



## Gila River DOT Will Launch an Infrastructure Project

*Project includes street repairs, updated signage, expanded bus stops, and training for local workers.*

**Miguel Sallard**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the state and county transportation departments, has launched a comprehensive infrastructure improvement project aimed at upgrading roads, bridges, signage and public transit across the community.

The joint effort responds to long-standing concerns about deteriorating road conditions and limited transit access, and seeks to improve safety, mobility and quality of life for residents.

"There are several areas that need improvement," said DeWayne Badonie, the community's transportation director.

"This is a project, which began earlier this year and is expected to continue over the next five to 10 years. It's not something that will be completed overnight, but we're

committed to doing it right, with dedication, prioritizing the well-being of the community."

The plan includes street and road repairs, along with the relocation of water and drainage lines in coordination with the Department of Public Works. Aging road signs will be replaced with newer, more visible signage, including alerts for drivers in areas where residents with visual or hearing impairments live.

Public transportation will also see significant upgrades. New bus stops will be added and services will be expanded to better serve the elders and residents with special needs. The community will work closely with the city of Phoenix to improve transit routes buses and increase accessibility.

One of the most important aspects of the project is the emphasis on local workforce participation. Rather than relying on outside contractors,

the department will train the transportation workers to operate heavy machinery and specialized equipment.

Badonie said this approach will reduce costs, create jobs and foster a sense of ownership in the development process.

"Our budget is small, but working together with different levels of government, we'll save money and invest in other initiatives that benefit our Community," Badonie said. "One of our greatest advantages is that our staff is dedicated and enthusiastic about these new projects. They'll be participating in training programs to ensure they're ready to take on the work."

The project also includes the installation of new signage near community cemeteries and the recognition of neighborhoods

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## Gila River Indian Community's Career Pathways Program Earns National Recognition

**Victoria Baker/Intern**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community's Career Pathways program has been named a semifinalist for the Harvard Honoring Nations Awards, a distinction that celebrates outstanding tribal governance across Indian Country.

The program was created to align workforce development with the needs of both the community and local employers. Since its launch, Career Pathways has become a permanent fixture in how the community engages with the labor market.

"We started with five sectors: construction, medical,

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Employment & Training Department L-R: Andrea Rambo, Training Specialist. Lana Chanda, Director. Mitchel Goodman II, TERO Supervisor. Photo Submitted by: E & T Department

## Skyline Mustangs Face Rebuilding Season After Championship Run



Mustangs football players ready for a challenging season: M. Sallard/GRIN

**Miguel Sallard**  
Gila River Indian News

CHANDLER — After capturing the Division I Canyon Athletic Association football title last season, Skyline High School enters the 2025 campaign with a young roster and tempered expectations.

"It's going to be a rebuild-

ing year," head coach Darius Turner said. "Last season was a success, but this one will be a real challenge."

The Mustangs finished 2024 with a 9-2 record, including a five-game winning streak that culminated in a dominant 36-0 victory over Harvest Prep Academy in the championship game.

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Community Council Representatives were honored by UAI Chief Executive Officer John Reeves III. Emma Hughes/GRIN

## GRIC Brings Services and Support to Out-of-State Members

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

LOS ANGELES - The Gila River Indian Community recently visited Community members living in the Los Angeles, California area to assist members with access to essential services, resources, and updates as part of their continued partnership with United American Indian Involvement, Inc. (UAI).

UAI, a non-profit organization, provides a wide range of support and assistance to American Indians and Alaska Natives residing in the Los Angeles area. Their services include physical and behavioral health care, educational support, social services, and cultural programs. They also offer assistance with housing, and employment, among other services.

From Aug. 15-16, GRIC leadership, including Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, the Community Council, and several departments, hosted informational sessions and individual consultations covering topics such as enrollment, education assistance, cultural programming, and community initiatives. Members were able to ask questions, update their records, and learn more about services available to them, even while living away from the Community.

“We just want to come and

just visit and just to renew our bonds of community with all of our relatives, our hajun, with all of our Community members here,” said Gov. Lewis.

The visit also provided an opportunity for Community members to reconnect with one another, share stories, and strengthen cultural ties despite the distance. It was a powerful reminder that belonging to the Community transcends geography—it is about shared identity, family, and a strong sense of community.

“You’re able to sit with any Council person, Governor or myself; There’s just so many people here that you can sit and actually talk and bring your family in,” said Lt. Gov. Antone.

Among the attendees for the outreach was Toni Allison, a Community member who grew up in California. “I just like to enjoy it [the outreach]. Seeing my people from my tribe and just getting information from Gila River,” said Allison. “I’m glad they come over here.” Her brother Waylon also attended the event, “I love interacting with my people and just reconnecting. It has a sense of growth and spirituality,” he said.

Gov. Lewis recognized UAI leadership and staff for their continued support for GRIC members. “They [UAI] provide such important services for our relatives, our Community mem-

bers here in the L.A. area,” said Gov. Lewis. “The leadership that they’ve shown and especially during some very difficult times.”

Omerlene Thompson, a GRIC member who has been residing in California for over 30 years, was recognized during the outreach event for her longtime commitment to assisting members of the Community and ensuring the partnership remains. Thompson, who works with UAI as social services director, has been instrumental in providing support to Community members in need. Her efforts were also recognized by the City of Los Angeles in 2019 when she was named its American Indian Heritage Month Honoree for her outstanding work with UAI.

Community Council Rep.

Terrance B. Evans and Gov. Lewis were honored by Thompson and UAI’s Chief Executive Officer John Reeves III for their unwavering support and dedication to Community members residing in the area, making the community members feel appreciated and respected.

To conclude the visit, Gov. Lewis presented UAI and the local Boys & Girls Club of United American Indian Involvement with the GRIC flag. “On behalf of the Community, we want to make sure that the Community’s flag is being recognized as part of your tribal nations flags, because it’s important – especially to our youth and our elders that go to UAI.”



Members from outside the Community renewing their bond. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis presented UAI and the local Boys & Girls Club of United American Indian Involvement with the GRIC flag. Emma Hughes/GRIN



GRIC leadership joined by Gila River Resorts & Casinos in Los Angeles. Emma Hughes/GRIN



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that have received the Purple Heart Medal. State Route 87, Route 587 and Route 187 will be improved in partnership with the state, representing a major step forward in regional connectivity.

While construction continues on Interstate 10, the Gila River Department of Transportation is also focusing on internal improvements. Repaving in Snaketown was completed in recent months, and upcoming phases will include Pedro Site and Sacate Sub-Division in District 5 and Gila Buttes

in District 4. Officials say the infrastructure plan reflects a long-term vision for a safer, more modern and equitable transportation system.

By combining resources and engaging local workers, the project aims to deliver lasting improvements that serve the entire community.

“This is about more than just roads,” Badonie said. “It’s about building a stronger, more connected future for everyone who lives here.”



New signs on the community have been displaced. Miguel Sallard/GRIN



ADOT begins road repairs on Highway 587. M. Sallard/GRIN



Sacate Sub-Division in District 5 gearing up for new pavement - improvements on the way from Gila River DOT. M. Sallard/GRIN



Roadwork wrapped up at Pedro Site Sub-Division in District 5 - fresh pavement now in place. M. Sallard/GRIN

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The team allowed just 90 points across 11 games while scoring 386. But only seven players from that title-winning squad return. Thirteen seniors graduated in May, leaving Turner with a roster largely composed of freshmen — including a new starting quarterback. Among the fresh faces is Kristian Adams, a freshman quarterback who recently relocated from Indiana.

“I’m feeling a little nervous, he said. “I’ve been playing since I was eight years old, but this level is going to be different for me. Nervous, yes-but also ready to give it everything I’ve got” Still adjusting to Arizona desert heat, Kristian will rely on support from the Mustangs’ defensive line as he steps into the



Kristian Adams QB



Mustang players ready to run on the field.  
M. Sallard/GRIN

starting role. Skyline will also make history this season with its first-ever female backup quarterback. Sophia Gregg, who brings experience from flag football and already holds a championship title, will serve as Kristian’s understudy. “A lot of these guys are brand new to the program,” Turner said. “We’re starting from scratch in many ways.” Skyline football program joined the CAA in 2022 with the goal of building a competitive football program. Just two seasons later, the Mustangs claimed their first championship in school history — a feat that Turner credits to the players’ commitment both on and off the field.

“It was all about their dedication,” he said. “They gave everything they had, not just during games but in the classroom too.

I couldn’t be prouder.”Despite the turnover, Turner remains optimistic. He hopes to guide the Mustangs back to the playoffs, though he acknowledges the path will be tougher this time around.

“We’re not the same team as last year,” he said. “But we’re going to fight to keep that winning spirit alive.”



Sophia Gregg back-up QB

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Skyline Gila River Opens Volleyball Season

with Nail-Biter Against ASU Prep

Jeston Morris  
Gila River Indian News

CHANDLER, Ariz. — The Skyline Gila River Lady Mustangs kicked off their varsity volleyball season on Sept. 2 with a thrilling home match against ASU Prep Academy, drawing a packed crowd to the gymnasium.

Fans from the Gila River Indian Community and ASU Prep Academy filled the stands, standing in unity for the National Anthem before the match. Athletic Director Daveda Taylor introduced both teams, beginning with ASU Prep Academy and followed by the Lady Mustangs.

Skyline’s starting line-

up featured Mary (#15), Jayliza (#11), Jaymyne (#1), Monica (#13), Jayne (#20), and Olivia (#2). The team, led by Head Coach Carol Johnson and Assistant Coach Samantha Spellman, includes 11 players. The Mustangs took the court in white tops with purple lettering and black shorts.

Among the attendees was Principal Keith Brown, who joined the crowd in cheering on the home team. The match followed a best-of-five format, with ASU Prep Academy edging out Skyline in a close 3–2 victory. The final set was decided by just three points.

“This was our first game of the season,” said Coach Johnson. “We’re learning a new system—the 6-2 rotation. It was confusing for our players in the first two games, but they started to catch on in games three and four. It’s hard to lose a match that close.”

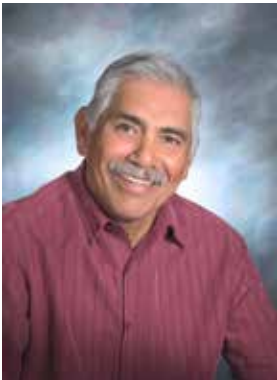
Coach Johnson emphasized the team’s long-term development: “Sam and I are laying the foundation. We have a lot of freshmen, and we’re teaching them to set up plays, attack, and score—not just pass the ball over the net.”



# 1 Jaymyne and Lady Mustangs on a new system rotation 6-2 this 2025 season. Jeston Morris/GRIN



# A’AGA: Something to be told or talked about



Submitted By  
Billy Allen

“The Maricopa are unusual among Indians of the Southwest. They are not related to the tribes about them, all of whom are Mexican or Southern Indians. The Maricopa are of Northern stock. They are descendants of four tribes now extinct, of which the Mohave tribe was probably the largest. These Maricopa are literally not afraid of nothing on earth or heaven. . . . the tribe knows no punishment for cowardice because it never heard of cowardice.” These words were published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on June 23, 1930. What prompted such praise for the West End people/Kuiva o’otham?

Maybe you’ve heard of Bonnie and Clyde. They were preceded by another romantic couple in crime that hit a string of stores and gas stations in Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee. Two days after Christmas, 1929, twenty year old “Iron Irene” Schroeder, her lover Glenn Dague (a Sunday school teacher and Boy Scout leader) robbed a grocery store in Butler, Pennsylvania. One officer was fatally shot, another wounded. Now on the run, Irene left her four year old son—who later told of seeing his mother shoot the officer—with his grandfather. The gang began a cross-country escape that led to their encounter with Leon Sundust. By mid-January, “Iron Irene’s” gang was traveling west across several states. Along the way, they picked up hitchhiker Vernon Ackerman who joined them in the crime spree. When they stopped at a gas station in Florence, Pinal County Deputy Sheriff Joe Chapman spotted their car and went to question Irene. She honked the horn to alert Dague and Ackerman who pulled guns on Chapman, taking him as a hostage. Since the gang had no idea which roads led where, Chapman had them drive in circles, even got the car stuck in the Gila River, for which he was severely beaten. The gang needed money so Chapman, hoping an alarm had been raised, directed them to Chandler. A roadblock had been set up so when the robbers arrived, a gun battle ensued. Chapman was thrown out of the car and a Maricopa County Sheriff’s Deputy named R. Lee Wright was wounded in the exchange and died weeks later. Flying glass also injured Deputy Shirley Butterfield. Again the gang eluded capture. The robbers drove west and found themselves on an unpaved Baseline Road, raising dust heading towards Komadk. Seeing the Estrella, Vii Lyxa in Maricopa, the geographically-challenged gang thought Mexico was on the other side, if they could make over the top, they would be safe. When the dirt road ended at the dry Akimel/Gila, the fugitives

got out and started climbing. It was January 14, 1930, after escaping capture for over 2,000 miles; the gang met its match with the West End people/Kuiva o’otham. Leon Sundust, was a successful alfalfa and wheat farmer on the Gila River Indian Community. Tending to his horses, he heard shots. The murderous trio had climbed only a short way up Komadk, then hid behind some boulders. Leon watched the gun battle go on for over 4 hours. Leon knew how to climb and get up behind the gang. He shared this with Sheriff Charles Wright who told Leon to take two Maricopa trackers and lead three mounted deputies up. When the horses could go no further, Leon and Jack Carter dismounted. Leon was unarmed, but thought he could lasso the criminals one by one. Now crawling along, Leon spotted the robbers, then was handed a gun, someone shouted, “Hands up!” One of the robbers wouldn’t give up his gun, but Leon rushed him and took the gun away. All three surrendered. An online account of a newspaper of the time stated that when Irene saw Leon she asked if he was Mexican. Leon replied that he was Indian, Irene said, “It figures.” All were lead down Komadk and walked into a crowd of reporters, deputy sheriffs, and citizens. There were also quite a few cheering Indians—even back then, rez news spread fast. At that moment, Leon was everyone’s cousin. Vernon Ackerman, the third gunman, was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Lee Wright. On Monday, February 23, 1931, at precisely 7:00 am, twenty-two year old Irene Schroeder became the first woman to die in Pennsylvania’s electric chair. Walter Glenn Dague followed and was pronounced dead at 7:14 a.m. The Sundust family remained in farming and ranching. Leon was a cowboy at heart, a regular at the Prescott July 4th rodeo. He was Runner-Up Champion Cowboy at the 1939 Flagstaff Pow-Wow. Leon remained a viable rodeo contestant up until the 1960s. A bull, steer or bronco was no match for the farmer/cowboy who faced off against a trio of killers. It seems the Maricopa aren’t afraid of anything on earth or heaven.

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[Another Bonnie and Clyde | Vindy Archives](#)  
The site below has a picture of Irene on horseback, with Leon in the back. There is also a drawing which by today standards is racist and comical. Remember it was the 1930s.  
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## 2025 Arizona Elections Procedures Manual: What It Means for Tribal Voters

Submitted by  
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PHOENIX - The Draft 2025 Elections Procedures Manual (EPM) sets operational guidance for Arizona’s 15 counties and, once approved, has the force of law. For tribal communities, the draft continues the 2023 manual’s core protections—access to voter registration, acceptance of tribal identification and documents, consultation on polling place siting on or near tribal lands, placement of official ballot drop boxes at tribal government buildings, language assistance for covered jurisdictions, treatment of Indian census numbers as confidential, and operational reminders such as Daylight Saving Time observance on the Navajo Nation. Based on ITCA’s review, the 2025 draft emphasizes clarity and continuity rather than wholesale changes to tribal related policy. This report synthesizes those provisions, evaluates potential positive and negative impacts for Native voters, and outlines implementation considerations for counties and tribes

ahead of final approval. Legal & Timeline Context

- A.R.S. § 16 452 requires the Secretary of State to prescribe election procedures, in consultation with county election officials. In odd numbered years, the Secretary must transmit a draft EPM to the Governor and Attorney General by October 1; approval is due by December 31.
- For 2025, the Secretary of State opened public comment on August 1 and closed the portal at 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2025. The transmittal deadline is October 1, 2025. Tribal Related Provisions in the Draft 2025 EPM Registration Access (Forms to Tribal Governments) County recorders and the Secretary of State provide voter registration forms to tribal government agencies, supporting on reservation registration and updates. Potential Positive Impacts:
  - Streamlines access to official forms for tribal residents and outreach teams; supports continuous, compliant registration activity on tribal lands. Potential Risks/Negative Impacts:
    - Requires consistent inventory management so that tribal offices have current forms; counties should

designate a liaison for distribution and replenishment. Proof of Citizenship (DPOC) & Tribal Documentation The draft maintains acceptance of tribal documentation—such as tribal enrollment or census documents and other established tribal/bureau records—within the statutory proof of citizenship framework. Potential Positive Impacts:

- Reduces registration rejections when standard state documents are difficult to obtain; acknowledges valid tribal/bureau sources. Potential Risks/Negative Impacts:
  - County staff require periodic training and job aids to recognize and process the full range of tribal documents consistently. Residence & Non Standard Addressing The manual continues guidance allowing non standard or descriptive addresses and the use of tribal identifiers where conventional addressing is limited. Potential Positive Impacts:
    - Improves access for voters in rural or traditional housing areas on reserva-

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Career Pathways  
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fire apprenticeships, small business and hospitality,” Lana Chanda. Director, Employment & Training Department said. “Now, we’re expanding into sub-sectors like house-keeping and front-of-house services, and developing youth programs such as SCRUBS and First Responders, with pathways for police, EMT and fire-fighter roles.”

Employers selected training topics using a national job skills model. The Workforce team managed logistics, provided support and paid wages for work experience.

The program’s origin dates back to when the Gila River Indian Community and the Tucson Indian Center were selected by the Division of Indian and Native American Programs at the U.S. Department of Labor to participate in a Career Pathways Technical Assistance Initiative—an opportunity typically reserved for non-Native grantees.

“DINAP made sure Native communities were included,” Chanda said. “We joined a training in Washington with nine other state programs. It was amazing. We saw how it could address skill gaps and bring workforce, ed-

ucation and employers together as a team.”

Although both the state and the program applied for a \$3 million grant, the Gila River Indian Community was awarded the funding, marking a major milestone.

Career Pathways was designed to address gaps in education, certification and awareness of community resources. It also fostered collaboration among groups that had previously worked in isolation.

“We realized we were doing the same work separately,” said Chanda. “Career Pathways helped us see that we’re one community—and we need to reach out.”

The program’s employer-first model sets it apart. Instead of beginning with job seekers, it starts by identifying employer needs in fields such as hospitality, construction, medical and fire apprenticeships, then builds training programs around those needs.

“Employers got involved,” said Lana. “They didn’t just hire—they trained and mentored future workers.”

Being named a semifinalist by Harvard’s Honoring Nations program was a moment of pride.

“I was surprised they’d heard of us. It was an honor to share our story,” Lana said. “It reminded me how amazing Career Pathways is—and why it must stay rooted in our community.”

The program continues to grow, with expanded training in hospitality and youth initiatives like SCRUBS and First Responders.

“My vision is for Career Pathways to become an integral part of how we work with employers. We’re building a binder of career models that clients can explore,” Chanda added. Career Pathways has trained other Native tribes and shared its approach at national conferences. The Harvard recognition could help amplify its reach.

“We’ve always been willing to share,” Chanda said. “This model helps Native communities connect with employers in a way that’s truly ours.”

As the Gila River Indian Community continues to innovate, Career Pathways stands as a model for community-driven workforce development—built on culture, collaboration and lasting impact.

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# DIGITAL CONNECT

an initiative of Gila River Telecommunications Inc.

Digital Connect exists to help people improve their quality of life using modern technology.

## It has been a Techie Camp summer!

We are grateful for the opportunity to bring AZ StRUT's Techie Camps to the Gila River Indian Community. So far this summer, DCI has provided three Techie Camps for a total of 59 GRIC youth. In each camp, students get hands-on experience taking apart computers, learning how the components connect, and putting them together again. The best part is, at the conclusion of every camp, each student receives a free laptop that is theirs to keep!



Thanks to all of our partners for making these Techie Camps possible!

AZ StRUT  
Boys & Girls Club Kumatke  
Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority  
Gila River Health Care Elev8 Program

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Hemajkam ha Thoak’tthag ‘The Life of the People’ 2025

Our O’otham age groups have changed over the years to accommodate the new laws and policies adopted over time. As O’otham always done, we had adapted to the changes and remained embedded in our “Himthag” or (Way of Life). As O’otham, we started off our lives at our “Eñ ma:sig thash” (day of my birth) from there we were nurtured by “eñ Je’e” (my mother) At that point in our lives, both sexes called “Ali” (newborn/infant) included our infants from newborn to age five. In those modern times, both parents had full-time jobs. When the maternity leave was used up, Moms returned to work. At that point, our children entered the school and daycare system and begun their formal instruction. Some of our young community members were enrolled into Early Head Start, which accepted infants from birth to age three. When the children reached the age of three they enrolled into the regular Head Start Program. The last age of the “Ali” group was reached when the children turned five years of age and enrolled into Kindergarten. As the children had gotten older, they joined the “Viappoi ch Chehia” (young boy and young girl) age group. That age group started at age six and ended at age twelve in the pre-teen years. That was when they often “hejel ‘eñigadath” (dress by themselves) and were given some responsibilities around the home. For some, they had “mai math ‘o hihitho” (learned how to prepare food and cook). When the children reached the age of thirteen, they often joined the “Che’choj ch U’uv” (young men and young women) age group. At that point, many joined “haichu chichivi” (played in different sports) like football and volleyball. During that period, some O’otham “mantho haichu chikpan” (started working) their first jobs (often part-time) after school and on weekends. It was also at that age-range when some graduated from high school. When young men and women reached the age of twenty-two they were considered adults by current laws. That group was often referred to as the “Ge’egeḍ Che’choj ch U’uv” (adult males and adult females). For many of them that was, “shelma ‘o chikpannath” (worked at their professions). That was considered their most productive years, as it was within that age-span that they had accomplished most of their lifetime achievements. The last group O’otham joined as they aged was the “Keli ch Oks Kekel” (Elders), which begun at age fifty-five. Many continued working until they retired at age sixty-five and a few worked past that point. We encourage you to learn these phrases and use them with your family members. Speak with a Kekel or speaker in your family and learn how to pronounce the phrases. Some phrases may be slightly different between the villages.

A special Thank You to Community Elders, whose knowledge of Hemajkam ha Thoak’tthag that made this article possible.

Hemajkam ha Thoak’tthag 2025: Match the age group phrase with its picture!

Ge’egeḍ Cheoj ch U:v math ‘o shelma chikpannath.



Ali mai math ‘o ba:ñimo.



Viappoi ‘o meḍ.



Chehia mai math ‘o hihitho



Cheoj math ‘o chichivi keichkwikuḍ.



Uv mantho haichu chikpan.



A’aithag eñ Ali ma:sig thash.



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Elections Procedures Manual  
from Page 7

tions; supports accurate precincting when street addressing is unavailable. Potential Risks/Negative Impacts:

- Risk of geocoding errors or mismatches if poll books are not configured for descriptive addressing; requires clear county procedures for reasonable match determinations. Voter Identification at the Polls — Tribal IDs Tribal identification and specified tribal documents remain acceptable within the state’s proof of identity lists, with existing Native voter protections for scenarios where address elements are not present. Potential Positive Impacts:
- Minimizes unnecessary return trips to provide supplementary ID; reduces confusion for voters presenting tribal credentials. Potential Risks/Negative Impacts:
- Poll workers need refreshers on list combinations (photo/address/name) to avoid inconsistent application and provisional ballots. Polling Place Siting & Consultation on/near Tribal Lands Counties with tribal lands should consult with tribal governments to ensure a reasonable and adequate number of voting locations on or near tribal lands. In remote areas, a single central site on

tribal lands may be designated. Potential Positive Impacts:

- Promotes access, trust, and culturally aware site selection; central sites can reduce travel burdens in dispersed communities. Potential Risks/Negative Impacts:
- Requires early facility coordination, IT and connectivity checks, and MOUs for access and hours; transportation planning must match local realities. Official Ballot Drop Boxes at Tribal Government Buildings The draft allows drop box placement inside or in front of tribal government buildings with appropriate security and chain of custody procedures. Potential Positive Impacts:
- Provides a convenient return option for ballot by mail voters on reservations; can reduce travel and mailing delays. Potential Risks/Negative Impacts:
- Demands coordinated retrieval schedules and clear signage; counties and tribal facility managers must align on custody and monitoring protocols. Language Access (Section 203) & Bilingual Staffing Jurisdictions covered by Section 203 must provide language assistance; histori-

cally oral tribal languages require oral assistance. The draft underscores collaboration with Tribes on terminology and staffing and encourages recruiting bilingual poll workers (e.g., Navajo, Hopi, Tohono O’odham, Apache, Paiute, Yuman). Potential Positive Impacts:

- Improves clarity, accuracy, and community trust in translations and assistance; strengthens voter understanding of processes and choices. Potential Risks/Negative Impacts:
- Interpreter coverage and translation approvals take time and budget; staffing during early voting and Election Day is a recurring challenge. Operations & Timing — Navajo Nation (DST) The manual reminds election officials that the Navajo Nation observes Daylight Saving Time, affecting opening/closing times and communications for border precincts. Potential Positive Impacts:
- Helps prevent closing time errors and public confusion; improves coordination across county lines. Potential Risks/Negative Impacts:
- Requires tailored public communications and staff briefings in mixed time obser-

vance areas. Privacy & Confidential Identifiers The draft treats sensitive identifiers (e.g., Indian/Native American census numbers) as confidential fields in voter records. Potential Positive Impacts:

- Protects voter privacy and reduces risk of exposure through public records requests. Potential Risks/Negative Impacts:
- County workflows must consistently flag and redact; front line staff need reminders about handling these numbers. Comparative Notes vs. the 2023 Elections Procedures Manual
- Most tribal related provisions in the 2025 draft mirror the 2023 manual’s framework: acceptance of tribal IDs and documents, consultation on siting voting locations on or near tribal lands (with allowance for a central on reservation site in remote areas), drop box placement at tribal government buildings, Section 203 language assistance with oral support for historically oral languages, recognition of Navajo Nation Daylight Saving Time, and confidentiality for Indian census numbers.
- Where differences appear, they are primarily clarifications or emphasis—e.g.,

stressing collaboration with Tribes on language translation quality and staffing pipelines—rather than changes to underlying policy requirements. Implementation Considerations (for Counties and Tribes)

- Siting & MOUs: Initiate consultation early; confirm connectivity, accessibility, and security for proposed locations; memorialize access, hours, and facility needs in MOUs.
- Poll Worker Pipeline: Build and maintain a bench of bilingual workers and interpreters with schedules that cover early voting and Election Day; coordinate training on tribal IDs and list combinations.
- Registration & DPOC Job Aids: Provide visual guides of acceptable tribal documents; train staff on non standard addressing workflows and reasonable match determinations.
- Drop Box Protocols: Align on placement, signage, retrieval schedules, and chain of custody documentation for boxes at tribal buildings.
- Communications: Publish clear closing time communications for precincts near or within the Navajo Nation; ensure translation/interpretation is ready for outreach materials.



# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

## Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • August 20, 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, August 20, 2025, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:01 a.m.  
INVOCATION  
Provided by Lt. Governor Regina Antone

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.(9:05); D4- Leah Williams, Jennifer Allison, Nada Celaya, Lalena Jackson; D5- James De La Rosa, Donovan Kyiitan, Gordon Santos, Jr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Terrance Evans; D7- Jeanette Blasingim  
Council Members Absent: D5- Franklin Pablo, Sr.  
D6- Charles Goldtooth

APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS #1 AND REPORTS #1 AND #2 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL AND TABLE REPORT #5 AT THE REQUEST OF THE HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE REPORT #3, AND #4, #6 THROUGH #18; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION #1 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #2 AND #3

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDAAS AMENDED PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS  
1. Introduction to District Three Service Center Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator  
Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Joanne Brewer

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDAREPORTS  
>1. Proposed Gila River Farms Road Closures to Reduce Nefarious Traffic

Presenters: David DeJong, Benito Alvarez

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>2. American Legion Post 51 Haskell Osife Antone 3rd Quarter Budget  
Presenter: Gary Rodriguez

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>3. Quarterly Report for the Third Quarter of FY 2025 Four Rivers Indian Legal Services  
Presenter: Sarah Youngblood

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>4. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. and Subsidiaries FY2025 Second Quarter Report  
Presenters: Craig Baumgartner, Clarice Chiago-Jones, GRTI Board of Directors

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
5. Gila River Health Care Tobacco Tax Grant FY25 Third Quarter Report (April 1, 2025-June 30, 2025)  
Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Deborah Tinsley, Judith Roth, Max Haake, Owen Ayres, Dr. Viji Murugavel, Dr. Anthony Santiago, Susan Kelley, Carolyn Thompson, Kerry Van Volkinburgh

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>6. Akin Gump FY25 Annual Report (Executive Session)  
Presenters: Don Pongrace, Jason Hauter

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>7. Dorsey & Whitney, LLP FY25 Annual Report (Executive Session)  
Presenter: Mary Streitz

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>8. DR Law, PLLC FY25 Annual Report (Executive Session)  
Presenter: Denten Robinson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>9. Lippes Mathias, LLP FY25 Annual Report (Executive Session)  
Presenter: Ian Shavitz

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>10. Linus Everling FY25 Annual Report (Executive Session)  
Presenter: Linus Everling

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>11. Osborn Maledon, PA FY25 Annual Report (Executive Ses-

sion)  
Presenters: David Rosenbaum, Jeffrey Molinar

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
12. Rothstein Law Firm FY25 Annual Report (Executive Session)  
Presenter: Eric Dahlstrom

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>13. Public Policy Partners FY25 Annual Report (Executive Session)  
Presenter: Meghaen Dell’Artino

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>14. The Center for Applied Research, Inc., FY25 Annual Report (Executive Session)  
Presenter: Chad Linse

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
15. Yoder & Langford, P.C., FY25 Annual Report (Executive Session)  
Presenters: Linus Everling, Catherine Langford, Robert Yoder

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>16. Keller-Bliesner Engineering, LLC FY25 Annual Report (Executive Session)  
Presenter: Brian Westfall

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>17. Peter Mock Groundwater Consulting, Inc. FY25 Annual Report (Executive Session)  
Presenter: Peter Mock

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
>18. Gookin Engineers FY25 Annual Report (Executive Session)  
Presenter: Scudder Gookin

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #19  
19. FY2025 Financial Activity Report ending July 31, 2025 (Executive Session)  
Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

TABLED RESOLUTIONS  
>1. A Resolution Approving The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program Memorandum Of Understanding Between The Arizona Department Of Economic Security And The Community Services Department Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; H&SSC concurs)  
Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Joanne Brewer

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
2. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 62 To The Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For Fiscal Years 2026 Through 2030 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)  
Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Lt. Governor Regina Antone, Suzanne Jones

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
3. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2026 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)  
Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Lt. Governor Regina Antone

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
ORDINANCES  
UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
NEW BUSINESS  
1. GRIC License Plate Update (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval and to authorize Governor Stephen R. Lewis to execute the release as requested by ADOT)  
Presenter: Roberto Jackson, Jeffery Martin

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AND TO AUTHORIZE GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS TO EXECUTE THE RELEASE AS REQUESTED BY ADOT, CONTINGENT UP APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL SECRETARY  
2. TribalNet Conference & Tradeshow September 14-18, 2025 – Reno, NV (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)  
Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND UTILIZING DUES & DELEGATIONS  
3. 2025 NICOA American Indian Elder Conference September 29, 2025-October 3, 2025 in Durant, Oklahoma (H&SSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council Member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)  
Presenters: Health & Social Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND

TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND UTILIZING DUES & DELEGATIONS  
4. 2025 National Association Of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) Fall Conference, September 14-16, 2025 (ESC forwards to Community Council under New Business for any interested Council Member to attend the 2025 National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) Fall Conference with travel dates of September 13 – 17, 2025)  
Presenter: Robert Lewandowski

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND THE 2025 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERALLY IMPACTED SCHOOLS (NAFIS) FALL CONFERENCE WITH TRAVEL DATES OF SEPTEMBER 13 – 17, 2025

MINUTES  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- REMINDER OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS AUGUST 22, 2025 FOR ANY CHANGES TO MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION
- THE COUNCIL/GRHC ORIENTATION WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE VIOLA JOHNSON BUILDING
- PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FAMILIES OF DISTRICT 5 ELDERS BARBARA WHITE AND EDWARDINE LEWIS
- PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FAMILIES AND CO-WORKERS OF MS. JAMIE FUENTES, OUTREACH EVENT COORDINATOR FOR THE UAI GROUP
- THE VETERAN & FAMILY SERVICES OFFICE WILL BE HOLDING AN ENROLLMENT AND CLAIMS CLINIC ON FRIDAY AUGUST 22, 2025 IN DISTRICT 3 FROM 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
- INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025 AT 10:45 A.M.  
ADJOURNMENT  
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30 A.M.  
\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)  
> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM



NOTICE OF ACCEPTING BIDS FOR LEASING OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS

The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pima Agency, on behalf of the allotted landowners, provides notice under Sealed Bids for the advertisement of available lands for agriculture lease on trust or restricted Indian lands. We will be accepting SEALED BIDS ONLY for the purpose of leasing agricultural lands to the highest bidder through September 30, 2025. All bids must be delivered to the Pima Agency Superintendent by U.S. Postal Mail or personally deliver sealed bids to the Pima Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. The bid must be received at Pima Agency by September 30, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., (Noon), to be considered as an acceptable bid offer. Bids will be opened and read at Pima Agency at 2:00 p.m. on September 30, 2025.

Bids must be enclosed in separate envelopes and each plainly marked, "SEALED BID ON FARMING LEASE, ITEM NO. , TO BE OPENED ON September 30, 2025." Mail bids to Pima Agency, P.O. Box 8, Sacaton, Arizona 85147 or deliver to Pima Agency 104 North Main Street, Sacaton, Arizona 85147.

- No. 1

4

See attachment
- No. 2

5

See attachment
- Exhibit "A" – 733.12 acres
- Exhibit "B" – 279.40 acres

Each offer of the bid must include the allotment number and legal description of the land to be leased, proposed conditions being offered including Bid/Dollar Per Acre Price and Term of Lease, being from one to ten years. To submit an acceptable bid, the bidder must propose a fair market value bid offer. The term of any lease bid accepted will begin on January 1, 2026, and will expire on the date negotiated under the lease terms. If your bid is accepted, the Superintendent, Pima Agency will provide notification that your bid has been accepted and will provide you with the lease documents and instructions to submit the executed lease agreement along with the supporting documentation needed to execute and approve the lease. The Superintendent reserves the right to reject any and all bids that do not meet the bid advertisement requirements. Bids may also be rejected by the Superintendent using her discretionary authority for any terms and rent. If this occurs, negotiation may resolve the issue(s) before any final rejection of a successful sealed bid.

If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Big Knife or Matthew Federico-Hall, Realty Specialist, at the Pima Agency at (520) 815-0287 or pimarealty@bia.gov.



✗ = Not in lease area      TOTAL ACRES: 733.12      ITEM NO. 1      EXHIBIT "A"

DISTRICT 4 AREA  
HUNT HIGHWAY, 587,  
GOODYEAR ROAD

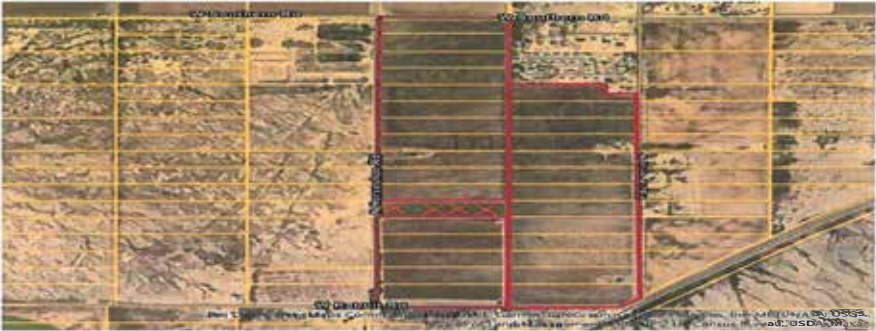


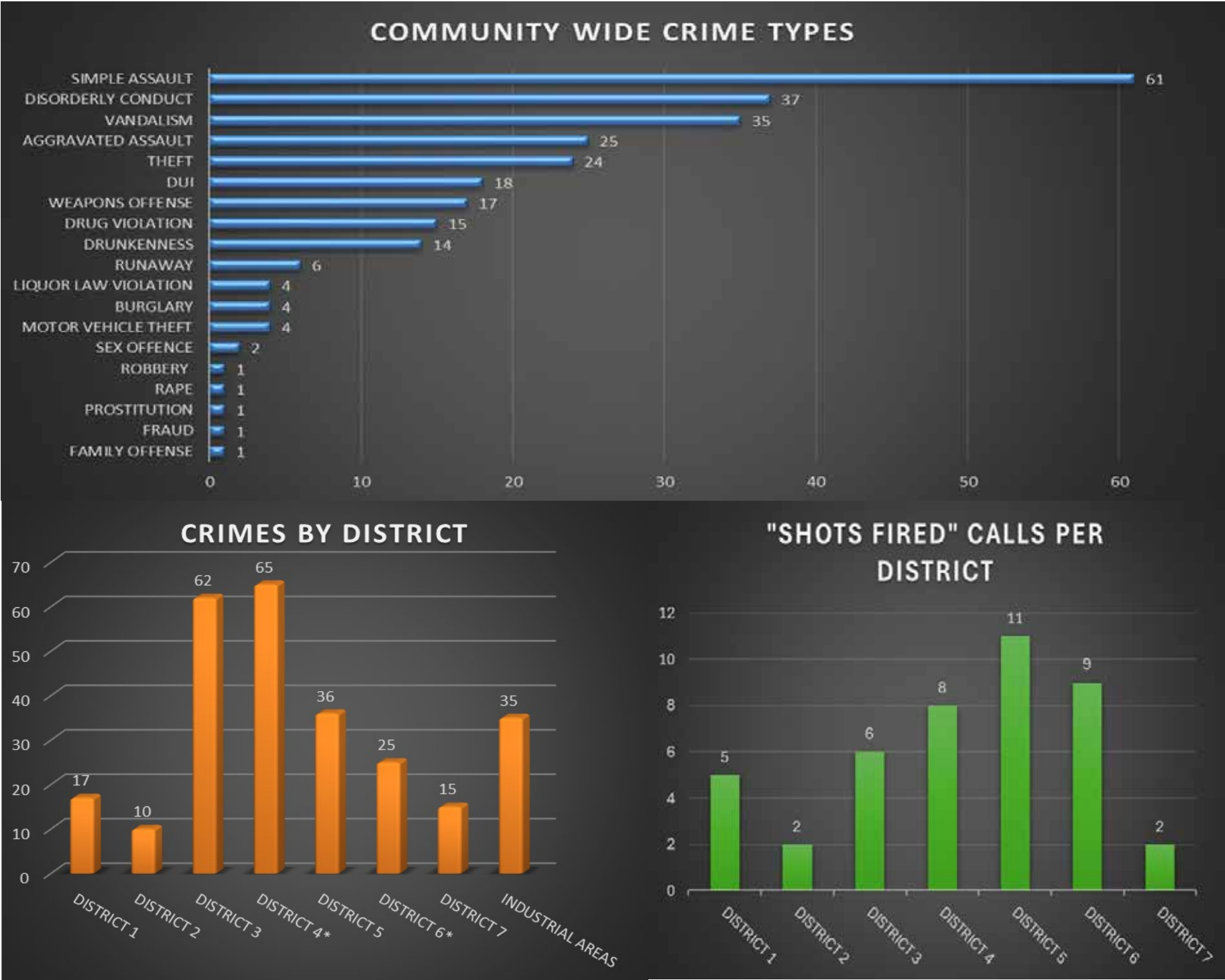
EXHIBIT "B"      279.40 ACRES  
ITEM NO. 2      X = NOT IN LEASE  
DISTRICT 5 AREA  
W. SOUTHERN ROAD, HORSESHOE  
ROAD, VAH-KI ROAD, W RABBIT ROAD

Crime Data Report

Summarizes crime and shots fired 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 related calls for service. This report includes data from August 1- August 31, 2025.

\* CRIMES BY DISTRICT Chart: Crimes occurring in industrial areas have been removed from the districts and been given their own column to reflect a more accurate representation crime within the respective district. (this only impacts District 4 and District 6)

\*Data is subject to change if new information or revisions are made\*





Announcements & Notices

COURT NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA  
YASMINE DAVIS ,  
Petitioner/Plaintiff  
VS.  
JUSTIN DAVIS,  
Respondent/Defendant  
CASE Number: FM-2025-0049-DV  
CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING  
Please take notice that a 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, October 16, 2025 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom I,  
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 21 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.  
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.  
DATED this 4th day of August, 2025

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
COURT DATE NOTICE  
In Re Case: In the Matter of Ryan Allison  
Docket Number: CV-2025-0143-NC  
This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may ordered.  
Answer/Response Hearing  
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147  
27th day of October, 2025 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Gwendolyn Morago

COURT NOTICE

N THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
COURT DATE NOTICE  
In Re Case: In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth Wellington  
Docket Number: PB-2025-0030-DE  
This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may ordered.  
Answer/Response Hearing  
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 21 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147  
28th day of October, 2025 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Gwendolyn Morago

COURT NOTICE  
IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
COURT DATE NOTICE  
In Re Case: In the Matter of the Estate of Lea Marie Salkey  
Docket Number: PB-2025-0031-DE  
This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may ordered.  
Answer/Response Hearing  
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147  
28th day of October, 2025 at 10:30 AM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Gwendolyn Morago

COURT NOTICE  
IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
COURT DATE NOTICE  
In Re Case: In the Matter of :Lerio Fayrene Brown-Angulo  
Docket Number: JC-2025-01 00-CA  
This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may ordered.  
Answer/Response Hearing

AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147  
21st day of October, 2025 at 1:00 PM in Courtroom V before the Honorable Kami D. Hart  
Issued bv: Acunia-Narcia Date: Thursday, August 28, 2025

COURT NOTICE  
IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
EMILY ANN JUAN  
Petitioner/Plaintiff  
VS.  
JOSEPH FERRAL BROWN  
Respondent/Defendant  
CASE Number: FM-2025-0024-PT  
CIVIL SUMMONS  
TO: Joseph Ferral Brown  
READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. THIS IS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT, CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR ADVOCATE FOR HELP.  
You are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed against you, the Respondent/Defendant, in the Gila River Indian Community Court. You are required to appear and defend this action in Court withinthe time applicable.  
You shall appear and respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING on: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 2:00 PM in Courtroom I,  
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.  
You may respond in writing. However, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required.If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court. The Court staff is not allowed to give you legal advice but staff is available to assist you with general information such as scheduling and procedures. You have the right to represent yourself or you may hire an attorney or advocate to represent you. If you represent yourself, you have the responsibility to properly complete all your Court papers and file them when they are due. The Court has a listing of attorneys and advocates who are licensed to practice in the Court. Please do not wait until your hearing to ask for time to hire an attorney or advocate.If you are not able to appear in Court at the above date and time, please immediately file a motion with the Court to reschedule. A judge will determine whether to approve your motion. You should be in court at least 15 minutes before the hearing. DO NOT come to court if you are sick. If you fail to appear and defend in Court, a default judgment will be entered against you and in favor of the Petitioner/Plaintiff for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community Court in the State of Arizona.  
DATED this 22nd day of July, 2025

COURT NOTICE  
IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
JENNIFER MARIE JAMES  
Petitioner/Plaintiff  
vs.  
NATHANIEL HERNANDEZ  
Respondent/Defendant  
TO: Nathaniel Hernandez  
CASE NO.: FM-2025-0036-PT  
CIVIL ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
Address: 10303 Mawid Street, Sacaton, AZ, 8514 7  
WHEREAS in the above matter, you were to appear for the Answer/Response Hearing scheduled on July 7, 2025 at 10:00 AM.  
IT HAS COME to the attention of the Court that you failed to appear as ordered for the above matter.  
THEREFORE:  
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUO KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147  
On 29th day of September, 2025 at 10:30 AM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Gwendolyn Morago  
And there and then show cause, if any you have, why this Court should not find you in contempt.  
FAILURE TO APPEAR without good cause may subject you to prosecution or other penalties.  
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.DA TED this 17th day of July, 2024

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

REVISIONS TO TITLE 1, ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
The Legislative Standing Committee ("LSC") is considering proposed revisions to Title 1 of the GRIC Code, to amend the Code of Conduct for Community Officials. A copy of the proposed revisions to Title 1 of the GRIC Code in their entirety are available for review at each District Service Center, the Community Council Secretary's Office, or by contacting the Office of General Counsel at OGC.HelpDesk@gric.nsn.us  
The Office of General Counsel will present the proposed revisions and answer questions on the proposed revisions to Title 1 of the GRIC Code at the Legislative Standing Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Council Secretary's Office, Conference Room B & C. Community members may comment on the proposed ordinance at the Legislative Standing Committee meeting, or by contacting their Councilmember(s) and/or the chairperson of the Legislative Standing Committee. If you would like to provide written comments on the proposed revisions to Title 1 of the GRIC Code, please provide them by email to the Office of General Counsel at OGC.HelpDesk@gric.nsn.us or by mail to the Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147.  
TITLE 1  
ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
CHAPTERS 4-5  
CHAPTER 4. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT  
1.401. Authority; Findings; Intent & Purpose.  
A.Authority. The Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community(1960) were formed pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act (25 U.S.C. § 461 et seq.) and were adopted for the common welfare of the Community and provide structure for the Community to enact laws governing conduct within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation (25 U.S.C. § 476). The Community enacts chapters 4 and 5 of this title under its inherent civil, legislative, adjudicative and regulatory authority.  
B.Findings. Recognizing that the best interest of the Community is served byensuring accountability, order, discipline and integrity in all matters of conduct by Community Officials, the Community Council finds:  
1.That the Community Council enacts chapters 4 and 5 to regulate the conduct ofOfficials pursuant to its authority under Articles VI, VII, and XII of the Constitutionand Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community (1960);  
2.That establishing and requiring adherence to standards of conduct to avoid conflictsof interest as to the use of public offices or property for private gain, and to avoidgranting favored treatment to persons, businesses or organizations in situationswhere there is a conflict of interest, is necessary to ensure the integrity of the Community's political process and business decisions made on behalf of theCommunity;  
3.That providing for a more informed citizenry by requiring the disclosure ofsignificant economic and business interests and affiliations of Officials whichinvolve any potential for conflict with the primary interests of the Community andCommunity government is necessary to ensure the integrity of the Community'spolitical process and business decisions made on behalf of the Community;  
4.That requiring Officials to abstain from using any function of their office or duties,in a manner which could place, or appear to place, their personal, familial,economic or special interests before the interests of the Community is necessary toensure the integrity of the Community's political process and business decisionsmade on behalf of the Community; and  
5.That past audits of Community enterprise boards dictates the need to establishminimum standards of conduct for all Community enterprise boards, and are further  
\*\*A copy of this proposed ordinance in its entirety is on file and available for review at all District Service Center coordinators' offices and the Community Council Secretary's office.\*\*

COURT NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA  
YASMINE DAVIS,  
Petitioner/Plaintiff vs,  
JUSTIN DAVIS  
Respondent/Defendant  
CASE Number: FM-2025.0049.Dv  
CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING  
RESCHEDULE  
Please take notice that a(n) Review Hearing has been rescheduled in the Gila fuver Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:  
Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom I,  
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.  
DATED this 26th day of August,2025  
Katherine Search Clerk of the Gila River Indian Community Court

SUMMONS

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
IN MARICOPA COUNTY  
Case Number: C V2024-034293  
Elizabeth Stavrevski  
Name of Plaintiff  
AND  
Dee Sha Jackson  
Name of Defendant  
FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO: Dee Sha Jackson Name of Defendant  
1. A lawsuit has been filed against you. A copy of the lawsuit and other court papers are served on you with this "Summons".  
2. If you do not want a judgment or order taken against you without your input, you must file an "Answer" or a "Response" in writing with the court and pay the filing fee. If you do not file an "Answer" or "Response" the other party may be given the relief requested in his/her Petition or Complaint. To file your "Answer" or "Response" take, or send, the "Answer" or "Response" to Clerk of the Superior Court, or electronically file your Answer through one of Arizona's approved electronic filing systems at <http://www.azcourts.gov/> efilininformation. Mail a copy of your "Response" or "Answer" to the other party at the address listed on the top of this Summons. Note: If you do not file electronically you will not have electronic access to the document in this case.

3. If this "Summons" and the other court papers were served on you by a registered process server or the Sheriff, within the State of Arizona, your "Response" or "Answer" must be filed within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS from the date you were served, not counting the day you were served. If this "Summons" and the other papers were served on you by a registered process server or the Sheriff outside the State of Arizona, your Response must be filed within THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS from the date you were served, not counting the day you were served. Service by a registered process server or the Sheriff is complete when made. Service by Publication is complete thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication.  
4. You can get a copy of the court papers filed in this case from the Petitioner at the address at the top of this paper, or from the Clerk of the Superior Court.  
5. Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the office of the judge or commissioner assigned to the case, at least ten (10) judicial days before your scheduled court date .  
6. Requests for an interpreter for persons with limited English proficiency must be made to the office of the judge or commissioner assigned to the case at least ten (10) judicial days in advance of your scheduled court date.  
SIGNED AND SEALED this Date: November 27, 2024  
JEFF FINE Clerk of Superior Court  
By: C. NASUI Deputy Clerk  
Requests for an interpreter for persons with limited English proficiency must be made to the division assigned to the case by the party needing the interpreter and/or translator or his/ her counsel at least ten (10) judicial days in advance of a scheduled court proceeding.  
If you would like legal advice from a lawyer, contact Lawyer Referral Service at 602-257-4434 or <https://maricopabar.org>.

COURT NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA  
NOEL MUNOZ HERNANDEZ RICO ,  
Petitioner/Plaintiff  
VS.SELENA LOPEZ,  
Respondent/Defendant  
CASE Number: FM-2021-0034-PT

CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING  
Please take notice that a(n) Motion 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, October 9, 2025 at 10:30 AM in Courtroom I,  
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.  
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.  
DATED this 3rd day of September, 2025

CIVIL NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA  
ELIZABETH CARROLL ,  
Petitioner/Plaintiff  
VS.  
GILBERT WHITE,  
Respondent/Defendant  
CASE Number: FM-2025-0030-FJ  
CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING  
Please take notice that a(n) Answer/Response 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, October 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom I,  
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 21 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.  
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona. DATED this 3rd day of September, 2025

Lewis, Robi Corey  
Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing  
Case: J-23-0026  
Court Date: September 23, 2025 at 1:30 pm. COURTROOM #3, 1ST FLOOR FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS  
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT ADDRESS: 10040 E. OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256 CONTACT: (480)362-6315  
Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated, Andrew Johnson – Court Clerk. (480)263-6811  
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court  
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Scottsdale, AZ 85256

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Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning

PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE

Project Name:

GRICUA Solar Project

For:

Zoning Change

Location:

West of State Route 347 & North of Riggs Road

Date and Time of Public Hearing:

September 13, 2025 at 9:00 AM

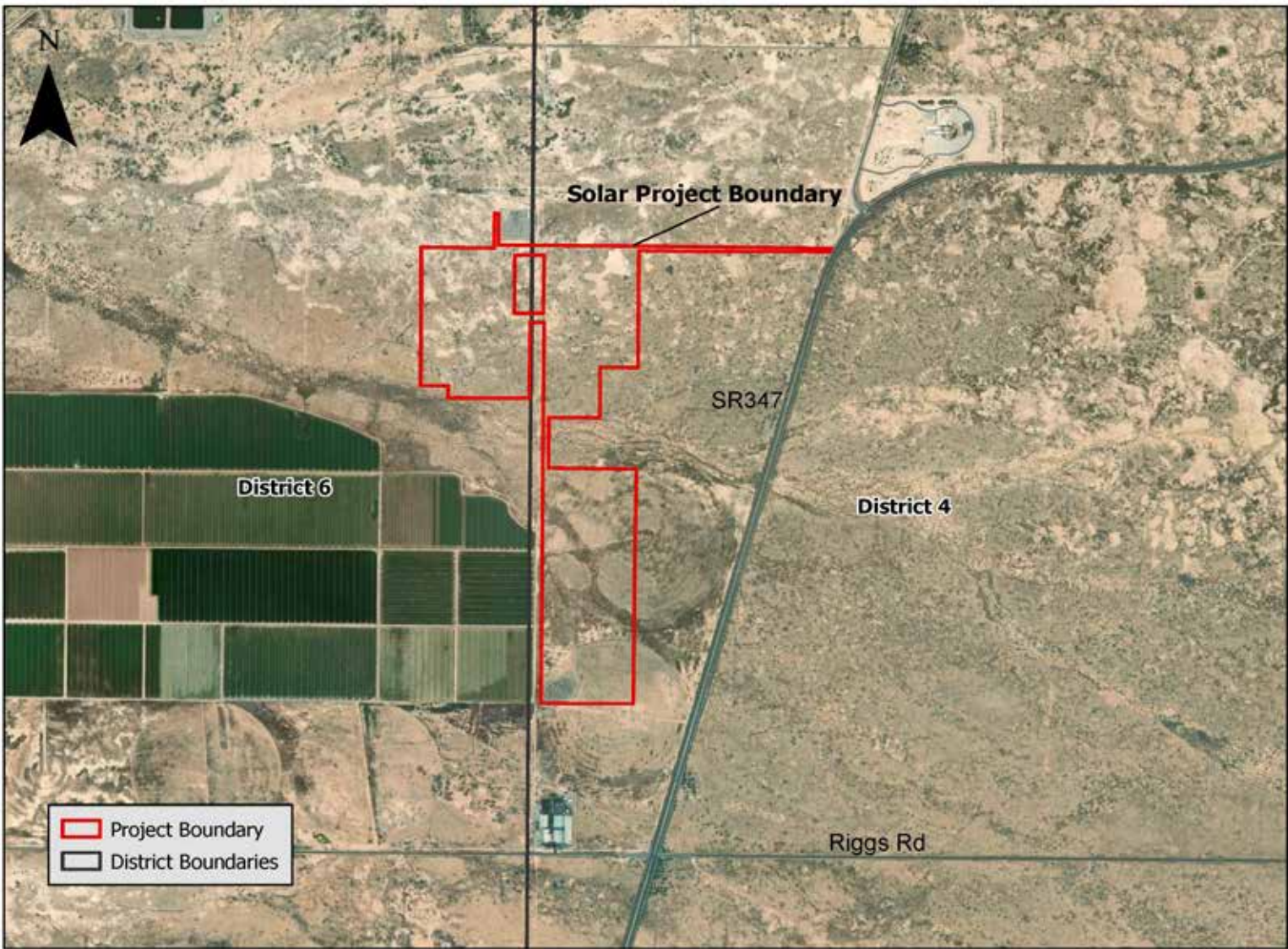
Place:

District Six Boys & Girls Club

Notice is hereby given that the Gila River Indian Community’s Natural Resources Standing Committee on **Saturday, September 13, 2025** at **9:00 a.m.** in District Six at the Boys & Girls Club 5074 West Pecos Road Laveen, AZ 85339, will hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a Zoning Change Application submitted by Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority for their Solar Project site to be used for an electric generation facility.

The public hearing is to solicit public comments on the proposed Zoning Change and allow the Natural Resources Standing Committee to review and verify that the proposed Zoning Change, as it is submitted, contains such requirements and safeguards as are necessary to protect adjoining property and the public’s health and safety.

Public comments can be submitted prior to the public hearing by emailing the Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning at [LUPZSupportGroup@gric.nsn.us](mailto:LUPZSupportGroup@gric.nsn.us) and cc [PlanningDevelopmentTeam@gric.nsn.us](mailto:PlanningDevelopmentTeam@gric.nsn.us). Any questions may be directed to Corinna Ortiz, Project Manager at [PlanningDevelopmentTeam@gric.nsn.us](mailto:PlanningDevelopmentTeam@gric.nsn.us) or at (520) 562-6003.



If you have any questions, please contact Planning Development Team at Department of Land Use Planning & Zoning (520) 562-6003 Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE ON  
BANISHMENT

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Community Council is considering adopting an ordinance that would provide a process for the banishment of tribal members who commit violent crimes and is seeking input from Community members.

The survey is open to GRIC members and will close on  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

SCAN QR CODE  
TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Thank you for your contribution.

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SACATON MARKET

Sacaton Market is open seven days a week 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Currently in its soft-opening phase, the market has limited stock and is not fully open with amenities. WIC and EBT are not yet available at the new location. Until those services are active, GRIC Market will continue to accommodate WIC/EBT purchases. Additional features, including the Sacaton Market Gas Station and a Laundromat, are expected to open soon.



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