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It's Your Constitution: Gila River Indian Community hosts constitutional convention

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On Saturday, Aug. 29, a virtual constitutional convention was streamed live on Facebook and Gila River Broadcasting Corp. channels 19.1 and 29.1 to promote the Gila River Indian Community's upcoming Special Election, which will be held in conjunction with the General Election on Nov. 3.

Gila River Indian Community council voted and approved a resolution requesting that a Special Election be held on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community. Three different articles in the constitution will be on the ballot: Article III – Membership, Article XI – Districts, Article XV – Powers of the Gila River Indian Community.

The proposed amendments are from the Tribal Constitution Reform Project who collected data from the Community on possible amendments to the Community's constitution.

The virtual convention brought together Community members to watch presentations and discussions from Gila River Indian Community's leadership and members on the proposed amendments on Facebook Live. Presenters answered questions sent in by email or commented

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- Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis

during the live feed at the event's conclusion.

“What we are talking about today is literally, who and what the Community stands for, and that's our Constitution,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis who provided a welcome address to viewers. Sharing historical background of the Gila River Indian Community, its Constitution and Voting rights; “We can't take voting lightly,” said Gov. Lewis who strongly urges Community members to vote. Lt. Gov. Robert Stone provided a prayer and also urged members to be informed and vote.

The Special Election requires at least 30 percent of registered voters to participate in order for the results to be valid or approximately 1,960 voters of the current 6,536 registered voters. Nadine Shelde, Tribal Elections Program, provided information on voter registration, although it is currently closed for the Sept. 15 Primary Election. Registration will resume Sept. 16 through Oct.

6. Community members are strongly encouraged to register and vote in both the General and Special Election. Applications can be requested and sent by mail, there are no online applications. In response to the pandemic it is strongly encouraged to vote by mail, notarization for absentee ballots are waived and must be signed by the voter. The Community will be offering “drive-thru” voting but if it is preferred, walk-in polling sites will also be available. Masks and physical distancing will be required. For more information on voter registration, contact the Tribal Elections Program at (520) 562-9735 or (520) 562-9758.

Anthony Gray, Culture Coordinator, Tribal Education Department, delivered a historical presentation of the Community and its “transition from old to new ways,” from the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act and the adoption of the initial constitution in 1936 as well as the current Constitution adopted in 1960. Gray's presentation included an early 1901 constitution from Santan, which was eventually vetoed by the Indian Agent at the time. Javier Ramos, Senior Counsel, Office of General Counsel, provided legal descriptions on the Special Election and the amendments up

Transition from Old to New Ways

1910 – Death of Antonio Azul

1910-1923 – Antonito Azul led till his death

1923-1936 – Indian Agent / Irrigation Organizations / Church Leaders



A slide from the Virtual Constitutional Convention on Aug. 29. Anthony Gray/Tribal Education Department

for vote. Ramos said there will be separate ballots for the Special Election and shared examples of the questions on the ballot.

Anthony Newkirk, Gila River Urban Members Association, shared his perspective and opinions regarding Article III – Membership and the “Twenty-year Rule,” which states that if a member who establishes residence off the reservation and remains away from the reservation, continuously for 20 years shall automatically forfeit membership. This article has never been enforced and its origin is unknown.

“There are people that go to school, get a job elsewhere that probably aren't aware of this article,” said Newkirk, who was born and raised in Chicago. Newkirk shared his background as an example of different situations

where a Community member does not reside in the Community. The Gila River Urban Members Association provides assistance to any Community member that resides off the reservation. For more information, you can visit their website gilariveruma.org, where you can also find copies of the Gila River Indian Community's constitution.

Keith McDonald from the Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning (LUPZ) presented the boundaries of the districts in the Community, with the main focus on District 6 and District 7 and Article XI that address the boundaries of Co-op. Maps are available from LUPZ upon request at (520) 562-6003.

For more information on the Special Election you can visit mygilariver.com.

GRIC extends partial government closure as well as stay at home orders

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Tribal Health Department released the Gila River Indian Community's latest COVID-19 Data Report on Sept. 2, which confirmed 1,961 positive cases and 21 deaths with 805 positive cases for GRIC members. Arizona has reached 203,953 positive case of COVID-19 as of Thursday, Sept. 3.

Due to the increase of COVID-19 cases, the Gila River Indian Community has extended partial closure of all government departments and offices, Executive Order No. 5 and the “Stay-at-Home” Executive Order No.6 until Oct. 4. Anyone living within the Community is ordered to continue to stay home unless they are conducting essential activities such as work, grocery shopping, outdoor physical activity, or caring for a family member, friend, or animal.

According to the Center for

Disease Control and Prevention, anyone can have mild to severe symptoms and those symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms may include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, headache, muscle or body aches, nausea or vomiting, new loss of taste or smell. It is important to stay home if you are sick and monitor your symptoms.

Positive cases are high among those 44-years-old and younger, according to data reports by the Tribal Health Department. Continue to wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer, maintain physical distance, wear a face mask when around others to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Testing in the Community continues with more than 70,000 tests completed. Testing has been made available for anyone living or working in the Community.

Transportation for Community members residing in the GRIC boundaries can be scheduled at (520) 562-3321 ext. 1384.


For more information

on COVID-19 updates in the Community and testing, visit grhc.org/coronavirus or mygilariver.com. The Gila River Indian Community also made

text alerts available with updates and reminders on testing, executive orders and more. Text “GILARIVER” to 797979 to subscribe and stay up to date.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6

STAY HOME . STAY SAFE . STAY HEALTHY!

The Gila River Indian Community has extended Executive Order No.6 - Stay at Home Order to October 4, 2020. This order directs all individuals who live within the Community to stay home except to conduct essential activities.

Essential activities include going to work, grocery shopping, doctor visits, outside physical activity, or caring for a family member, friend or animal.

The Stay at Home Order will be strictly enforced by the Gila River Police department and can result in a citation.

We Are All In This Together
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HEALTH ALERT

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Upcoming District Testing Dates:

In an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19, GRHC is following the CDC's recommendation for conducting COVID-19 testing on a recurring basis.

All GRIC members, and those residing within the GRIC boundaries, who have previously tested negative and who have no symptoms – should get retested.

Note: If you have not been tested and have no symptoms, you should be tested at a district service center.

Dist. 4 Sept. 8 - 10

Dist. 7 Oct. 6 - 8

Dist. 5 Sept. 15 - 17

Dist. 1 Oct. 13 - 15

Dist. 6 Sept. 29 - Oct. 1

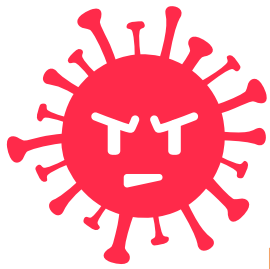
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Testing Times 9 am- 1 pm & 5pm - 7pm

For test result information, please call: (602) 528-3378

For general info about the Coronavirus, go to GRHC.org/Coronavirus

GRHC Coronavirus Hotline (520) 550-6079



Q & A with Dr. Santiago

Do you have questions about the current wave of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Dr. Santiago, CEO at Gila River Health Care, will answer your medical questions regarding COVID-19 and its impact on the Gila River Indian Community via Facebook Live on **Friday Sept. 11th at 1 pm.**

Please submit your questions to RUNNER@GRHC.ORG - Be sure to include "COVID-19 Questions" in the email subject line.



FLU VACCINE available September 15th!

**Flu vaccines will also be available at the COVID-19 testing site 9/22-9/24 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm & 5:00 pm -7:00 pm.*

Flu vaccines available to GRHC patients, GRIC members and members of federally recognized tribal communities only.

Reminder! Gila River Health Care's Administrative Offices and Outpatient Clinics will be CLOSED FRIDAY, 9/18/2020 - NATIVE AMERICAN DAY



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GRHC receives donation of recyclable bedside carts to assist patients

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Gila River Health Care providers have a new convenient way to store supplies for COVID-19 patients thanks to two Northern Arizona University alumni, Taggart Neal and John Krueger, who donated 54 HEROCarts, which are now in use at the Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center.

Neal and Krueger represent TAGCarts with Neal as the CEO, and Krueger as the Advisor according to a GRHC press release, which also states that the carts are, "one time use, three-drawer, recyclable bedside carts filled with valuable [personal protective equipment] to keep nurses safe."

According to the TAGCarts website, the carts are designed for easy assembly and quick deployment. Krueger said when they are not in use, they can be stored flat and then propped up and ready to use in a short time.

"These lightweight yet durable multi-drawer carts on wheels are made out of corrugated paper board containing a high level of post-consumer waste (recycled content) and are filled with masks, gloves and other PPE," said Neal.

Neal said in field hospitals and alternative care units, such as the one at the Red Tail Hawk Health Center, there is a need for equipment that is not cost or storage prohibitive while treating patients.

In addition to eight counties in Arizona, HEROCarts have also been sent to the Navajo Nation, Sacramento, Stockton and Los Angeles, Calif., field hospitals.

"We are very grateful for GRHC, the state of Arizona, the Department of Health



Gila River Health Care representatives and the team from TAGCarts presented the carts donated to assist treatment of COVID-19 patients. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Services, who received 250 of our HEROCart equipment and they disbursed them out to the counties," said Neal.

Neal and Krueger set up the HEROCarts along with GRHC staff at Hau'pal Health Center and loaded the carts with items to quickly treat and assist patients with COVID-19.

"Unprecedented times call for innovative solutions. The HEROCart is a perfect example of a scalable and deployable cart solution that addresses the need of nurses and clinicians treating our COVID-19 patients, improving safety and workflow," said Dr. Anthony Santiago, GRHC CEO, in a press release.

The carts are single patient use and can be easily put together in times when storage equipment is in short supply and storing medical items is limited.

"It's so important to have the supplies you need at hand and I

think these carts really enable our nurses to have everything at hand," said Michelle Kopec, GRHC Nurse.

She said the carts also serve as a place for patients to put

personal property in them and can function as a bed side stand, or can be positioned in areas where staff need to obtain supplies and reduce the risk of cross-contamination.



Business Interruption Grant Applications Now Available

The Gila River Indian Community's Business Interruption Grant Program is available to businesses that have experienced a business interruption and that are solely owned by a Community member, or Community members.

If you are a Community member and your business had to close due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, or has experienced a 50%, or more, drop in gross receipts in any quarter in 2020, compared to the same quarter in 2019, you may be eligible to receive the grant.

The program is open to any Community-member-owned business, including farmers and ranchers, that can demonstrate a business interruption.

Please email Martha.notah@gric.nsn.us to request an application via email.

Applications should be submitted to the Office of the Treasurer.



We ALL Count

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10 MINUTES FOR 10 YEARS

Census data impacts funding for the next 10 years for:

- Hospitals and Healthcare
- Public Safety
- Public Transportation
- Schools
- Head Start Programs
- School Meal Programs
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Adult Education Programs
- Native American Employment and Training

and more!

Census workers started door-to-door visits to Community homes that have not completed the 2020 Census questionnaire. For your safety and convenience, all Census workers;

- Will carry U.S. Census identification and use appropriate (PPE), gloves and face masks and maintain social distance.
- Will complete the questionnaire with you, from a safe distance or accept your paper questionnaire if it's already completed.
- Will leave a Notice of Visit card if no one is home. The card will include a 12-digit code that you will need to complete the questionnaire online or by phone.

If you did not receive a questionnaire or have questions contact Sheila Valenzuela at (520) 562-9795 or Rebecca Gregory (520) 289-6702

Complete the 2020 U.S. Census Questionnaire



BY PHONE AT (844) 330-2020



ONLINE AT 2020CENSUS.GOV

How To Complete the Census



Return the completed questionnaire by mail using the self-addressed stamped envelope or use the unique 12-digit code on your questionnaire to respond online at www.2020census.gov or by phone (844) 330-2020.

If you received your questionnaire in the mail use your address for online or phone response.

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What is Person 1's race?
Mark one or more boxes AND print origins

White - Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian

Black or African Am. - Print, for example, African American, Jamaican Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.

American Indian or Alaska Native - Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.

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Person 1 on the questionnaire should be a Community member. For everyone in the household who identifies as Gila River Pima (Akimel O'otham) or Maricopa (Pee Posh) answer **GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY** to the race question.

For more information about the 2020 census visit www.census.gov

A'AGA

Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

This hot, socially distant summer will be remembered for a long time. In my house (Ñ ki ed) the only thing getting a constant workout is the remote. I need a reason to pry myself off the sofa. A visit to Hatch, New Mexico might just do it. The smell/aroma of roasting green chile is like perfume to many O'odham.

Working out the remote, I came across "Gordon Ramsey: Uncharted." The episode was about India, which has been a leading exporter of spices like pepper, chile, and cardamom. Indian Chef Shri Bala had Ramsey taste a very spicy Indian dish with a predictable result. Milk eased his pain. "Nature has given us more spices because of the climactic conditions. You're in the spice hub," said Chef Bala. Hot chile makes people sweat and cools us down. Probably why I'toi put chiltepin plants on Baboquivari or Vav Giwulk and timed the summer rains to cool the earth or jeved. To earn money for school clothes in the 1960s, we went with our ba:b or ba'ba'a (maternal grandfather) to "chop cotton." He was over 60, but still led a "chopping crew." At lunch (12 noon, 105°plus), he would savor his sandwich with a bite of chile, and sip steaming coffee as sweat poured down his contented face.

Chile went to India from Native country. Grown for more than 8,000 years throughout Mexico, Central and South America, and right here in southwestern United

States, the chiltepin is the "mother of all peppers." It is the way-way-way-back grandmother of most cultivated chiles, and the only wild chile native to our country. The best known population is the Wild Chile Botanical preserve in the mountains a mile away from Tumacacori. Renowned ethnobotanist Gary Nabhan, who co-founded "Native Seeds/SEARCH," wrote that a Tohono O'odham man told him Tumacacori means "place of the little round chiles." The O'odham word for chile is ko'okol. The root or base word is s-ko'ok which means hot/spicy or hurt. Interestingly, the Greek word for chile also means a bite or a hurt. This taste for chile or ko'okol may go back all the way back to the Huhugam. As O'odham of the akimel, they raised a lot of maize, beans, and squash, some of which was traded with our southern cousins whose items of trade were saguaro seeds and syrup, dried fruit, agave cakes and fibers, gourd seeds and wild chiltepin. (Olas ko'okol or round chili.)

Food/cultural appropriation or borrowing kind of boils down to, "What's mine is mine, what's yours is ours." The Indigenous Americas introduced new foods to the Old World such as chocolate, tobacco, tomatoes, chiles, corn, onions, peanuts and potatoes, to name a few. India-Indians made chiles "theirs," just as we O'otham have made some things "ours" that were not traditional—wheat or pilkan has been here less than 400 years. (In the



Gila River Indian Community now providing Community Wireless Network to all District Service Centers for the purpose of virtual learning



All District Service Centers will offer access to the "Community Wireless Network" Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00pm

Physical distancing will consist of a minimum of 10 feet distance between designated workstations

Workstations must be cleaned and disinfected after each use (including all other high touch surface areas)

Masks will be required for persons entering District Service Center facilities

All parents will be required to sign the "GRIC DISTRICT SERVICE CENTERS' COMPUTER/INTERNET POLICY COPUTER LAB TERMS OF USE AGREEMENT"

Students are required to schedule time at a workstation in 1-hour increments (Note: If a student requires longer access periods, the District Service Center will accommodate the request)

Students 15 years of age and younger will require an adult to accompany them during their scheduled time of virtual learning.

All students must provide their own learning device (i.e. laptop, tablet, iPad, etc.)

The District Service Centers DO NOT have staff available to assist with hardware connections to the Community Wireless Network

All water fountains will NOT be accessible

All students are to supply their own school supplies (i.e. paper, pencils, pens, calculators, etc.)

The District Service Centers will NOT supply meals or snacks

The District Service Centers will NOT provide transportation

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real old days, che-mait would have been corn for us until wheat arrived.) Traditions come and go, and evolve. The "food trinity" for Italians is a base mixture of onions, celery, and carrots. Louisiana's trinity is onions, celery and bell peppers. Some Asian

cultures begin with ginger, scallions, garlic. O'odham tables often have this trinity: chile stew, potato salad, and pinto beans. Spaniards introduced cattle and chickens and Germans get credit for introducing potato salad and most of the ingredients. Pinto beans

worked their way to us from Central and South America. Our traditional desert bean is the tepary/bawi or buf. It's just like us: brown, likes heat, requires little water, and is wrinkled (Well, some of us).

Our record-breaking heat wave has finally

ushered in the jegos, and GRIC has been experiencing power outages. No power—no TV—oh no! Two solutions: grab some ko'okol' and go outside to cool off, or jump in the car and head to Hatch.



FACE Preschool School 2020/2021 Total Virtual. Currently Holding Open Enrollment Online



Center Base Services

- Virtual learning for Preschool ages 3 – 4 years of age. Must be accompanied by Parent or Guardian.
- For Adult students: GED, High School, or College Classes Online are offered.
- Monday thru Friday – 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Home Base Services

- Prenatal thru 3 years of age.
- Once a Month Virtual "Family Circle" (Parental Information on Development, Physical, or Essential requirements they may need.)
- 3 year old children will automatically transition into FACE Preschool (accompanied by Parent or Guardian)

Contact Information:

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Wellness Center continues workout programs during pandemic

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Gila River Indian News

Stay-at-home orders remain in effect in the Gila River Indian Community, but healthy activities are still available with online and virtual programs from Tribal Recreation and the Wellness Center. Community members can participate in several programs since the Wellness Center's location closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brandon Begay, Wellness Center Lead Fitness Instructor, said, "Going virtual is not a setback, I see it as a new initiative, and we all have a chance to get creative and contribute to these services. And what it comes down to is that we've all learned how to serve the Community a little better by thinking outside the box since the shutdown."

Partnerships and collaborations among staff and other programs have been key in developing healthy outlets for GRIC members to reach fitness goals during the pandemic, which include pre-recorded activities, virtual runs, and live virtual workout sessions over the Zoom platform.

Begay mentioned that the workouts, designed for the comfort and privacy of the home, have increased

participation and attracted newcomers. Many first-time participants find it assuring to have guided workouts provided to them that don't require weights or gym equipment. Begay said, "when a person doesn't have weights or dumbbells, we offer creative alternatives like milk jugs, packages of water, or anything for weight resistance to make it a little challenging."

Fit Kit Program
Wellness Center also launched their Fit Kit Workouts. Enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe can sign up for a specific fit kit, which includes workout equipment to utilize at home during the center's daily virtual workouts.

When the pandemic hit, gyms, including the Wellness Center, had to close. Begay said, "When we learned we would be sent home, we wanted to give our clients some equipment that they could use at home."

The staff took some time to consider center inventory and decided to distribute resistance bands. To date, the Wellness Center has distributed resistance bands, foam rollers, dumbbells, and yoga mats for clients to use during the virtual workouts throughout the week.

The most recent distribution opened Tuesday, Sept. 1, where clients could register to receive either a Stability Ball Kit or a 30 or 35-pound kettlebell kit. Stability balls are useful for abdominal core workouts, and kettlebells, similar to dumbbells, offer full bodyweight training for users.

Like past kit distributions, participants who receive a kit must commit to attending a Zoom workout with staff for proper safety instruction and demonstrations. Begay mentioned that they would build out programs for what he calls "Fit Kit Fridays" in the future. These classes will utilize all of the various equipment distributed throughout the year.

Begay hopes the equipment will encourage clientele to stay active while social distancing. And even after the pandemic subsides and the center reopens, keeping virtual workouts as a future option is something they are considering.

Virtual Runs
Additionally, the Wellness Center held virtual runs for Community members, allowing participants to track their runs (2 miles, 5k, etc.) to provide proof of completion. The virtual runs eliminate the risk of



Wellness Center clients flex for the camera during virtual workouts. Wellness Center photo

in-person activities while qualifying runners for program incentives.

The Wellness Center partnered with the Chief Azul Planning Committee for the Chief Azul Virtual Run and Walk. Begay said that the committee saw previous successful runs as a possibility to hold the run this year. The run occurred over a week, with runners tracking their 2 miles or 5k run to receive the commemorative Chief Azul Run T-shirt provided by the Chief Azul Planning Committee.

"For 2020 Chief Azul Day, members of the planning committee reached out to the Wellness Center to coordinate the virtual run for this year. The committee looked at the Wellness Center on past successes with virtual runs planned during the pandemic. We thank the Wellness Center for assisting the Committee and for a job well done.

The Committee and supporters of Chief Azul

Day: Darrell Whitman, David Anderson, Anthony Newkirk, Pacer Reina and Pamela Thompson. The Veterans and Family Services Office and Haskell Osife – Antone Post 51, CPAO have been instrumental in the event's success this year and in years past. All look forward on next article on past planning and future to come for giving Honors.

We honor 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," said Darrell Whitman.

Begay also mentioned that the Chief Azul Run would see as many as 200 runners participating in person in previous years. This year, upon announcement, they had seen 340 participant registrations, which is a significant turnout. The Chief Azul run will allow non-preregistration for 40 or older participants

because of the technical requirements to participate. Photo proof of the run is the only requirement to receive a T-shirt.

The Chief Azul Virtual Run concludes Friday, Sept. 4. Participants who wish to collect the Chief Azul T-shirt must provide photo proof of your completed 2 miles or 5k run. And it must be completed between Aug 28 and Sept. 4 at the Sacaton Fairgrounds on Friday, Sept. 11. Wellness Center staff will verify and distribute shirts to the first 200 participants. If you plan on attending, please observe all COVID-19 safety precautions, wear your face covering and be prepared to wait in your vehicle.

More information can be found at mygilariver.com, searching "Gila River Wellness Center" on Facebook, emailing wellness.center@gric.nsn.us to request to be added to the email list or calling their office (520) 562-2026.

Gov. Lewis discusses the Native American vote on PBS program



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was a guest on "Arizona Horizon" on Arizona PBS on Aug. 18. Arizona PBS/screenshot

Christopher Lomahquahu
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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis appeared on "Arizona Horizon," on Arizona PBS, Aug. 18, following the second day of the virtual Democratic National Convention, which was held in Milwaukee, Wis.

Gov. Lewis served as a delegate to the DNC and spoke with "Arizona Horizon" host Ted Simons about the Native American vote in the 2020 Presidential Election.

"It is truly an honor to be a delegate and also an elector as well for the Democratic Party, for the Joe Biden and Kamala Harris presidential ticket and for the state of Arizona as well," said Gov. Lewis.

He said as a tribal leader and delegate it was an honor to represent the Gila River Indian Community

"We see our right to vote as sacred and critical to our voice."

- Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis

and draw attention to the Arizona Native vote for the upcoming election.

Lewis said, "You have...the Navajo Nation in the northeastern part of Arizona, in the southern part you have the four O'otham tribes that make-up a large block of the vote in southern Arizona."

The Native American Caucus held a roundtable during the DNC on environmental justice in Indian Country. The roundtable covered subjects on environmental protection, the protection of tribally sacred sites and issues such as the border

wall along the boundaries of the Tohono O'odham Nation and Mexico.

"We are hoping that tribes have a unique, critical voice, not only with the elections coming up but the Biden/Harris administration," said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis also discussed tribes working with the federal government and protecting tribal sovereignty. He also highlighted the accomplishments of GRIC members who have contributed to the nation such as the late Rodney Lewis and Ira H. Hayes and other veterans who did not have the right to vote after serving in the U.S. military.

"[We] see ourselves as the first Americans, we see our right to vote as sacred and critical to our voice," said Gov. Lewis.

MONSOON AWARENESS

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PLAN AHEAD

Get current weather report on TV, radio or online. Know the difference between a weather watch, warning, flood advisory and flash flood warning.

Create a communication and evaluation plan for your family. Know your flood risk (visit floodmart.gov). Check your property for overhanging trees, loose debris, and potential hazards.

AVOID SEVERE WEATHER

TRAVEL SAFELY

Severe storms may cause power outages and other service interruptions. Purchase flashlights, battery powered radios, candles, and portable solar chargers for cell phones and laptops.

Turn Around, Don't Drown. Don't cross roads with flowing waters. Pull Aside, Stay Alive... During dust storms pull off the road, put your vehicle in park and turn off lights.

POWER OUTAGES

PREPARE A KIT

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors. If you can hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike. Monsoon winds create dense blowing clouds of dust effecting air quality.

Have enough food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. Officials will be on the scene after a disaster but they cannot reach everyone immediately.

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ACTION SHEET

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CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, August 19, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:03 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Lt. Governor Robert Stone

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 (9:33)

Council Members Absent:

D5-Vacant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1, #3, #7 THRU #13 AND #15 THRU #20; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THRU #6, #8 AND #9; NEW BUSINESS #2, #3 AND #4 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS REPORTS

>1. Office Of The Prosecutor's April 1, 2020 – June 20, 2020 (3rd Quarter Report)

Presenter: Michael Voyles

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. K-12 Education Program Quarter 4 Manager's Report For School Year 2019-2020

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

REPORT HEARD

>3. Blackwater Community School Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report For School Year 2019-2020

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Gila Crossing Community School Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report For School Year 2019-2020

Presenter: Jim Mosley

REPORT HEARD

5. Sacaton Elementary School Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report For School Year 2019-2020

Presenter: Wanda Burton

REPORT HEARD

6. Sacaton Middle School Tribal Allocation 3rd Quarter Report For School Year 2019-2020

Presenter: Dr. Cheryl Paul

REPORT HEARD

>7. Franzoy Consulting – FY 2020 Annual Report

Presenter: C. Eugene Franzoy

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. Keller-Bleisner Engineering, LLC – FY 2020 Annual Report

Presenters: Andrew Keller, Brian Westfall

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. Gookin Engineers, LTD. – FY 2020 Annual Report

Presenter: Edward Gookin

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. Lippes Mathias Wexler & Friedman, LLP – FY 2020 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Ian A. Shavitz

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. Peter Mock Groundwater Consulting – FY 2020 Annual Report

Presenter: Peter A. Mock

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. Public Policy Partners – FY 2020 Annual Report

Presenter: Meghaen Dell'Artino

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. The Center for Applied Research, Inc. – FY 2020 Annual Report

Presenter: Chad B. Linse

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

14. COVID 19 Update

Presenters: Bruce Harvey, Candalerian Preston, Laurie Thomas

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

>15. Constitution Outreach Update

Presenter: Roberto A. Jackson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>16. FY 20 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>17. Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP – FY 2020 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Jason Hauter, Don Pongrace

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>18. Dorsey & Whitney, LLP – FY 2020 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Mary J. Streitz

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>19. Osborn Maledon, P.A. – FY 2020 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: David B. Rosenbaum, Mary R. O'Grady, Jeffery B. Molinar

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>20. Rothstein Law Firm – FY 2020 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Eric N. Dahlstrom, April E. Olson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Authorizing The Police Department Construction Owners Team To Seek Financing For A New Police Department Facility And For Other Purposes (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace, Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Authorizing A Change In The Use Of Grant Funds For A 2018 Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Coolidge Development Services Department (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with correction and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation To Create The Gila River Transit "Transit Advisory Committee" (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with correction and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Dawn M. Coomer

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget Modification No. 2 For Fiscal Year 2020 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a

recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Approving The Capital Projects Budget For The Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. For The Period October 1, 2020 Through September 30, 2021 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Modifying The Use And Distribution Of Monies From The Gila River Indian Community Permanent Water Fund And Water Settlement Fund For The Operations Of The Gila River Indian Irrigation And Drainage District And For The Purchase Of Central Arizona Project Water In Fiscal Year 2021 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. A Resolution Approving An Interim Amendment To Section II Of The Gila River Indian Community's "Employee Policies And Procedures Reference Guide" By Adding A Section Entitled "Coronavirus (COVID-19) Hazard Pay" (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with additional information)

Presenters: Thomas Murphy, Treasurer Robert Keller, Frank Pablo, Sr.

APPROVED

>8. A Resolution Authorizing The Collection And Dissemination Of Nonidentifying Data For First Things First Gila River Indian Community Regional Needs Assets Report 2020 (H&SSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; ESC concurs)

Presenter: Joshua Billison

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. A Resolution Rescinding Resolutions GR-014-17 And GR-013-17 And Approving The Appointment of Donald Antone to Represent The Gila River Indian Community On The Joint Control Board (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. GRICUA New Member Council Orientation (EDSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to schedule the orientation for Thursday, September 10, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Presenters: Leonard Gold, Pamela Thomas

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE DATE OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

>2. Revenue Internal Audit 3rd Quarter Report Fiscal Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Gaming Internal Audit 3rd Quarter Report Fiscal Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to

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NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CYNTHIA KAY VAVAGES CASE Number: PB-2019-0028-DE

CIVIL

NOTICE OF HEARING Please take notice that a(n) Review Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. Petitioner, Angeline Michelle Makil, is ordered to appear for a Review, Hearing. Failure to appear will result in a

Civil Bench Warrant being issued.

This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below: Monday, October 5 2020 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN THE Matter of the Estate of Marlon Joe Patrick TO: Keisha Rose Lewis P.O Box 10717 Bapchule, AZ 85121 DOCKET # PB-2020-0001-DE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE [CIVIL]

WHEREAS in the above matter, you were to appear for the Answer/Re-

sponse Hearing scheduled on July 24, 2020 at 11:00 AM.

IT HAS COME to the attention of the Court that you failed to appear as ordered for the above matter.

THEREFORE: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that you appear for a Order to Show Cause hearing on 16th day of September, 2020 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Lucinda Nez AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road,

Sacaton, AZ 85147

And there and then show cause, if any you have, why this Court should not find you in contempt.

Keisha Lewis is to file a written report of all activities conducted of behalf of the estate with proof of documentation for the court's review one week before the hearing date.

FAILURE To APPEAR without good cause may subject you to prosecution or other penalties.

COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA COURT DATE NOTICE

In Re Case: Alicia Palacios vs. Charles William Aragon Docket Number: FM-2020-0035-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 ordered.

Answer/Response Hearing Westend Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ 85339

5th day of October, 2020 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom VII

Severide Wahpeta, Mesa, AZ. He is preceded in death by his parents; Dr. R. Ward & Ellagene Holder. Calvin enjoyed traveling and spending time with his wife and their dog "Mariah". He was a huge Green Bay Packers Fan. He enjoyed his employment and was always helping others in time of need. He loved singing gospel songs, and enjoyed playing the trombone. He was a very talented potter, artist, stone carver, jewelry maker, and woodworker.

Calvin graduated from West High School, Davenport, IA., Cook College in Tempe, AZ., University of Dubuque, IA, and University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA.

Wake service will be held on 8/21/20 at 6pm to 10pm at Barbara Howard's home in Upper Santan, AZ. Funeral will be held at Upper Santan Cemetery across railroad tracks on 8/22/20 at 6am.

Family: Barbara Howard, (Mother in law) Upper Santan, AZ, Elaine Moyah

(Sister in law) & Victor, Upper Santan, AZ; Ed Howard (Brother in law) Sacaton, AZ; Liz Howard, (Sister in law) Sacaton, AZ; Joe Miller (Brother in law) & Shirley, Blackwater, AZ; Biological Mother, Virginia Waupoose, Keshena WI.

Siblings: Katharine (Robert) Schrader, Ellsworth, ME; Cynthia Holder Rich (Mark), Arusha, Tanzania; R. Ward Holder (Susan Griesmer), Westwood, MA; H. Leigh Holder (Blessing Eboh), Crosswell, MI; Lori Eiting, Green Bay, WI; Gordon Neconish, Keshena, WI; Elroy Waupoose Fox, Neopit, WI; Colleen Dodge (Gary, Sr.) Neopit, WI; Furlin Hall (Joyce) Indianapolis, IN; Gerry Hall (Teri) Walland, TN; Trudell Guenette, Clintonville, WI; Wayne Brown, Keshena, WI; Constance Freeman (Collin Kelley) Keshena, WI. He will be missed by many Friends, Co-workers, Aunts, Uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and a few great-grandchildren who loved him dearly.

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Council with a recommendation to accept with the correction and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Gila River Indian Community Basic Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Reports Ended September 30, 2019 (Executive Session) (G&M-SC forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, REDW

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Emergency Care Priority Policy (Executive Session) (H&SSC motions to forward Emergency Care Priority Policy to Council with the recommended changes)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Robert Yoder, Dr. Anthony Santiago, Judith Roth MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

6. St. Peter Indian Mission School

Tribal Allocation Revised Written Plan (ESC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sister Mary Martha Carpenter

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

MINUTES

1. November 21, 2019 1:00 p.m. (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. August 5, 2020 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ DISTRICT'S CONCERNS OF THE TIME AND CONTENT OF THE MOBILE CONSTITUTION REFORM PRESENTATION

~DISTRICT'S CONCERNS OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING FUTURE BROADCASTING

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:02 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

PUBLIC NOTICE

Child Find Outreach from Gila Crossing Community School

Gila Crossing Community School offers Child Find screening to locate, identify, and evaluate all children who may have a disability. If you know a child who has a disability or one you suspect may have difficulty with learning, communication, vision, hearing, behavior, or motor control and coordination, please contact the special education department at your local public school district, local BIE school, Mr.

Jay B. Twitchell at Gila Crossing Community School (520-550-4834 x505) or the charter school the student attends. Gila Crossing Community School screens children from preschool through eighth grade. We refer infants and toddlers with disabilities to the Arizona Early Intervention Program for evaluation and services and/or the Gila River Indian Community Child Development & Education Support Services Program. All Child Find referrals are considered confidential and services are provided at no cost to the family.

Gila Crossing Community has offered two Child Find screening events every school year for the past 10 school years. We will be offering these screenings again during this school year but we are awaiting guidance from Gila River Indian Community on how these screenings will take place given the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information concerning Child Find screening, contact the principal or counselor of your local school or call Mr. Jay B. Twitchell at 520-550-4834 x505.



Calvin "Randy" Holder, was born on 2/14/65 in Shawano, WI. He left us on 8/13/20 at Banner University Hospital, Phoenix, AZ at the age of 55. He was a member of the Menominee Tribe, WI. He was employed with The Gila River Health Care as a Medical Transportation Driver for 10 years. He is survived by his wife of 26 years Arlene Howard-Holder; two God Sons Daniel Freeman, Sr., Keshena, WI and

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All COVID-19 checks mailed out on April 3, 2020 will be expiring soon! These checks void 180 days after date of issue, which will be September 30, 2020.

If you did not receive your check and/or have questions regarding the payment, please contact our Office at (520)562-5222 or by email at gricpercapita@gric.nsn.us

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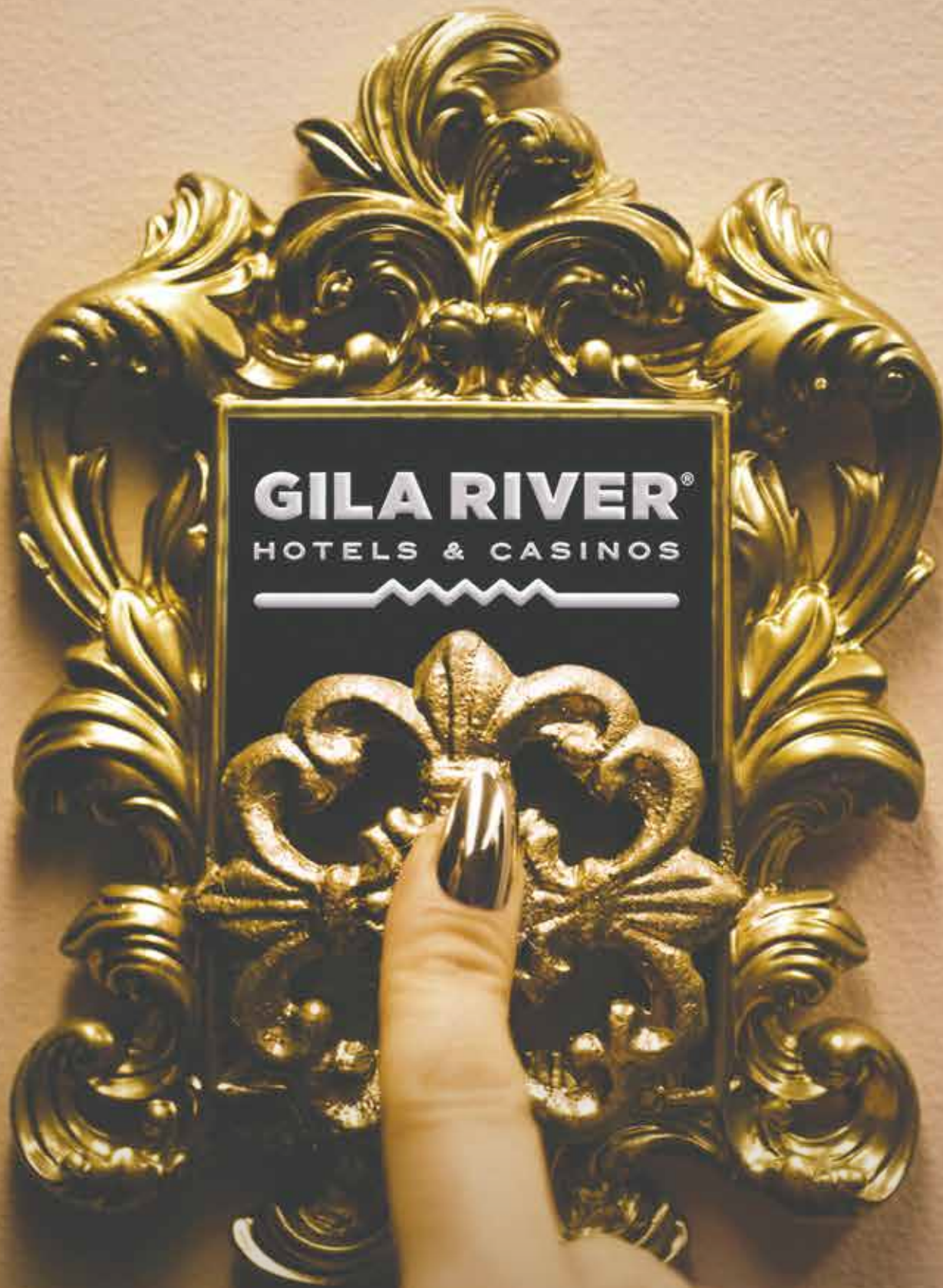
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