

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Endorsing Jonathan Nez's Candidacy for Arizona's Second Congressional District)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-115**

1 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with**  
2 **the authority to "consult, negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts on**  
3 **behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with Federal, State and local governments"**  
4 **and to "promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals, education**  
5 **and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members"**  
6 **(Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(f) and Section 1(c)(2)); and**

7 **WHEREAS, Jonathan Nez, former President of the Navajo Nation (2019 – 2023), has announced**  
8 **his campaign for Arizona's Second Congressional District, and is requesting**  
9 **support from the Tohono O'odham Nation; and**

10 **WHEREAS, of the Áshjį́hí (Salt People), born for Ta'neezahnii (Tangle clan), his grandfather's**  
11 **clan is Tódiich'í'nií (Bitter Water Clan) and paternal grandfather's clan is**  
12 **Táchii'nií (Red-Running-Into-The-Water Clan), former President Nez grew up in**  
13 **a rural, low-income home in Shonto, Arizona, in the Navajo Nation; and**

14 **WHEREAS, former President Nez has a long, distinguished career in public service,**  
15 **beginning with his election to the office of Vice President of the Shonto Chapter,**  
16 **the Navajo Nation Council, the Navajo County Board of Supervisors, and his**  
17 **election to the office of Vice President of the Navajo Nation in 2015; and**

18 **WHEREAS, the Appropriations Committee met with former President Nez, discussed a**  
19 **number of important issues, and recommends endorsing his candidacy for**  
20 **Arizona's Second Congressional District.**

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council endorses**  
22 **Jonathan Nez's candidacy for Arizona's Second Congressional District; provided**  
23 **that Nation's members are encouraged to vote as they deem appropriate.**

24 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
25 **day of APRIL 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,955.95 FOR; 307.35**  
26 **AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**  
27 **Article VI, Section 1(f) and Section 1(c)(2) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**  
28 **adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy**  
29 **Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the**  
30 **Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman  
15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary  
12 day of April, 2024

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024 at 9:34 o'clock, A.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

APPROVED

on the 15 day of April, 2024

DISAPPROVED

at 7:35 o'clock, P..m.

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VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 16 day of

April, 2024, at 11:30 o'clock, a.m.

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: ENDORSING JONATHAN NEZ'S CANDIDACY FOR ARIZONA'S SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MOVED: COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN

SECOND: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III

DATE: APRIL 10, 2024

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. MARLAKAY HENRY ( )	177.35 177.35	X X			
GUACHI 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>2,955.95</b>	<b>307.35</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>