



NATIONAL EMERGENCY

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Gov. Lewis testifies to extend U.S. Census count deadline

The census count would be greatly affected if deadline not extended says Gov. Lewis

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis testified before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Reform on Sept. 10, urging the federal government to give more time in the 2020 Census Count which has been shortened from the end of October to Sept. 30.

The census count was briefly suspended in March out of concern for the safety of enumerators (census takers), related to COVID-19. In April the Census Bureau put out a revised timeline of concluding operations at the end of October, but a subsequent decision to shorten the count by a month has caused concern among under

counted communities across the nation.

“The Community supports [this] committee’s efforts to extend the census field operations to Oct. 31, 2020,” said Gov. Lewis.

He said an accurate census is critical to Indian Country because it impacts healthcare, public safety, youth and elder programs and efforts to curb violence against Indigenous people.

“We have reason to be concerned that an accurate count will not occur if the Census Bureau ends field operations at the end of this month,” said Gov. Lewis.

“The current self-response of the Gila River Indian

Community today is at 10.1 percent. That means if the census were to end today, 2,200 of our over 22,000 tribal members would be counted,” said Lewis.

He added, many other tribal communities would also fall below an acceptable response rate. Gov. Lewis joined J. Christopher Mihm, Managing Director, Government Accountability Office and Stacey Carless, Executive Director for North Carolina Counts Coalition.

A majority of the speakers expressed concerns that the reduced time would not provide an accurate count of all households, limiting communities from receiving critical federal funds.

“We have the right for our voices to be heard.”

- Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis

“An undercounted census will directly harm states and therefore people across this country,” said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, Chairwomen of the Committee on Oversight and Reform. She said there is a direct harm in not counting everyone, especially in states like Arizona with hard to count populations.

Maloney said several state representatives from both sides of the aisle have spoken out, fearing their states’ populations

will not be counted in time for the Sept. 30 deadline.

“We cannot have an accurate census using the current schedule, the coronavirus crisis has made that impossible,” John H. Thompson, former Director of the Census Bureau.

Gov. Lewis concluded his remarks to the Committee by stating, “We have the right for our voices to be heard. The tribal members of the Gila River Indian Community count.” Gov. Lewis further remarked that “anything other than the time and process required for a full and accurate census count is a deliberate undermining of our tribal communities. And that is not only unacceptable, it is unconscionable.”

Honoring Chief Azul’s Legacy Continues Despite COVID-19

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

This year’s Chief Azul Run encouraged over 130 runners from the Community to honor the Community’s last hereditary Chief of the Akimel O’otham. The in-person Chief Azul run usually coincides with the Chief Azul Day, which celebrates Chief Antonio Azul with a procession in District 3. The procession routes from Chief Azul’s homestead near the Matthew B. Juan and Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park and ending at his gravesite at the Sacaton west cemetery.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the traditional gathering to honor Chief Antonio Azul was paused this year. Although one aspect of the celebration did occur this year, the Chief Azul Run, which was virtual.

The Chief Azul Planning Committee shared what the Chief Azul Day typically looks like stating, “The event would consist of physical instilment of knowing where the Chief Azul home site was and the comradery of those wanting to show respect through a morning blessing, gathering, procession, marching, singing, flag raising, traditional singing and dancing, military honors, wreath-laying,

and words from relatives and those that have lineage from all sister tribes now gathering at the gravesite.”

As mentioned with the military honors and flag-raising, the event also honors Azul’s military service. Readers may remember Azul was mustered into service as part of Company C with the Arizona Volunteers, having served as an Army Sergeant until commissioned to 2nd Lieutenant in 1866.

The event draws hundreds of Community members for what the Planning Committee says, “honors the memory of our last hereditary Chief and urge our Community and others to learn more about this honored man and Veteran and his contribution to our way of life.”

Committee member Darrell Whitman further emphasized the significance of the run stating, “We are running people, it’s our tradition, and we want to keep that going while honoring Chief Azul’s legacy.”

For 2020 Chief Azul Day, the planning committee members reached out to the Tribal Recreation and Wellness Center to coordinate the run. The Committee looked at the Wellness center’s past successes with virtual runs planned during the pandemic.

Chief Azul Virtual Run and Walk

The virtual run was held for a week from Aug. 28 to Sept. 4, requiring runners to complete their 2 miles or 5K and provide proof to receive the Commemorative Chief Azul T-shirt on Sept. 11.

Members of the Chief Azul Planning Committee were in attendance for the distribution. They handed out literature about the history and contributions of Chief Azul to accompany the shirt.

Lt. Governor Robert Stone was in attendance for the shirt distribution. Lt. Gov Stone said, “It’s terrific to see everyone today and always good to see the Community continue with their physical activity and honor the history of Chief Azul.”

“Burrito” Lewis, District 3, ran the 5K this year and completed the run over two days. “I broke the run into two days because my son, who’s five-years-old, wanted to run it with me.” The opportunity to run on your own time was encouraging.

This year’s Chief Azul Run was made possible by the Committee and supporters of Chief Azul Day made up of: Darrell Whitman, David Anderson, Anthony Newkirk, Pacer Reina, and Pamela Thompson, the Veterans and Family Services Office, and Haskell Osife – Antone Post 51, in addition to the Tribal Recreation and Wellness Center. The committee “thanks the Wellness Center for assisting the Committee and for a job well done.”



T-shirts honoring Antonio Azul listed his many achievements as the last hereditary chief of the O’otham. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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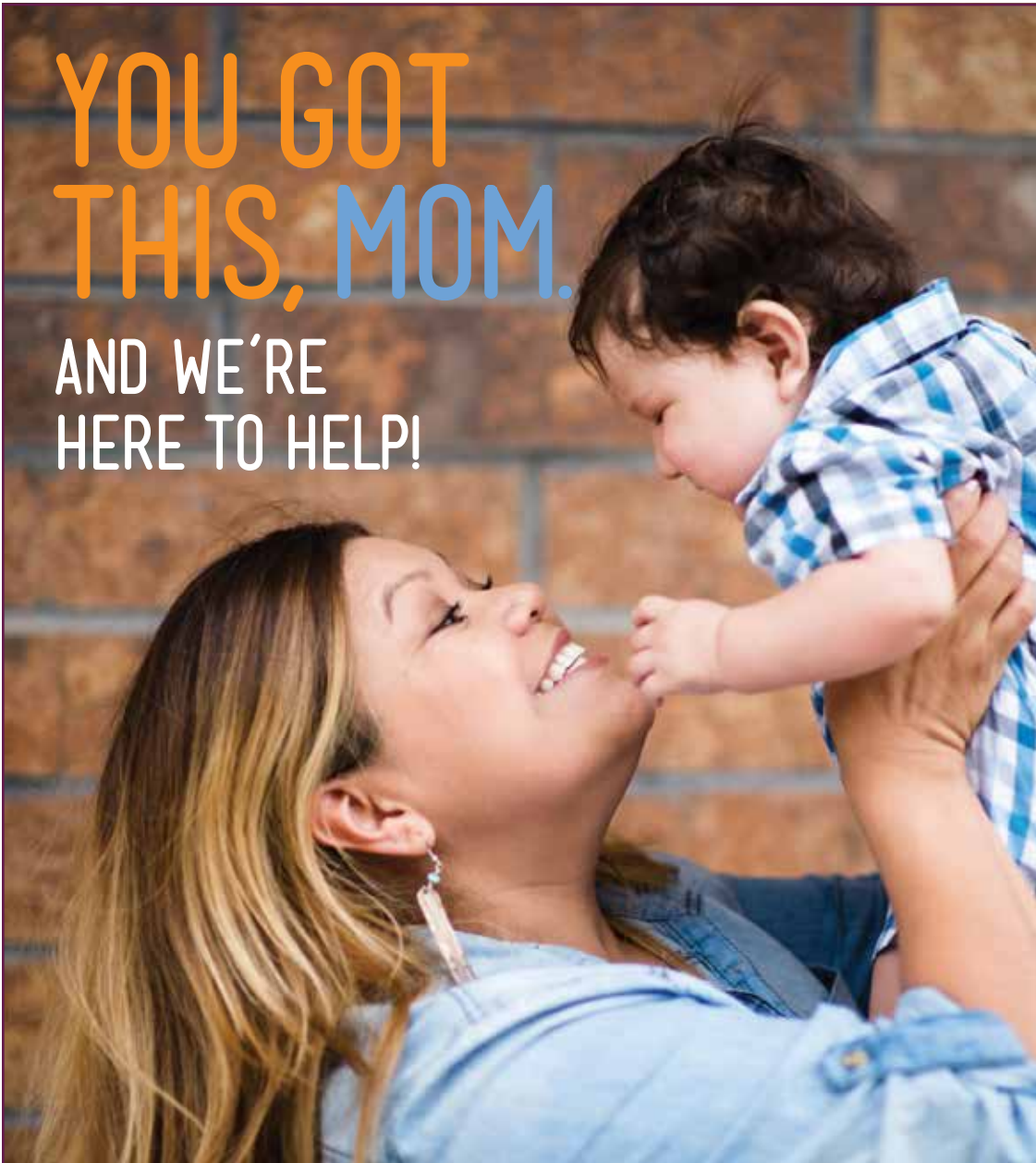
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“S-” words in Akimel O’otham

O’otham ñeok includes a group of words with unique properties that set them apart from other words in our language. These words are unique in that they can be used as both verbs and adjectives depending on the way you form and speak a sentence. For example, if you wanted to talk about a car that is blue, you can say the following: “I:tha kalith ‘o s-che:thag.” (This car is blue.) or “S-che:thag ‘o, i:tha kalith.” (Blue is this car.) In this sentence what you are literally saying is (This car is blue.), using the word “s-che:thag” (blue) as if it were a verb. Both forms are correct. Another way to say this sentence is the following: “I:tha ‘o vuđ ge s-che:thag kalith.” (This is a blue car.) In this example, although similar, differs in that you use the same word “s-che:thag” as an adjective, just like in the English translation. O’otham has a large number of these “s” words, which share this trait of being able to stand in place as either a verb or an adjective when needed. Almost all of these words start with the letter “s” and in our orthography the “s” is separated from the rest of the word with a hyphen (-).

Many words that describe a quality, attribute or property are included in this group. This includes all the basic color words that we are familiar with: s-chuk, s-thoa:, s-ua:m, s-che:thag, s-veg, and s-ko:mag. There are words that describe taste: s-he’ek ‘sour’, s-io’ov ‘sweet’ and s-onk ‘salty.’ Some words describe dimension: che:vach ‘long, tall’, ge’ej ‘big’ and shopolk ‘short.’ Finally, some words describe properties of objects: s-kavk ‘hard’, s-moik ‘soft’, and s-mu’uk, ‘sharp/pointed.’ Not all of these words begin with an initial s- sound, as we see with the words describing dimension (long, big, short). All these words fit the pattern of being useful as both verbs as well as adjectives. Consider the following examples: “I:tha nalash ‘o s-he’ek.” (This orange is sour.) and “I:tha ‘o vuđ ge s-he’ek nalash.” (This is a sour orange.) In the first example you used the word “s-he’ek” as a verb, describing the taste

or state of the orange. In the second example the “s-he’ek” is an adjective describing the type of orange you picked up (a “sour orange” Valencia orange as opposed to a “sweet orange” Navel orange).

Another property that these s- words share, is how they drop their initial s- sound, when you use the “pi” (is not) negative form of the sentence. This happens when you want to say something is not sour; is not sweet; is not red; is not sharp, etc. In these cases, you always drop the initial s- sound when the word is being used as a verb. Going back to our original example if you wanted to say that the car is not blue you could say the following: “I:tha kalith ‘o pi che:thag.” (This car is

not blue.) or “Pi ‘o che:thag itha kalith.” (Blue this car is not.) both forms are correct. Notice that when the s- word is negated it loses its initial s- sound. This is something that happens consistently with all s- type words. Remember that the negative word “pi” (is not) is the indicator to drop the s- before the word.

We encourage you to speak O’otham in your everyday lives. Speak with an Elder or speaker and see how they use the s- words when talking about things. Using s- words may be slightly different between villages. This month’s word match will test your knowledge of s- words.

A special Thank You to Vah-ki Elders for sharing their knowledge of O’otham Ñeok that made this article possible.

Vashai Gakithag Mashath: Match the O’otham “S-” word with its picture!

s-vagima



s-kaithag



s-ko’ok



s-padma



s-hoth’tham



ATTENTION GRIC VETERANS



The Veteran & Family Services office of Gila River Indian Community wants you to **“ Think Safe and Be Safe”** during this COVID-19 pandemic. Please follow the community guidelines and **“ MASK UP ”**. **If any veteran is in need of masks, please contact our office. We have some for you!**

**Call or stop in to our office Monday thru Friday
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MASK UP!

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Gila River Indian Community continues with testing and coronavirus precautions

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis released a video update on Sept. 11 on the latest COVID-19 reports. With routine testing, a total of 78,234 tests have been done, “this is a significant number of tests and we continue to work to make sure testing turnaround times decrease while we increase our testing capacity,” said Gov. Lewis.

He also stated the number of positive cases reached 2,020; 840 Community members and 1,180 non-Community members as of Sept. 15. Positive cases remain high for young adults, according to data reports by the Tribal Health Department with 209,907 positive cases in the state as of Sept. 17.

“We need to keep the measures that we know are working,” said Gov. Lewis as the Gila River Indian Community continues to enforce the stay-at-home order and face mask mandate. The influenza (flu) season is also a concern as Gov. Lewis encouraged getting the flu shot. The flu and COVID-19 are both contagious respiratory illnesses and signs and symptoms can be similar. Both viruses can spread from person-to-person when there is close contact and may be spread before symptoms appear.

Fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle pain or body aches, and headache are both symptoms of the viruses. It is important to stay home if you are sick and monitor

CONTACT TRACING

Gila River Indian Community Tribal Health Department

WHAT IS CONTACT TRACING?

Contact tracing is used by health departments to prevent the spread of infectious disease.

A contact tracer from the health department will contact you to obtain the names and phone numbers of close contacts.

- Case Investigation, contraction & spread
- Provide Support
- Encourage Self-Quarantine
- Connect with Services
- Monitoring Signs & Symptoms

Your name will not be revealed to those you may have exposed, even if they ask.

Keep your family and Community Safe

IDENTIFY CLOSE CONTACTS

A close contact (exposure) is defined as anyone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes.

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- Encourage to Monitor Signs & Symptoms
- Encourage to Self-Quarantine 14 days
- Encourage testing if necessary
- Refer to Services

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Keep your family and Community Safe

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your symptoms. COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild to severe and may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and can include loss of taste or smell. The virus is mostly spread through respiratory droplets when a sick person coughs, sneezes, or talks. Seek medical attention if you have trouble breathing, persistent chest pain and call ahead before visiting a hospital.

Continue to wear a mask when you are in public. Face masks, when worn correctly, can protect you and others from spreading COVID-19. A person can be infected and not show any symptoms and spread the virus without knowing it. Be sure that the

mask covers both your nose and mouth and is secure. Maintain physical distance of at least 6-feet, wash your hands regularly or use hand sanitizer when necessary and clean frequently touched surfaces.

Routine testing for COVID-19 continues in the Community and Gila River Health Care will now have flu shots available for GRHC patients, GRIC members, anyone living within GRIC boundaries, and anyone a part of a federally recognized tribe. For more information on COVID-19 testing, flu shots and a schedule of visits, you can go online to grhc.org/coronavirus and grhc.org/flu.

Council, the highest judicatory of the Presbyterian Church. In 1985, the Vancouver School of Theology in Vancouver, B.C. invited Cecil to join their Board and establish a summer program patterned after Cook School, which is still going on presently. Cecil traveled as a consultant of a committee to Japan, New Zealand, Brazil, Australia, Fiji, Sri Lanka and of course Canada. Cecil especially loved to travel to his cabin in Lone, WA, a place he and his late wife Irene would spend many summers. Cecil was quite the jet setter traveling around the nation for many different meetings, to bring the message at a church, officiate a wedding or funeral, or provide comfort to a grieving family. Cecil always did his best to be there and pray for others especially, if they were in the hospital or homebound.

Cecil was a historian with much knowledge and wisdom. Cecil was a visionary. Cecil had a gift for seeing the bigger picture and placing all the pieces together and now he even has a bigger and better view of that picture. There will be a live streamed service on First Indian Presbyterian Church Facebook page. Only the immediate family will be attending. The services will be on Saturday, September 26, 2020, at 11:00 am, the Reverend Dr. Mary Jane Miles will be officiating. A burial, dinner, and giveaway will be at a later date when it's safe for the family in AZ to travel. In lieu of flowers, Cecil requested donations to be sent to either: Central Presbyterian Church 37 East Indian School Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85012 or First Indian Presbyterian Church PO Box 1 Kamiah, ID 83536

OBITUARY



Wepcukú ywiitpe Wéepetes (Speaking Eagle)

Reverend Dr. Cecil Corbett
On September 6, 2020, Reverend Dr. Cecil Corbett, age 89, made his final journey to his Eternal home. Cecil was an enrolled member of Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho. Cecil was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Phoebe Corbett; his wife of 57 years Irene (Blatchford) Corbett; twin sons Timothy and Stephen Corbett; and great-grandson Xander Munoz. Cecil is survived by two sisters Frances (Corbett) Bokinskie and Lydia (Corbett) Angle; two daughters Esther Corbett and Ruth Corbett-Munoz; son Paul Corbett; six grandchildren (Jeremy Makil, John, Aaron, Noah, and Lydia Munoz and Nekisa Corbett) and three great-grandchildren (Chayton, Caleb, and Trinity Makil). Cecil was born on March 4, 1931, on the Cherokee Indian reservation in Cherokee, North Carolina. Cecil graduated in 1949 from Pierre High School in South Dakota where he was captain of the basketball team. In 1951, Cecil had a “mountain top experience,” while attending Talmaks Camp Meeting on the Nez Perce Reservation, a place Cecil grew up

attending throughout his childhood. However, that particular summer Cecil found God and felt a call, never believing that it would lead to ministry. By that Fall time, Cecil made a decision to attend Cook Christian Training School in Phoenix, Arizona, which Cecil attended for the next three years. Cook School is where Cecil met his wife whom he married December 29, 1951. Cecil graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Huron College in Huron, South Dakota (1957); graduated with a Master of Divinity from University of Dubuque Theology Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa (1962); graduated with a Doctor of Divinity Honoris Causa from Huron College (1967), University of Dubuque (1970), and Vancouver School of Theology in Vancouver, B.C. (2005). After seminary, Cecil worked among the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe in Flandreau, South Dakota from 1961 - 1963. Cecil served among the Pima Indians on the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona 1963 - 1967. In 1967, Cecil accepted employment with Cook Christian Training School as the Associate Program Director, then the President from 1968 - 1989, and Chancellor 1989 - 1992. In 1964, Cecil was the first Native American to be employed by the Board of National Missions, United Presbyterian Church until 1968. In 1968, while employed at Cook School, Cecil established the Native American Consulting Committee to give voice to native people, which Cecil did until retirement in 1992. In 1972, Cecil became Executive Director of the National Indian Training and Research Center in Tempe, Arizona, which Cecil served until 2004. From 1972 through 1978 Cecil served as Vice Chair and member of the General Assembly

Former SRPMIC president among USA Today’s Women of the Century for Arizona

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Former president of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Diane Enos, was named as one of Arizona’s Women of the Century by USA Today.

Enos, and other notable female figures, were recognized for their contributions to mark the 19th Amendment’s 100th anniversary, which allowed women to legally vote. Enos joined Sandra Day O’Connor, Gabrielle Giffords, Terri Cruz, and Linda Ronstadt among others.

Enos was the second woman to be elected to lead SRPMIC as president, and the first member to become an attorney, according to an AZ Big Media article in 2013. She also served as a trial attorney for the Maricopa County Public

Defender’s Office, as stated in the USA Today feature.

According to the feature on USA Today.com, “Arizona’s story was forged by women from all backgrounds indigenous leaders, who improved lives here before statehood, pioneers who moved here from elsewhere to make their marks, Latinas and Black women who fought here for civil rights.”

O’Connor, was the first woman to serve on the bench of the U.S. Supreme Court and also served on the Senate as Arizona’s first female majority leader, later the Arizona State University College of Law was named in her honor.

Giffords made her mark on the state Senate and Congress, devoting her life to public service until sustaining a gunshot wound to the head in 2011 at the hands of a deranged

gunman. Miraculously, Giffords would survive her life altering injuries, continuing her mission to serve the welfare of Arizonans from all walks of life.

Cruz was highlighted for her civil rights work.

“She played a key role in organizing a 1970 boycott of Phoenix Union High School. The boycott, during which 2,000 Mexican-American students refused to attend classes, was to protest educational equity issues,” according to USA Today on Cruz’s efforts on equality in the public-school system.

Known for her hits “You’re No Good,” “Blue Bayou,” and “Don’t Know Much,” Ronstadt, from Tucson, was a pioneer for women in rock and roll starting in the 1960s in a career lasting decades.

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- s-padma
- s-hoth’tam

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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ACTION SHEET

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CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 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 Monica Antone

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz;

D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Regina Antone-Smith; D5-James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Thomas White; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D5-Vacant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #7 AND RESOLUTION #1 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1 THROUGH #4 AND #6; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #2 THROUGH #9 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

REPORTS

>1. Gila River Asset Management – Great Call Rapid Response System 3rd Quarter Report

Presenters: Board of Directors, Miane Gonzales, Jim Meyers

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. General Land Use Plan Kick-Off

Presenters: Corrina Ortiz, Kimberly Antone

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Updated Off Reservation Boarding School Count 2020 And Reopening Plans

Presenter: Ivy Namingha

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Request To Amend Approved Research re Collection Assessment Of The Digital Recorder Repository Containing The Official Records The Gila River Indian Community Council

Presenter: Isaac Salcido, Tammie Morago

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation FY 2019 Annual Report

Presenter: Elizabeth Antone

REPORT HEARD

>6. GRTI 2Q 2020 Update

Presenters: GRTI Board of Directors, James Meyers, Jennifer Burkhalter

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. COVID 19 Update

Presenters: Bruce Harvey, Candalerian Preston, Laurie Thomas, June Shorthair

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. Report Regarding The Urban Member COVID – 19 Testing Program; and Letter from Dr. Anthony Fauci

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council July 2020 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Dale Enos, Melvin S. Sanderson

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for July 2020 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #9 AND #10

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And BOKF, NA For Fiscal Year 2020 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for consideration to add to the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sharon Harvier

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Authorizing A Tribal Grant To The Blackwater Community School In An Amount Not To Exceed \$4,304,095.00 For Renovations Of Specific Buildings On The School Premises And For Other Purposes (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under consent; ESC concurs)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace, Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2019 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and consideration on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Gaming Internal Audit's Annual Audit Plan For Fiscal Year 2021 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval under the consent agenda)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Revenue Internal Audit's Annual Audit Plan For Fiscal Year 2021 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and consideration on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Establishing The Boys & Girls Club Of The Gila River Indian Community And Approving Its Plan Of Operation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and consideration for the consent agenda)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Naomi Bebo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Approving An Agreement To Terminate And Cancel Business Lease Number BL00000080 Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gila River Cellular General Partnership, D/B/A Verizon Wireless For The Communication Facility On Sacaton Peak (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Elizabeth Antone, Casaundra Wallace

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gila River Cellular General Partnership, D/B/A Verizon Wireless, To Maintain, Operate, And Repair A Communication Facility Pursuant To The Gila River Indian Community Leasing Regulations (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Elizabeth Antone, Casaundra Wallace

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Alonzo Myrice Miles Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval under the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. Two (2) Board of Director Appointments

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MS. BELINDA NELSON

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MS. DEBORAH GRIFFIN

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:53 A.M.]

2. Gila River Health Care One (1) Board of Director Appointment Un-Expired Term

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MS. JEWEL BISHOP

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee Declaration of One (1) Vacancy (G&MSC forwards to Council to declare and nominate for the appointment)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE ONE VACANCY AND OPEN NOMINATIONS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN JAMES DE LA ROSA

2. Request for Approval of Attorney Contract (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. Cultural Resource Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancy to the Community Council – One (1) Council Seat (CRSC forwards to Council to declare the position vacant and make the appointment at the September 2, 2020 Council meeting)

Presenters: Cultural Resource Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN ANTHONY VILLAREAL, SR.

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ G&MSC REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2020 CANCELLED DUE TO THE HOLIDAY

~GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS TO FORWARD AN UPDATE REGARDING THE 'STAY AT HOME ORDER'

~REQUEST FOR A PRESS RELEASE REGARDING THE COMMUNITY'S BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:10 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

What's New at GRICUA?



New Board Member – Robert Horton
GRICUA is happy to introduce our newest board member – Robert Horton. Mr. Horton is from District 5. He served in the Marines from 1999-2003 as a Wrecker Operator. After he was discharged, he returned to the Community and worked at GRTI for about 8 years. He went back to school and earned a Certified Pharmacy Technician certificate (CPHT) and joined the Gila River Health Care (GRHC) Board of Directors. Mr. Horton is a single parent blessed with awesome kids. His son goes to ASU and his daughter will be at Lake Forest this fall. He also has a 13-year old daughter who has aspirations to attend college. Mr. Horton states "I will do my best to work for the Community and GRICUA to help continue excellence in service and future growth, thank you".

GRICUA 2021 Rate Change
The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) Board of Directors is excited to announce that, effective October 1, 2020, the FY2021 electric rates will go down an average of 1.92% for residential, small commercial, medium commercial, large commercial and extra-large commercial customers. Rates for industrial, irrigation & pumping and streetlights remain unchanged. Leonard Gold, GRICUA General Manager stated that GRICUA has been able to keep rates stable and there has not been a rate change since fiscal year 2010. This rate decrease will be the second residential rate decrease since 2012. Currently, GRICUA's residential rate is lower than SCIP and APS and on par with SRP. Mr. Gold continued that GRICUA has worked diligently over the years to keep costs down, while making significant improvements to the electric system. During this same period, other utilities in Arizona and across the nation have implemented rate increases. GRICUA began operation in 1999, to provide service to the Wild Horse Pass Area including the new casino and Sheraton hotel. GRICUA currently serves an area of approximately 255,360 acres in Districts 1 – 5 and a portion of District 6. GRICUA operates 10 distribution level substations,

approximately 425 miles of 12 kV lines and 95 miles of 69 kV lines. GRICUA currently serves approximately 3,463 residential, commercial, and irrigation meter connections.



Apprentice Lineman – Trevor Thompson
Congratulations to Trevor Thompson for being selected to a 4-year Apprenticeship Program. Trevor is a Community member from District 3. His parents are Trevor Thompson Sr. and Delila Thompson. Trevor started his career with GRICUA in 2014 as a High School Intern. After his summer internship ended he returned to school. A couple years later, GRICUA

hired him as a part-time warehouse worker. GRICUA recognized what a hard worker Trevor was and offered him a full-time job as a Groundsman with our Line Crew. Last month, Trevor was selected as our Apprentice Lineman. Trevor will begin taking remote classes with Northwest Lineman College (NLC) and begin his on the job training with our Line Crew.



Lineman – Taylor Crawford
Congratulations to Taylor Crawford for completing the Lineworker Certification Program at Northwest Lineman College (NLC) in Idaho. For the past 3 years, Taylor has been taking classes remotely from NLC. Some of the courses he completed are System Power Flow, Overhead Line Design and Trouble Investigation. Taylor has

been with GRICUA since July 2019 and will be working to complete his on the job training with our Line Crew. We are excited to have him on our team.
Bill Payment Options for GRICUA Residential Customers:
• GRICUA Drop Payment Box
• Online (VISA and Mastercard Credit/Debit Cards and E-check)
• GRICUA Mobile App
• By phone (520-796-0600, 24 hours a day)
• By mail (6636 W. Sundust Rd., Box 5091, Chandler, AZ 85226)
Reminders
GRICUA District Days 2020 – CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
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COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
COURT DATE NOTICE
In Re Case: Angela Cheryl Leos vs. Melinda Grace Leos et al.
Docket Number: FM-2020-0018-PT
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 be ordered.
Answer/Response Hearing
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147
12th day of October, 2020 at 11:30 AM in Courtroom 1 before the Honorable Anthony Hill
Angela Cheryl Leos Civil Plaintiff
Robert Dale Lewis Defendant
Melinda Grace Leos Defendant

PRESS RELEASE

SACATON ANNOUNCES AUGUST STUDENT OF THE MONTH AND STAR STUDENT AWARDS
(Sacaton, Arizona) Dr. Cheryl Paul, Superintendent announced the following students who were selected as Student of the Month or Star Student for the month of August. These students were chosen for demonstrating Sacaton Elementary School District core values (Empowerment, Compassion, Respect, Vision, and Community) and a Learner's Attitude which is a great accomplishment. Sacaton Elementary School Star Students:
PreSchool: Cole Escalante
Kindergarten: Aaron Hilton
1st Grade: A'zaiah Jones
2nd Grade: Caleb Morris
3rd Grade: Jeremy Laborin
4th Grade: Raymond Mendoza
Sacaton Middle School Student of the Month:
5th Grade: Richard Vejar and Edward Montano
6th Grade: Vaughn Mark
7th Grade: Lorenzo Lugo
8th Grade: Jordan Watahomigie
Due to COVID-19 and Governor Lewis's Executive Order #6, "Stay at Home" the students were acknowledged virtually during the Regular Meeting of the Governing Board on September 8, 2020. A certificate of Achievement and a personalized letter was mailed home. As the first awards of the 2020-2021 school year, the awards recognize students for working hard on their virtual learning assignments and maintaining a Learner's Attitude. Online learning is a new challenge for all students and Dr. Paul expressed how proud she is to see students engage in the online experience to optimize their learning. She told the meeting participants, "how we respond during this challenging time will better prepare students for future obstacles."

COURT DATE NOTICE

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In Re Case: Reynell Voltares vs. Isaac Logan Voltares
Docket Number: FM-2020-0017-DV
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Answer/Response Hearing
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147
14th day of October, 2020 at 11:00 AM in Courtroom 1 before the Honorable Anthony Hill

MEMORIAL WALK CANCELED

MEMORIAL WALK 2020
It's with sadness and dismay that due to COVID19, we the family of Griffin T. "KUSH" Lewis will be canceling our Annual Remembrance and Justice Memorial walk for Griffin T. "KUSH" Lewis and those whose lives were violently taken. Thank you all for your understanding during this time. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Thank You "The Lewis Family."

GRICUA Presents:

Ongoing Virtual STEAAAM Program

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NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020



AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

BY COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, GRIC HAS REQUESTED A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOV.3RD.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Deleting the 20-year residency requirement for members:

Currently, Article 3, Section 3 of the Constitution states that a Community member who remains away from the Reservation continuously for 20 years shall automatically forfeit his or her tribal membership.

- A YES vote will remove this language from the Constitution and allow member to keep their membership if they remain away for 20 years.
- A NO vote will keep the current language.

ARTICLE XI DISTRICTS

Currently, Article 11, Section 1 of the Constitution states that the area known as Co-op shall be within District 6; however, the legal boundaries stated in Article 11 place Co-op within District 7.

- A YES vote will change the legal boundaries of District 7 and District 6 to move the area known as Co-op from District 7 to District 6.
- A NO vote will keep the current language.

ARTICLE XV POWERS OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Currently Articles 3 and 15 of the Constitution state that the Secretary of the Interior has the authority to review certain kinds of ordinances and resolutions enacted by the Community Council, including civil and criminal codes, and ordinances regulating tribal membership.

- A YES vote will remove the Secretary of the Interior from the Ordinance and Resolution approval process.
- A NO vote will keep the current Constitution.

IN ORDER TO CHANGE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE XVII STATES -

“Proposed amendments will be approved by a majority vote of the registered voters of the Community voting in an election called for the purpose by the Election Board, provided that at least thirty (30) percent of the registered voters vote in such election.”



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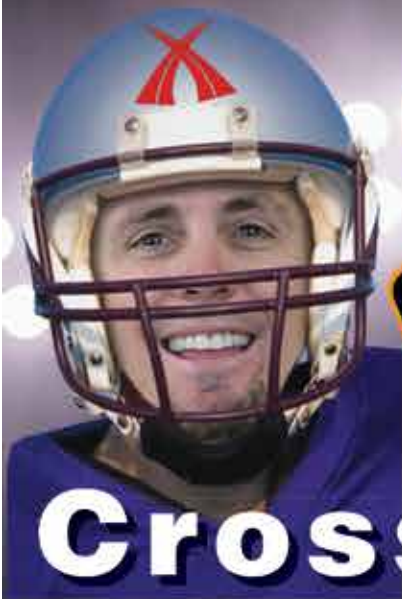


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