelde Building  
5692 W. North Loop Rd.  
Chandler, AZ 85226

- Virtual Public Hearing**  
**Wednesday, July 30, 2025 | 5:30 – 7 p.m.**  
Call-in/Online through Zoom

**English**  
Online: [bit.ly/3GHOrf5](https://bit.ly/3GHOrf5) | Phone: +1 646.876.9923  
Webinar ID: 928 4590 2660  
Passcode: KoliRoad or 70876696

**Español**  
Enlace (Inglés): [bit.ly/3GHOrf5](https://bit.ly/3GHOrf5) | Teléfono: +1 646.876.9923  
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**JOIN MEETING HERE**  
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The environmental review, consultation and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being or have been carried out by ADOT pursuant to 23 USC 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated June 25, 2024 and executed by FHWA and ADOT.

Las consultas, la revisión ambiental y otras acciones requeridas según las leyes ambientales federales correspondientes para este proyecto se están llevando a cabo o se han llevado a cabo por ADOT de acuerdo con 23 U.S.C 327 y un Memorándum de Acuerdo con fecha del 25 de junio de 2024 y se han realizado por FHWA y ADOT.



Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other nondiscrimination laws and authorities, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Persons that require a reasonable accommodation based on language or disability should contact Marcy McMacken at 855.712.8530 or [mmcmacken@azdot.gov](mailto:mmcmacken@azdot.gov). Requests should be made as early as possible to ensure the State has an opportunity to address the accommodation.

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Announcements & Notices

**GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE**

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT  
STATE OF ARIZONA

**IN THE MATTER OF  
DAVIAN JOHNS**

April Lynette Miles,  
Guardian

CASE Number: CV-2022-0120-ZGA

**CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING**

Please take notice that a(n) **Review Hearing** has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. **This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:**

Thursday, July 24, 2025  
at 2:00 PM in Courtroom I,  
**AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUO KI,**  
721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
PINAL COUNTY, STATE OF ARIZONA**

Date: 05/27/2025

**HONORABLE JAMIE R RAMIREZ,**  
**Courtroom: 4A**  
Court Reported: Liberty

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**EVANGALINE MARTINEZ  
MAURISIO MARTINEZ**

**A person(s) under the age of 18 years.**

**REBECCA PADILLA, CLERK**  
By Deputy Clerk: Jessa Sutton

**S1100SV202500022**

**MINUTE ENTRY ACTION:**

**HEARING ON PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF  
PARENT/CHILD RELATIONSHIP**

PRESENT: Petitioner, Irene Unique Sherwood, virtually and in propria persona.

Respondent, Martin Jose Luis Martinez, not appearing in person or by counsel.

Minor appearing by counsel, Michael Villarreal, appearing virtually.

The Court advised the parties that they are prohibited from disclosing outside this hearing personal identifiable information about the child, the child's siblings, parents, guardians, caregivers, and other mentioned in the hearing. The parties were further advised that by remaining in the courtroom or by remaining present by telephone or video conference after this admonition, they are submitting themselves to the power of the court for purposes of this order, and that failure to follow this order is contempt of court, which could result in them being fined or given time in jail.

The Court announces that this is the time set for a Hearing on the Petition to Terminate Parent/Child Relationship.

Discussions are held regarding service, ICWA, and proceeding herein.

The Court FINDS the Petitioner has made diligent efforts to attempt service upon respondent and authorizes service by Publication.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the Clerk of the Court shall provide the Petitioner a Notice of Hearing. The Court directs the Petitioner to serve a copy of the petition and Notice of Hearing upon the Gila River Indian Community and file proof of service prior to the next hearing. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED **setting** this matter for a PUBLISHED INITIAL SEVERANCE HEARING on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 8: 30 a.m., before the Honorable Jamie R. Ramirez.

**Mailed/distributed copy: 05/27/2025**

IRENE SHERWOOD  
\*MAILED TO ADDRESS ON FILE\*

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

**OFFICE DISTRIBUTION:**  
**JUDGE/RAMIREZ**

**ATTENTION**

IF YOUR NAME APPEARS ON THIS LIST; PLEASE CONTACT THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ROW OFFICE AT 480-362-6870.

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3. CARMEN, CONRAD

4. CLARK, MARIE C

5. COOPER, DOREEN

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7. COOPER, ELAINE BEATRICE

8. ENAS, JOSEPH

9. ENAS, RICHARD

10. ENAS, RICHARD RANDOLPH

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53. WHITE, RAMONA LEE

54. WHITE, GERALD THOMAS

55. WOOD, DORIS JEAN

56. YUCUPICIO, BERNALEEN REBECCA

**Jukbig Mashath 2025, SOLUTION!**

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*ma:msh*

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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

## Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • May 21, 2025

**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, May 21, 2025, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Lt. Governor Regina Antone at 9:05 a.m.

**INVOCATION**  
Provided by Councilwoman Nada Celaya

**ROLL CALL**  
Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:  
Lt. Governor Regina Antone  
Governor Stephen R. Lewis (11:13)

Council Members Present:  
D1- Joey Whitman, Duane Jackson, Jr.; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Avery White, Joseph Manuel, Jr.; D4- Jennifer Allison, , Nada Celaya, Lalena Jackson; D5- James De La Rosa(9:07), Franklin Pablo, Sr., Brian Davis, Sr., Gordon Santos, Jr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.(9:15), Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans(9:19); D7- Devin Redbird(9:09)

Council Members Absent:  
D4- Leah Williams

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE RESOLUTION #4 AND NEW BUSINESS #8 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1 THROUGH #5, ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #3, #5, #6, AND #7 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

**PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

1. Introduction – Department of Public Works Director, Mr. Ronald Grittmann  
Presenters: Suzanne Jones, Ronald Grittmann  
MS. SUZANNE JONES INTRODUCED MR. RONALD GRITTMAN AS THE NEW DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC WORKS. MR. GRITTMAN HOLDS TWO BACHELOR DEGREES ONE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & APPLIED MATHEMATICS AND THE OTHER IN CIVIL ENGINEERING. MR. GRITTMAN RESIDES IN PHONEIX WITH FAMILY ROOTS BASED IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA. MR. GRITTMAN HAS BEGUN HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT AND SERVICES; HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY’S WATER. VARIOUS COUNCIL WELCOMED MR. GRITTMAN AND PROVIDED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

2. Introduction of the 2025-2026 Gila River Royalty Court  
Presenters: Roberto Jackson, Aphia Shirley, Michael Preston  
MR. ROBERTO JACKSON INTRODUCED THE 2025-2025 GILA RIVER ROYALTY COURT. MISS GILA RIVER – GABRIELLE GARCIA, 24 YEARS OLD FROM DISTRICT 3, SACATON  
MISS GILA RIVER 1ST ATTEN-

DANT – VIRGINIA ROSSEL, 20 YEARS OLD, FROM DISTRICT 3, SACATON  
JR. MISS GILA RIVER – PAIGE THOMAS, 16 YEARS OLD, DISTRICT 2 HASHAN-KEHK  
JR MISS GILA RIVER 1ST ATTENDANT – PEYTON THOMAS, 13 YEARS OLD, DISTRICT 2, HASHAN-KEHK  
VARIOUS COUNCIL CONGRATULATED THE ROYALTY COURT AND PROVIDED WELL WISHES OF SUPPORT.  
[LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE CALLED FOR A 15-MIN BREAK; MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:55 A.M.]

**REPORTS**

>1. Four Rivers Indian Legal Services Second Quarter Report, 2025 Arizona Legal Needs Assessment and Stakeholders Survey for Needs Assessment Presenter: Sarah Youngblood  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 FY 2025 1st Half Activity Report  
Presenter: Tony McDaniel  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. GRIC Fuel Tax Exemption Program (“FTEP”) Project Update  
Presenters: Duncan Wiston, Alex Andrew, Sara Duenez, Zachary Picciotti  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. and Subsidiaries FY2024 Fourth Quarter Report  
Presenters: Clarice Chiago-Jones, Craig Baumgartner, GRTI Board of Directors  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. and Subsidiaries FY2025 First Quarter Report  
Presenters: Clarice Chiago-Jones, Craig Baumgartner, GRTI Board of Directors  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Investment Report ending March 31, 2025 (Executive Session)  
Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix  
HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. FY2025 Financial Activity Report ending April 30, 2025 (Executive Session)  
Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix  
HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. A Resolution Approving The Loan Amount Of The Santan Mountain Casino Construction Loan And Approving The Loan Agreements And Promissory Notes Between The Community And The Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation And The Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)  
Presenters: Teresa Mandelin, Treasurer Gary T. Mix  
APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Strategic Plan For Years 2025 Through 2028 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; H&SSC, NRSC,

LSC, ESC, and EDSC concurs; CRSC concurs with corrections)  
Presenters: Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Lt. Governor Regina Antone, Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Suzanne Jones, Shima Arab, Steve Olkewicz  
APPROVED

>3. A Resolution Approving The Attached Attorney Contract For A Senior Assistant General Counsel (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)  
Presenters: Javier Ramos, Michael Carter  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Board Of Regents For And On Behalf Of Northern Arizona University’s Center For Native American Cancer Healthy Equity Community Assessment (“C-NACHE”) To Conduct A Study In The Community Under Grant # CHERC-MSI-22-183-01 (H&SSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)  
Presenters: Nicolette I. Teufel-Shone, Carol Goldtooth, Chassity Begay  
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Granting 2.6455 Acres, More Or Less, Of Community Trust Land To The Veterans Family Services Office For The Purpose Of Managing And Maintaining Existing Facilities And The Planning, Designing, Construction, Management, And Maintenance Of Future Development Within The Designated Area As Shown In Drawing No. 40318-0403 (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)  
Presenters: Planning Development Team, Kimberly Cooper, Eric White  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Amending Resolution GR-36-07 And Approving A Boundary Adjustment Totaling 4.0148 Acres, More Or Less, Of Community Trust Land Within District Three Of The Gila River Indian Community To The Management Information System As Shown In Drawing 40318-0359 (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with corrections and placement on the consent agenda)  
Presenters: Planning Development Team, Kimberly Cooper, Chris Cabanillas  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Hanna Marie Stewart Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)  
Presenter: Sara Duenez  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**ORDINANCES**

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The Gila River Indian Community Code,

Title 2, Elections Code By Enacting Revisions To Chapter 3, Referendums, Initiatives, And Constitutional Amendments (LSC forwards to Council under Ordinances with a recommendation for approval)  
Presenters: Lorenzo Sierra, IV, Michael Carter  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REFER BACK TO LSC

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15-MIN BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:26 P.M.]

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The Gila River Indian Community Code, Title 2, Elections Code By Amending And Enacting Revisions To Chapter 1, Section 2.106.A Qualifications For Office (LSC forwards to Council under Ordinances with a recommendation for approval)  
Presenter: Lorenzo Sierra IV, Michael Carter  
APPROVED

**NEW BUSINESS**

\*1. Co-op Residents’ Concerns (LSC forwards to Council for discussion)  
Presenters: Doreen Sunn, Lorraine Yaramata, Melissa Lewis  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISMISS

\*2. No More Families of Murdered Victims (LSC forwards to Council for discussion and action)  
Presenter: Bernadean C. Lewis  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO RESCIND THE MAY 7, 2025 REGARDING URGENT CALL TO PROTECT GRIC

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT GOVERNOR LEWIS TO HOLD A TOWN HALL WITHIN 60 CALENDAR DAYS FOR THE COMMUNITY REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE INFORMATION PRESENTED BY NO MORE FAMILIES OF MURDERED VICTIMS AND URGENT CALL TO PROTECT GRIC, AND TO DIRECT ATTENDANCE OF GRPD, OCM, DSO, COMMUNITY COURT AND CPAO TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AND FOR GATHERING COMMUNITY INPUT. AND FURTHER THAT A REPORT OF THE OUTCOME OF THE TOWN HALL BE REPORTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO LSC WITHIN 60 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE TOWN HALL TAKES PLACE. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY CONCERNS, NEEDS AND PRIORITIES, AND THE ACTIONS THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE. THE REPORT MUST ALSO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLICIES, LAWS, OR ORDINANCES TO BE REVISED OR CREATED

3. Housing Advisory Committee Appointment – District Three (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation to appoint Pamela Pratt to the Housing Advisory Committee)  
Presenter: Derwin Cooper  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT PAMELA PRATT TO THE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4. Getches-Wilkinson Center 2025 Conference on the Colorado River (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested

Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations; NRSC concurs)  
Presenter: Michael Carter  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND UTILIZING DUES & DELEGATIONS

5. Gila River Farms Board Member Vacancy Declaration (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business to declare the (2) vacancies and appoint at the June 4, 2025 Council Meeting)  
Presenters: Gila River Farm Board, Benito Alvarez, Kimberly Fisher  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE (2) VACANCIES AND APPOINT AT THE JUNE 4, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

6. Request to Schedule FY2026 Operating Budget Work Session (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for discussion and action)  
Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SCHEDULE THE FY2026 OPERATING BUDGET WORK SESSION HAVING THE TREASURER AND THE COUNCIL SECRETARY WORK TOGETHER TO DETERMINE A PLACE, DATE, AND TIME AND AUTHORIZE ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL TO ATTEND UNDER DUES & DELEGATIONS

7. Revenue Allocation Plan Consideration (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for discussion and action)  
Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER AND THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL TO PROCEED FORWARD WITH RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN AND BRING FORWARD THE CODE AMENDMENT

8. Memorandum of Understanding between the Gila River Indian Irrigation and Drainage District and Gila River Farms (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)  
Presenter: Ronald Allison  
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. Certification Of The Gila River Indian Community 2025 Community Council Election Results (LSC forwards to Council for Certification of the 2025 Community Council Election Results for Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7)  
Presenters: Zuzette Kisto, Shannon White  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DISTRICT 2 – ANN M. LUCAS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DISTRICT 3 – KRISTINA D. MORAGO

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DISTRICT 4 – NADA CELAYA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DISTRICT 5 – DONOVAN G. KYITAN

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DISTRICT 6 – CHARLES W. GOLDTOOTH

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MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DISTRICT 7 – JEANETTE BLASINGIM  
10. 2025 Community Council Election Report (LSC forwards to Council as FYI and potential action)  
Presenter: Shannon White  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMIT-

TEE AND LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH THE COUNCIL SECRETARY’S OFFICE AND THE OFFICE OF THE COMMUNITY MANAGER WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL TO TRANSITION THE ELECTIONS OFFICE BACK UNDER CCSO  
**MINUTES**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
• THE COUNCIL EXPRESSES THEIR GRATITUDE TO COUN-

CILMAN AVERY WHITE, COUNCILMAN BRIAN DAVIS, SR., AND COUNCILMAN DEVIN REDBIRD FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE ON COUNCIL  
• PRAYERS WERE REQUESTED FOR THE FAMILY OF COLLEEN STONE  
• MS. EDENA ANTONE FORMER DISTRICT 7 COUNCILWOMAN WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS A “WOMAN WARRIOR” AT THE WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN

FOR INDIGENOUS NATIONS WOMEN’S CONFERENCE IN JULY 2025  
• GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN CANCELED ON MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025  
• NATURAL RESOURCES STANDING COMMITTEE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025 FOR SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS  
• LITIGATION TEAM MEETING

WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025 AT 1:00 P.M.  
**ADJOURNMENT**  
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:08 P.M.  
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## Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • June 4, 2025

**ACTION SHEET**  
Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729  
**CALL TO ORDER**  
The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, June 4, 2025, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:03 a.m.  
**INVOCATION**  
Provided by Councilwoman Nada Celaya  
**ROLL CALL**  
Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll  
Executive Officers Present: Governor Stephen R. Lewis  
Council Members Present: D1- Joey Whitman, Duane Jackson, Jr.; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Kristina Morago (10:23), Joseph Manuel, Jr.; D4- Jennifer Allison, Leah Williams, Nada Celaya, Lalea Jackson; D5- James De La Rosa, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Donavan Kyyitan (10:23), Gordon Santos, Jr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans(9:19); D7- Jeanette Blasingim(10:23)  
Executive Officers Absent: Lt. Governor Regina Antone  
**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE RESOLUTION #1 AND NEW BUSINESS #1 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT #1, ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION #2 AND ORDINANCE #1 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED  
**SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED & RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
District 2 – Ann M. Lucas  
District 3 – Kristina D. Morago  
District 4 – Nada Celaya  
District 5 – Donovan G. Kyyitan  
District 6 – Charles W. Goldtooth  
District 7 – Jeanette Blasingim  
CHIEF JUDGE ANTHONY HILL ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO EACH OF THE NEWLY

AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS  
(15-minute reception to follow in the Governance Center lobby)  
[GOVERNOR CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:23 A.M.]  
**PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**  
**REPORTS**  
1. GRSG Q2 FY2025 Report  
Presenters: Michael H. Morago, Donna Stowell  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
**RESOLUTIONS**  
>1. A Resolution Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Board Of Regents For And On Behalf Of Northern Arizona University’s Center For Native American Cancer Healthy Equity Community Assessment (“C-NACHE”) To Conduct A Study In The Community Under Grant # CHERC-MSI-22-183-01 (H&SSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)  
Presenters: Nicolette I. Teufel-Shone, Carol Goldtooth, Chassity Begay  
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>2. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Burton Kenneth Allison Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Sara Duenez  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
**ORDINANCES**  
>1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The Gila River Indian Community Code, Title 2, Elections Code By Enacting Revisions To Chapter 3, Referendums, Initiatives, And Constitutional Amendments (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval on the consent agenda)  
Presenters: Lorenzo Sierra, IV, Michael Carter  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
1. Proposed Changes To Code Of Conduct (LSC forwards to Council to recommend that Council approve the Legislative Standing Committee to proceed with the proposed revisions to the Code of Conduct and Standing Committee Policies and Procedures for the formal adoption and to add into the materials the forms from CCSO and to amend the language in the draft Code of Conduct as discussed)  
Presenter: Michael Carter  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT  
2. Community Council Secretary Appointment  
Presenter: Community Council  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT SHANNON WHITE AS THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SECRETARY  
3. Gila River Sand & Gravel Board of Director’s One (1) Appointment  
Presenter: Community Council  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MS. JOYCE EDDIE TO THE GILA RIVER SAND & GRAVEL BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S  
4. Gila River Gaming Commission Gaming Commissioner One (1) Appointment  
Presenter: Community Council  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MS. GINGER ANTONE TO THE GILA RIVER GAMING COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
5. Gila River Boys & Girls Club Board of Director’s Two (2) Appointments  
Presenter: Community Council  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MR. MANUEL HERNANDEZ AND MS. STEPHANIE KNOX TO THE GILA RIVER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S  
6. Government & Management Standing Committee Appointment Two (2) Council Seats  
Presenter: Community Council  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT GORDON SANTOS, JR. AND ANN M. LUCAS TO THE GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE  
7. Health & Social Standing Com-

mittee Appointment Two (2) Council Seats  
Presenter: Community Council  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT NADA CELAYA AND KRISTINA D. MORAGO TO THE HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE  
8. Natural Resources Standing Committee Appointment Three (3) Council Seats  
Presenter: Community Council  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT GORDON SANTOS, JR., DONOVAN G. KYYITAN, AND ANN LUCAS TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES STANDING COMMITTEE  
9. Education Standing Committee Appointment One (1) Council Seat  
Presenter: Community Council  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT DONOVAN G. KYYITAN TO THE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
10. Economic Development Standing Committee Appointment Three (3) Council Seats  
Presenter: Community Council  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT CHARLES W. GOLDTOOTH, GORDON SANTOS, JR., AND KRISTINA D. MORAGO TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE  
11. Cultural Resource Standing Committee Appointment Two (2) Council Seats  
Presenter: Community Council  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT NADA CELAYA AND DONOVAN G. KYYITAN TO THE CULTURAL RESOURCE STANDING COMMITTEE  
12. Gila River Farms Board of Director’s Two (2) Appointments  
Presenter: Community Council  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT DONOVAN KYYITAN AND JEANETTE BLASINGIM TO THE GILA RIVER FARMS BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S  
**NEW BUSINESS**  
1. Memorandum of Understanding between the Gila River Indian Irrigation and Drainage District and Gila River Farms (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the

consent agenda)  
Presenter: Ronald Allison  
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
2. NCAI Midyear 2025 June 8-11, 2025 Mashantucket, CT (CRSC forwards to Council for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)  
Presenter: Cultural Resource Standing Committee  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND UTILIZING DUES & DELEGATIONS  
**MINUTES**  
1. January 29, 2025 (Special) APPROVED  
2. April 16, 2025 (Regular) APPROVED  
3. May 21, 2025 (Regular) APPROVED  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
• LITIGATION TEAM MEETING WILL BE HELD JUNE 12, 2025 AT 1:00 P.M.  
• GENERAL COUNSEL RAMOS WILL BE ATTENDING THE WATER CONFERENCE IN BOULDER, COLORADO  
• MS. QUIN CASTRO WILL BE LEAVING THE MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, MS. CASTRO HAS ASSISTED THE COMMUNITY IN THE COORDINATION OF THE 26 MILES OF I-10 CONSTRUCTION. THE COUNCIL THANKS MS. CASTRO FOR HER ASSISTANCE WITH THE COMMUNITY  
• COUNCILMAN JOSEPH MANUEL, JR. IS NOW THE WATER MANAGER FOR GRIC  
• MR. DUNCAN WISTON IS NOW THE GENERAL MANGER FOR GILA RIVER DEVELOPMENT  
• STEM STUDENTS WILL BE GOING ON TRAVEL ON BEHALF OF GRICUA  
**ADJOURNMENT**  
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:50 A.M.  
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## Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • June 18, 2025

**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, June 18, 2025, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:08 a.m.  
**INVOCATION**  
Provided by Councilwoman Ann

Lucas  
**ROLL CALL**  
Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll  
Executive Officers Present: Governor Stephen R. Lewis  
Council Members Present: D1- Joey Whitman, Duane Jackson, Jr.; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Kristina Morago, Joseph Manuel, Jr.; D4- Jennifer Allison, Leah Williams, Nada Celaya, Lalea Jackson; D5- James De La Rosa, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Donavan Kyyitan, Gordon San-

tos, Jr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7- Jeanette Blasingim  
Executive Officers Absent: Lt. Governor Regina Antone  
**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE RESOLUTION #2 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT #1, ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1, #3, #4, #5, AND #7, ORDINANCE #1, AND NEW BUSINESS #1,

#5, AND #11 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED  
**PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**  
**REPORTS**  
>1. Haskell Osife-Antone Auxiliary Unit 51 FY25 First and Second Quarter Report and Financial Reports  
Presenters: Pamela Thompson, Rechelle Jackson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION  
2. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council April 2025 (Executive Session)  
Presenters: M. Scott Sanderson, Gila River Gaming Commission  
HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
3. Gila River Gaming Enterprises,  
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Inc. Monthly Report April 2025 (Executive Session)  
Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Dominic Orozco, Blake Katsnelson, Tony DeMark, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee  
HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
4. Investment Report ending April 30, 2025 (Executive Session)  
Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix  
HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
5. FY2025 Financial Activity Report ending May 31, 2025 (Executive Session)  
Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix  
HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION  
**RESOLUTIONS**  
\*1. A Resolution Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Board Of Regents For And On Behalf Of Northern Arizona University's Center For Native American Cancer Healthy Equity Community Assessment ("C-NACHE") To Conduct A Study In The Community Under Grant # CHERC-MSI-22-183-01 (H&SSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)  
Presenters: Nicolette I. Teufel-Shone, Carol Goldtooth, Chassity Begay  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Funding Between The City Of Phoenix And The Gila River Indian Community For Fixed-Route Transit Services For Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)  
Presenter: DeWayne Badonie  
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>3. A Resolution Approving The Revised Gila River Indian Community, Honeywell Scholarship Policies And Procedures (ESC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and G&MSC concurs and placement on the consent agenda)  
Presenters: Lance Reyna, Sherilyn Analla  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>4. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-127-02 And Approving The Revised Gila River Indian Community, El Pas Natural Gas

Scholarship Policies And Procedures (ESC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and G&MSC concurs and placement on the consent agenda)  
Presenters: Lance Reyna, Sherilyn Analla  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>5. A Resolution Moving The Tribal Elections Program From Under The Office Of Community Manager And Placing Under The Community Council Secretary's Office (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)  
Presenters: Lorenzo Sierra, IV, Michael Carter  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
6. A Resolution Approving The Chickasaw Infrastructure Fund, L.P., Subscription Agreement (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)  
Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Geoffrey Mavar, Bryan Bulaw  
APPROVED  
>7. A Resolution Approving The Second Amended And Restated Joint Powers Airport Authority Agreement And The Second Amended And Restated Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Mesa Gateway Airport Authority The Town Of Gilbert, The City Of Mesa, The Town Of Queen Creek, The Gila River Indian Community, And The City Of Apache Junction (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC and EDSC concurs)  
Presenters: Lorenzo Sierra, IV, Lt. Governor Regina Antone  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
**ORDINANCES**  
>1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends Title 22, Chapter 13, Section 22.1302.H.1 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC concurs with G&MSC and forwards to Council with a recommendation of approval and placement on the consent agenda)  
Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Neomi Martinez, Katrina Johnson  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**NEW BUSINESS**  
\*1. Memorandum of Understanding between the Gila River Indian

Irrigation and Drainage District and Gila River Farms (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)  
Presenters: Ronald Allison  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
2. Housing Advisory Committee Appointment – District Seven (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation to appoint Jasmine Reece to the Housing Advisory Committee)  
Presenter: Derwin Cooper  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT JASMINE REECE TO THE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT 7  
3. Notice of Litigation Team Vacancy (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation to appoint Councilwoman Nada Celaya)  
Presenters: Javier Ramos, Michael Carter  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILWOMAN NADA CELAYA TO THE LITIGATION TEAM  
4. Housing Owner's Team Declaration of Vacancies (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business to declare the (2) Council Seat Vacancies and appoint at the June 18, 2025 Council meeting)  
Presenters: Ann Lucas, Lalena Jackson  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE TWO (2) COUNCIL SEAT VACANCIES FOR THE HOUSING OWNER'S TEAM  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILWOMAN JEANETTE BLASINGIM AND COUNCILWOMAN KRISTINA MORAGO TO THE HOUSING OWNER'S TEAM BY ACCLIMATION  
>5. Cultural Site Protection Contract Language Proposal (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval of the proposed contract language and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC and EDSC concurs)  
Presenters: Reylynne Williams, Kyle Woodson, Kimberly Cooper, Paul Shorthair, Alfred Urbina, Larry Benallie, Jr., Darius Enos  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
6. Interim Oversight & Planning Committee Declaration of Vacancy (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business to declare the (1) Council Seat Vacancy and appoint at

the June 18, 2025 Council meeting)  
Presenters: Interim Oversight & Planning Committee  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE ONE (1) COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY FOR THE INTERIM OVERSIGHT & PLANNING COMMITTEE AND APPOINT AT THIS MEETING  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT LEAH WILLIAMS TO THE INTERIM OVERSIGHT & PLANNING COMMITTEE  
7. Gila River Telecommunication, Inc. Board of Directors Declaration of Vacancy (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business to declare the (1) Council Seat Vacancy and appoint at the June 18, 2025 Council meeting)  
Presenters: GRTI Board of Directors  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE (1) COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILWOMAN LALENA JACKSON TO THE GILA RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
8. Letter of Resignation (NRSC forwards to Council to accept the resignation, declare the vacancy and appoint at the June 18, 2025 Council meeting)  
Presenter: Joseph Manuel, Jr.  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM COUNCILMAN JOSEPH MANUEL FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCES STANDING COMMITTEE  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE ONE (1) VACANCY FOR THE NATURAL RESOURCES STANDING COMMITTEE  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILWOMAN JEANETTE BLASINGIM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES STANDING COMMITTEE  
9. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Tribal Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Vacancy (H&SSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to appoint Councilman Duane Jackson, Jr.)  
Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Kerry Van Volkinburgh, Dr. Anthony Santiago  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN DUANE JACKSON, JR. TO THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION TRIBAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10. Gila River Indian Community Los Angeles Members Visit August 15-16, 2025 (LSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council member to attend utilizing dues & delegations)  
Presenter: Joseph Manuel, Jr.  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY LOS ANGELES MEMBERS VISIT AUGUST 15-16, 2025 UTILIZING DUES & DELEGATIONS  
11. The Early Education Child Care Center's (EECC) 2026 – 2028 Tribal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for the Gila River Indian Community (ESC forwards to Council under New Business and placement on the consent agenda as FYI)  
Presenters: Areal Alderete, Starlit Poola, Sherilyn Analla  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
12. 56th Annual National Indian Education Association Convention Spokane, WA, October 8-11, 2025 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues and Delegations)  
Presenter: Terrance B. Evans  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE 56TH ANNUAL NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION CONVENTION IN SPOKANE, WA, OCTOBER 8-11, 2025 UTILIZING DUES AND DELEGATIONS  
**MINUTES**  
1. June 4, 2025 (Regular)  
APPROVED  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
• G&MSC BUDGET WORK SESSION WILL BE HELD JULY 17-19, 2025  
• YOUTH CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD JUNE 20-21, 2025  
• UNITY CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD JUNE 27-JULY 1, 2025 IN SAN DIEGO, CA  
• FOUR TRIBES MEETING WILL BE HELD JUNE 20, 2025 AT THE SHERATON FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.  
**ADJOURNMENT**  
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:15 A.M.  
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Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • July 2, 2025

**ACTION SHEET**  
Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729  
**CALL TO ORDER**  
The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, July 7, 2025, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:06 a.m.  
**INVOCATION**  
Provided by Councilwoman Lalena Jackson  
**ROLL CALL**  
Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll  
Executive Officers Present: Governor Stephen R. Lewis  
Lt. Governor Regina Antone  
Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Duane Jackson, Jr.; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Kristina Morago, Joseph Manuel, Jr.(9:09); D4- Jennifer Allison, Leah Williams, Nada Celaya, Lalena Jackson; D5- James De La Rosa, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Donavan Kyyitan, Gordon Santos, Jr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Terrance Evans; D7- Jeanette Blasingim  
Council Members Absent: D6 - Charles Goldtooth (Medical)  
**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT #1; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THROUGH #8 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA  
**PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUC-**

**TIONS**  
INTRODUCTION OF FIRST RESPONDER CADETS AND ADVISORS OF THE PROGRAM.  
VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS PROVIDED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT.  
[GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10 MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:08 A.M.]  
2. Introduction of Anastasia Russell Education Manager (K-12)  
Presenters: Anastasia Russell, Sherilyn Analla, Lance Reyna  
MR. LANCE REYNA INTRODUCED MS. ANASTASIA RUSSELL AS THE NEW EDUCATION MANAGER FOR THE K-12 DIVISION. MS. ANASTASIA RUSSELL IS A COMMUNITY MEMBER WITH FAMILY COMING FROM DISTRICT 5. MS. RUSSELL HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

FROM NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY AND A MASTER'S DEGREE FROM GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY. MS. RUSSELL HAS WORKED IN THE EDUCATION FIELD FOR 12 YEARS. VARIOUS COUNCIL CONGRATULATED MS. RUSSELL ON HER NEW POSITION AND PROVIDED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.  
**REPORTS**  
>1. Gila River Health Care Tobacco Tax Grant FY25 Second Quarter Report (January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025)  
Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Deborah Tinsley, Judith Roth, Max Haake, Owen Ayres, Dr. Viji Murugavel, Susan Kelley, Carolyn Thompson, Kerry Van Volkinburgh, Dr. Anthony Santiago  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF

AGENDA  
2. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council May 2025 (Executive Session)  
Presenters: M. Scott Sanderson, Gila River Gaming, Commission  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT  
3. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report May 2025 (Executive Session)  
Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Dominic Orozco, Blake Katsnelson, Tony DeMark, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT  
**RESOLUTIONS**  
  
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Action Sheets cont.


\*1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Funding Between The City Of Phoenix And The Gila River Indian Community For Fixed-Route Transit Services For Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)  
Presenter: DeWayne Badonie  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>2. A Resolution Approving The Blackwater Community School 105(L) Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The United States Department Of The Interior (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC and ESC concur)  
Presenters: Todd Araujo, Michael Carter, Javier Ramos  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>3. A Resolution Approving The

Assignment Of Approximately 4,702.432 Acres Of Community Trust Land (East Sacaton Ranch) Within Districts 3 and 5 Of The Gila River Indian Reservation To The Gila River Farms For Agricultural Use And Zone The Area As A-1 Agriculture District (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with corrections and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)  
Presenters: Gila River Farm Board, Benito Alvarez, Jr., Kimberly Fisher  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>4. A Resolution Approving The Assignment Of Approximately 1,239.3633 Acres Of Community Trust Land (Fox Butte Ranch) Within District 5 Of The Gila River Indian Reservation To The Gila River Farms For Agricultural Use And Zone The Area As A-1 Agriculture District (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with corrections and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)  
Presenters: Gila River Farm Board, Benito Alvarez, Jr., Kimberly Fisher

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>5. A Resolution Approving The Assignment Of Approximately 6,246.53 Acres Of Community Trust Land (Headquarters Ranch) Within District 5 Of The Gila River Indian Reservation To The Gila River Farms For Agricultural Use And Zone The Area As A-1 Agriculture District (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with corrections and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)  
Presenters: Gila River Farm Board, Benito Alvarez, Jr., Kimberly Fisher  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>6. A Resolution Approving The Assignment Of Approximately 2,129.87 Acres Of Community Trust Land (PD Ranch) Within District 5 Of The Gila River Indian Reservation To The Gila River Farms For Agricultural Use And Zone The Area As A-1 Agriculture District (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with corrections and placement on the consent agenda;

NRSC concurs)  
Presenters: Gila River Farm Board, Benito Alvarez, Jr., Kimberly Fisher  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>7. A Resolution Approving And Ratifying, The Tower And Land Sublease Agreement For The Santan Road Tower Site Between Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC And Authorizing Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. To Waive Its Sovereign Immunity On A Limited Basis (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)  
Presenters: Clarice Chiago-Jones Rachael Wierson Alan Waters Joan Burke GRTI Board of Directors  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>8. A Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding Between First Things First And The Gila River Indian Community Relative To The Collection And Use Of Data And Other Information In Connection With The Gila River Indian Commu-


nity Regional Partnership Council's Biennial Needs And Assets Reports (H&SSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; ESC concurs)  
Presenters: Ember Tahy, Candida Hunter  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
**ORDINANCES**  
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**NEW BUSINESS**  
1. Manager's Meeting Scheduling (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommended date of October 16, 2025)  
Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SCHEDULE THE INVESTMENT MANAGER'S MEETING ON OCTOBER 16, 2025 AT WILD HORSE PASS  
2. Strategic Plan GRIC Employee Outreach Summary (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business as information)  
Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Steve Olkewicz, Shima Arab, Suzanne Jones, Michael Preston, Jeffrey Martin  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY AS INFORMATION  
3. Gila River Health Care Letter of Request for GRIC Community Council Orientation (H&SSC forwards to Council with recommendation to schedule the orientation for Thursday, August 21, 2025)  
Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SCHEDULE THE ORIENTATION FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025 TO BE HELD AT THE VIOLA JOHNSON BUILDING  
4. Children's Court Judge Vacancy (LSC forwards to Council under New Business and recommends 90 days Advertisement)  
Presenter: Anthony J. Hill  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADVERTISE THE CHILDREN'S COURT JUDGE VACANCY FOR 90 DAYS  
5. ESC/TED Work Session Invitation to Council (ESC forwards to Council for any interested Council Member to attend the ESC/TED Work Session, July 20 – 23, 2025 utilizing Dues & Delegations)  
Presenter: Education Standing Committee  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL TO ATTEND THE ESC/TED WORK SESSION ON JULY 20-23, 2025 IN SEDONA, AZ  
**MINUTES**  
1. June 18, 2025 (Regular)  
APPROVED  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
• G&MSC BUDGET WORK SESSION WILL BE HELD JULY 17-19, 2025  
**ADJOURNMENT**  
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:29 A.M.  
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# Gila River Police Department

## Crime Analysis Unit (CAU)

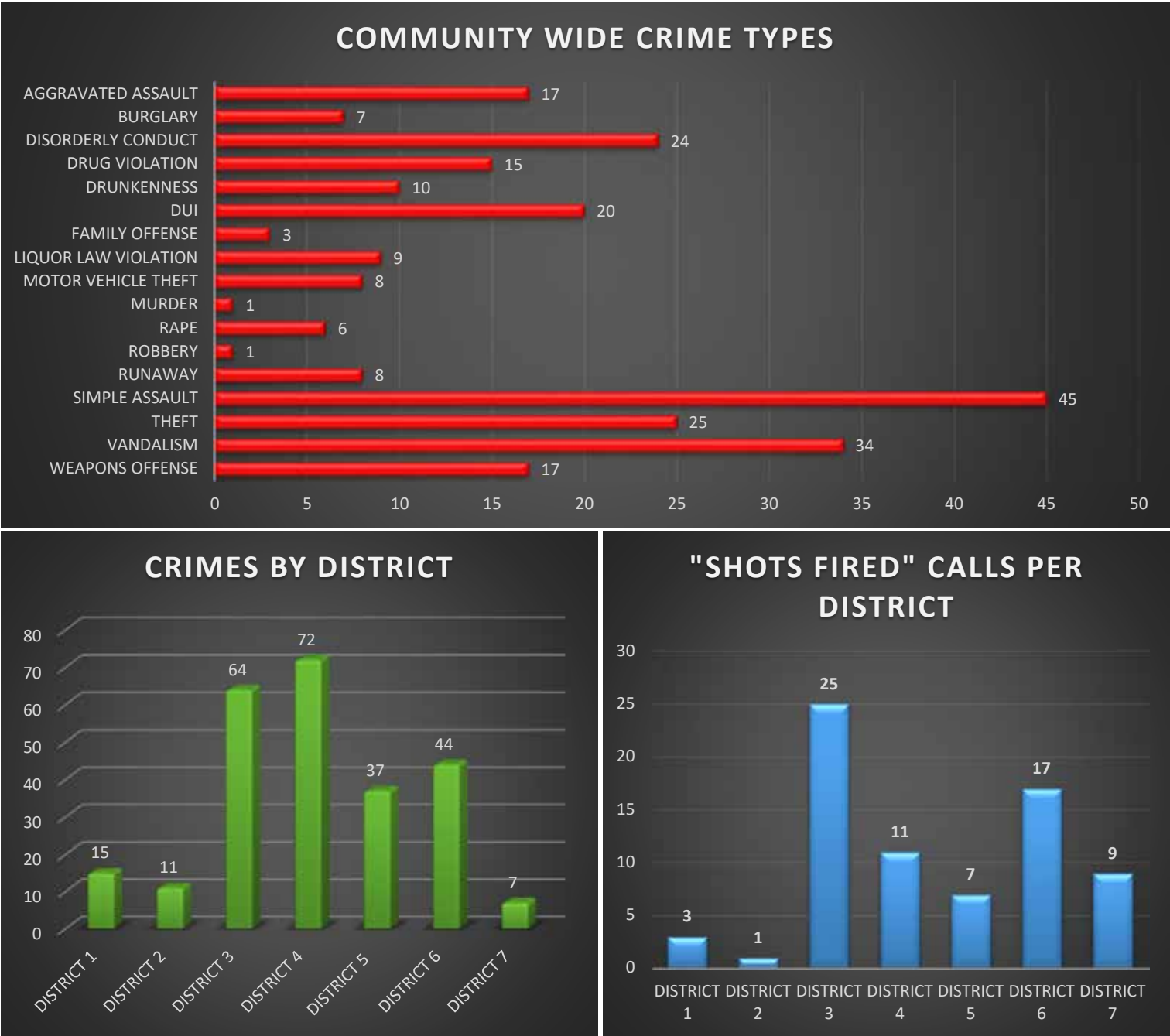
### 2025 JUNE CRIME REPORT




Crime Data Report

Summarizes crime incidents that were reported to the Gila River Police Department (GRPD). The metrics included in this report are the Crimes by Type, Crimes by District and “Shots Fired” Calls for Service by District. This report includes data from June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

\*\*Data is subject to change if new information or revisions are made. “Shots Fired” calls do not include calls that have been reclassified to aggravated assaults, Homicide, Etc. \*\*





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# North-South Segment 2, Tier 2 Environmental Impact Statement and Design Concept Report

## Arizona Farms Road to Interstate 10 (SR 505)

### Public Meetings Aug. 7, 12 and 14



The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) will be preparing a Tier 2 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Design Concept Report (DCR) for the proposed 31-mile segment of State Route 505 between Arizona Farms Road and Interstate 10 (I-10), known as the North-South Segment 2 Study.

The purpose and need for the project was established in the Tier 1 study and will be refined in the Tier 2 EIS. The purpose of the project is to improve the transportation network to accommodate existing and future populations, improve access and regional mobility, provide an alternative to I-10, improve north-to-south connectivity and integrate the region's transportation network. This study will:

- » Develop and evaluate a range of alternatives for potential 400-foot-wide freeway alignments within the selected 1,500-foot Tier 1 study corridor, as well as potential interchange locations and other design features
  - » Identify environmental considerations, avoidance, minimization and mitigation
- » Develop design concepts for the alternatives
  - » Prepare draft and final EIS and DCR documents identifying the Preferred Alternative and issue a Record of Decision identifying the Selected Alternative








**GET INVOLVED!**

ADOT is hosting public meetings in August 2025 to provide information seeking agency and public input to be considered in developing the purpose, need and preliminary alternatives.

**HOW TO COMMENT:**

Comment period from **July 21 to September 8, 2025:**

-  **Attend an in-person or virtual public meeting**
-  **Online survey and comment map:**  
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-  **Email:** [info@northsouth-segment2.com](mailto:info@northsouth-segment2.com)
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 **Mail:**  
ADOT North-South Segment 2  
c/o HDR, Inc.  
20 E. Thomas Rd., Suite 2500  
Phoenix, AZ 85012

In-Person Public Meetings		Virtual Public Meeting   Thursday, Aug. 14   6 - 7 p.m.	
<b>Thursday, Aug. 7, 2025</b> 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Florence High School (Gym) 1000 S Main St., Florence, AZ 85132	<b>Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025</b> 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Santa Cruz Valley Union High School 900 N Main St., Eloy, AZ 85131	<b>English:</b> Online: <a href="https://bit.ly/NSSegment2">https://bit.ly/NSSegment2</a> Phone: 408 638 0968 Meeting number: 974 4088 7487 Webinar Password: ADOTNSS2 Call-in password: 95283501	<b>Spanish Audio Channel:</b> Phone: 408 638 0968 Meeting number: 913 7909 6785 Call-in password: 12101400

The environmental review, consultation and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being or have been carried out by ADOT pursuant to 23 USC 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated 06/25/24 and executed by FHWA and ADOT.

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