

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Approving FY 2024 Blackstone Law PLLC Attorney Contract)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-402**

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council vests the Legislative Council with the**  
2 **power to “employ legal counsel for the protection and advancement of the rights**  
3 **of the Tohono O'odham Nation” (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**  
4 **Article VI, Section 2(a)); and**

5 **WHEREAS, it is a priority for the Tohono O'odham Nation to purchase historically O'odham**  
6 **land in Mexico (Wo'oshan) and gain recognition for the O'odham in Mexico; and**

7 **WHEREAS, the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee and the Vice-Chairwoman of**  
8 **the Nation, with the assistance of the Attorney General, identified Attorney Jesús**  
9 **Ramírez Rangel of VBCSR Abogados S.C. (“VBCSR”) as able and willing to finalize**  
10 **whatever steps are necessary to conclude the purchase of land in Mexico, while**  
11 **working with and overseeing other counsel for the Nation in Mexico, and**  
12 **approved a FY 2023 Attorney Contract with VBCSR; and**

13 **WHEREAS, to continue work toward the finalization of the proposed land purchase,**  
14 **Legislative Council approved a FY 2024 Attorney Contract with VBCSR (Resolution**  
15 **No. 23-297), however Attorney Rangel recently left VBCSR and started the firm of**  
16 **Blackstone Law PLLC (“Blackstone”); and**

17 **WHEREAS, the Attorney General wishes to continue working with Attorney Rangel and his**  
18 **new firm Blackstone to finalize the Wo'oshan purchase and gain recognition for**  
19 **the O'odham in Mexico; and**

20 **WHEREAS, the FY 2024 Attorney Contract with Blackstone shall replace the previously-**  
21 **approved FY 2024 Attorney Contract with VBCSR; and**

22 **WHEREAS, fees for services provided under this Contract will be paid by the FY 2024 Office of**  
23 **Attorney General Budget; and**

24 **WHEREAS, the Agricultural and Natural Resources and the Domestic Affairs Committees**  
25 **have reviewed the attorney contract with Blackstone and recommend approval**  
26 **(the Blackstone Contract is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated**  
27 **herein by this reference).**

28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council:**

- 29       **1. Approves the FY 2024 attorney contract with Blackstone for the Office of**  
30       **the Attorney General, which shall be funded from the Office of the Attorney**  
31       **General Budget and shall be effective from October 1, 2023 to September**  
32       **30, 2024.**

- 2. Authorizes the Tohono O'odham Nation Chairperson to execute the contract with Blackstone in substantially the form attached.
- 3. Authorizes the Office of the Attorney General to administer the Attorney Contract, provided that any amendments or modifications shall be submitted for prior approval by the Tohono O'odham Nation Legislative Council.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 10<sup>TH</sup> day of OCTOBER 2023 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,796.15 FOR; 909.15 AGAINST; 558.0 [02] NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 2(a) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

11 day of October, 2023

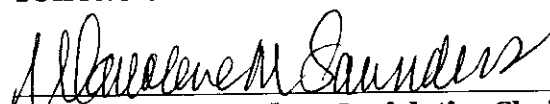
ATTEST:

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

11 day of October, 2023

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 11 day of October, 2023 at 4:46 o'clock, P .m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

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APPROVED

on the 11 day of October, 2023

DISAPPROVED

at 8:09 o'clock, P. .m.

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VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of

October, 2023, at 9:49 o'clock, A. .m.

Deanne Fran  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING FY 2024 BLACKSTONE LAW PLLC ATTORNEY CONTRACT

MOVED: COUNCILMAN LEANDER MASE

SECOND: COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY JOAQUIN

DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2023

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling) 2. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray)	197.1 197.1	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 354.7	1. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone) 2. MARIKAY HENRY ( )	177.35 177.35	X X			
GU ACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin) 2. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Jerome L. Joaquin)	141.35 141.35	X X			
GU VO 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS ( ) 2. LESLIE LUNA (Grace Manuel)	138.0 138.0	X X			
HICKIWAN 220.5	1. DELMA M. GARCIA ( ) 2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	110.25 110.25		X X		
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUEL (Monica Morgan) 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	118.1 118.1	X X			
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	128.8 128.8	X	X		
SAN XAVIER 244.5	1. JANICE FELIX ( ) 2. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ( )	122.25 122.25		X X		
SCHUK TOAK 191.8	1. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco) 2. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	95.9 95.9		X X		
SELLS 558.0	1. EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL (Arvada Liston) 2. JANET B. ELEANDO ( )	279.0 279.0			X X	
SIF OIDAK 247.1	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa) 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X	X		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,263.30</b>	<b>1,796.15</b>	<b>909.15</b>	<b>558.0</b> [02]	<b>-0-</b>