



NATIONAL EMERGENCY

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Gila River Indian Community holds swearing-in ceremony for Governor, Lt. Governor, Chief Judge and Associate Judges

Communications & Public Affairs Office
Gila River Indian Community

On Jan. 1, a swearing-in ceremony was held to administer the Oath of Office to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, Chief Judge Joseph Manuel Sr., and Associate Judges Sherri Cassa, Charles Aragon, Janice Breckenridge, and Anthony Hill.

The swearing-in marks the beginning of Governor Stephen Roe Lewis' third term as Governor of the Community, and Lt. Governor Monica Antone's return as Lt. Governor, a position she previously held from 2015 to 2017.

Judge Jay Pedro administered the Oath of Office to Chief Judge Joseph Manuel Sr., who then administered the oath to Gov. Lewis, Lt. Gov.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis is sworn in as Governor of the Gila River Indian Community on Jan. 1. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Antone, and the Associate Judges.

Following the swearing-in ceremony, Gov. Lewis remarked, "I am humbled by the confidence the Community has shown in re-electing me to be Governor of the

Community, especially during this time of unprecedented crisis. I look forward to working with Lt. Gov. Antone and the Community Council as we see our way through the pandemic while continuing our work



Lt. Gov. Monica Antone is sworn in as Lieutenant Governor of the Gila River Indian Community on Jan. 1. Emma Hughes/GRIN

on the long-term goals of the Community."

Lt. Gov. Antone stated, "I am pleased to be able to again serve the Community as Lt. Governor and look forward to carrying out the priorities and

goals of the Community during my tenure."

A virtual Inauguration will be broadcast by GRBC at 12:00 pm on Saturday, Jan. 16 and rebroadcast at 6:00 p.m.



Chief Judge Joseph Manuel Sr. is sworn in on Jan. 1. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Associate Judge Sherri Cassa is sworn in on Jan. 1. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Associate Judge Charles Aragon is sworn in on Jan. 1. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Associate Judge Janice Breckenridge is sworn in on Jan. 1. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Associate Judge Anthony Hill is sworn in on Jan. 1. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Community Members Showcase Creativity for Christmas Lights Contest

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The annual River of Lights parade was canceled this year due to the pandemic. The annual parade, much like many of the events in the Community, would bring hundreds of people together during the holiday season to witness a festive parade along Casa Blanca road following-up with entertainment and a tree lighting at the Ira H. Hayes/Matthew B. Juan Memorial park in Sacaton.

The on-going COVID-19 pandemic has forced those festivities to be canceled and have been replaced with a house decorating contest for homes in the Community. Judging was held Dec. 18-19. Judges included Miss Gila River Alyse

Marrietta, Jr. Miss Gila River Sineca Jackson, Miss Indian Arizona Amy Spotted Wolf, and the Ms/Mr. Indigenous ASU Committee court, including Miss Indigenous ASU Lourdes Pereira, Miss Indigenous ASU 1st Attendant Jolene Fernandez and Mr. Indigenous ASU Carlos Miramontes.

This year, 27 houses competed for cash prizes as judges traveled in a caravan style through the Community to view the entries. Beginning Friday evening, Dec. 18 royalty traveled to Districts 1-4. "It brings joy to my heart to see how many people participated," said Jr. Miss Gila River Sineca Jackson during the viewing, looking for creativity and plenty of Christmas lights. "They put so much work and effort into their

houses. They look so amazing and I'm so proud of everyone who participated," said Jackson.

"It's been really fun. One of my favorite things to do during Christmas is just to look around at the lights and this is the perfect event for me to do that," said Miss Indian Arizona, Amy Spotted Wolf while viewing entries in the District 6, a part of the Community she hadn't been to before. "It's pretty cool getting to explore a little bit, just being on the road is fun." Other joining royalty shared that it was their first time visiting the Community.

"We're here to bring the spirit of Christmas, something that's very much needed during this time" said Miss Gila River Alyse Marrietta who shared remarks at the end of the two-



Carmen Baldwin-Ortega of District 3, was this year's winner during Christmas Light Contest, held on Dec. 18-19. CPAO Photo

night judging, wishing everyone happy holidays. Video of the contest entries and the royalty's tour through the Community is featured on GRIC's Facebook page. River of Lights House Decorating Contest winners are:

1st Place: Carmen Baldwin-Ortega - District 3

2nd Place: Gerald Smith - District 7

3rd Place: Gina Enos - District 3

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COVID-19 TESTING DATES

District 2 Service Center

January 5th, 6th & 7th
9 am - 1 pm
5 pm - 7 pm

District 3 Service Center

January 12th, 13th & 14th
9 am - 1 pm
5 pm - 7 pm

District 4 Service Center

January 19th, 20th & 21st
9 am - 1 pm
5 pm - 7 pm

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When Available
**DON'T WAIT,
VACCINATE**



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Patient vaccinations for Phase 1a
Priority Patients will begin 1/6/2021

3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE

When will the vaccines be made available to patients?

In accordance with the GRIC COVID-19 Vaccine plan, the first phase of patient vaccinations (Phase 1a) will begin the week of January 6, 2021. Additional distribution phases will begin in the coming weeks when more vaccine is available. Patients included in Phase 1a are:

- **Residents of The Caring House**
- **Dialysis patients**
- **Elders 55+ with serious health concerns**

Vaccinations for healthcare workers involved in direct patient care are in progress.



Has GRHC received the vaccine?

Yes, GRHC has received both Moderna and Pfizer vaccine and we'll start immunizing patients in Phase 1a as detailed above. Right now we don't have enough vaccine to vaccinate everyone, that's why we are prioritizing who will receive the vaccine as outlined by GRIC vaccination plan. Priority group patients will be contacted directly by a provider to discuss the vaccine and answer any questions you may have.

What can I do to protect myself until a vaccine becomes available?

You should stay home as much as possible. If you must go out for essentials, remember to wear a mask, avoid close contact with others, do not gather, and wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer. Get more information about these and other steps you can take to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 at [GRHC.ORG/HUB](https://grhc.org/hub).

Gila River Health Care wishes you and yours a safe, healthy, and joyous New Year!

HAVE A HEALTHY

new year

2021

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Monica Antone

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Youth Council brings Christmas cheer to Caring House Residents and Staff



Items gifted to the Caring House by the Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council for Christmas on Dec. 23. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Jovanni Molina at the Caring House in Sacaton to assist with gifts for Caring House residents and staff on Dec. 23. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On Dec. 23, the Akimel O'odham/ Pee-Posh Youth Council delivered gifts and tokens of appreciation to the Caring House residents and staff. AOPPYC members and Advisory Board members donated gift bags, which consisted of lip balm, lotions, face masks, Epsom salt, coffee, cookies, desserts, and other treats.

AOPPYC At-Large Member Javonni Molina from District 3 spearheaded the effort. Molina worked as a physical therapy tech at the Caring House and grew to admire the staff's tireless efforts with the residents.

"I saw first-hand how every staff member goes above and beyond to provide respect, love, and care for every resident's well-being," said Molina.

Alicia Gonzales, Activities Director at the Caring House, received the gifts.

"I feel like this is a blessing to The Caring House staff and residents that we have a Community that loves them so much to give to them," said Gonzales.

Gonzales said the residents and staff will appreciate and put the items to use this season, especially with COVID-19 restrictions still in place.

Gonzales was touched when the AOPPYC reached out for the donation effort stating,

"It brought tears to my eyes when they reached out to us because I know this is going to make a difference for the lives of the staff and residents knowing that people out there are really thinking about them," said Gonzales.

This year is Molina's first term on the AOPPYC, and she felt that it was the perfect chance for her to plan and execute projects that would benefit the Community. After pitching the idea to the AOPPYC,

everyone was excited and supported, and she also credits her family's support with motivating her to see it through.

Molina wanted to share a gift of love and respect for the staff.

She said, "Many staff may not even be from the

Community, and that takes a big person to give to the residents."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Molina

understands the lack of family interaction and hopes the gesture will uplift everyone's spirits during the holiday

while affirming that the Community's youth care about their elders.



HEALTH ALERT

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN 10 PROHIBITED

Help Slow the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

COVID-19 is spread mainly from person-to-person between people who are in close contact with one another (within six feet) and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

- **A GATHERING** is a planned or spontaneous event indoors or out, and includes attendance at events such as community gatherings, in person church services, dances, conferences, weddings, birthday parties or sporting events. Please refer to Executive Order #9 for additional examples.
- **THE MORE PEOPLE** an individual interacts with at a gathering and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 and COVID-19 spreading.
- **THE HIGHER** the level of community transmission in the area the gathering is being held, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spreading during the gathering.
- **WASH YOUR HANDS** often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- **AVOID CLOSE CONTACT** with people who are sick. Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.
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A'AGA

Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

Hopefully in 2021 things will get back to “normal” again – whether that is a good or bad thing is up for debate. This past year (or four) has taught us that we are not “in charge.” We need each other, socially distanced though it may be. Piipaash and O’odham have made this land our home for a long time. We’ve reacted and adjusted. Here are some historical events that affected our people.

Jan. 30, 1876—Steamboat captains refused to land at La Paz because the town was hit with a smallpox epidemic. (The ghost town of La Paz is located six miles north of I-10 along the Colorado River.) Notches on a Gila Crossing calendar stick, put into words, told that in 1875-76, a sickness returned to Rsanuk/Full/Wetcamp which caused shooting pains throughout the body. The notches also told of smallpox breaking out at a village at the confluence of the Salt and Gila, as written down

by Frank Russell in *The Pima Indians*. In pre stay-at-home or mask-wearing edicts, schools in Tucson were closed because of smallpox in 1877.

Jan. 31, 1890—When railroad prices for shipping cattle went up, the Empire Ranch east of Tucson, decided to drive 1,000 head of cattle to California.

The cattle were walked along Santa Cruz River out of Tucson, then north to Florence. On February 6, near Sweetwater stage station, part of the herd stampeded north. Wranglers rounded up forty-one steers and took them to Maricopa Wells. This all took place within our reservation boundaries. The main herd was rejoined at Gila Bend, where the wranglers learned that 110 cattle had wandered off. Another search was launched, and all but eleven of the cattle were found. (More tamales, chili stews for Piipaash and O’odham?) The cattle drive arrived on April 5 at Warner’s Ranch near San Diego.

Jan. 4, 1891—On this

date, it was decided a school for Piipaash/O’odham was to be established near Phoenix. The United States government decided the way to force Indian children into Anglo-American Christian culture was with residential or boarding schools. Phoenix Indian provided basic education along with an industrial and domestic trade. In 1926 a two-year government study resulted in “The Meriam Report” which challenged the ideas and actions of the Dawes Act-intended “to civilize” Native Americans. The Meriam Report recommended that schools focus on teaching skills needed for success on and off reservations, and to abandon teaching European-American cultural values. Phoenix Indian shifted to serve grades 9-12. Most elementary children would then attend reservation day-schools. Ultimately tribal education was taken over by tribes and began building secondary schools on the reservation. As enrollment continued to drop, Phoenix Indian

School closed in 1990.

Jan. 24, 1917—The Arizona National Guard goes back to 1912, when Company F was formed as an all Indian unit, mostly Piipaash-O’odham, of current and former students of Phoenix Indian School. When Pancho Villa raided Agua Prieta on November 1, 1915, Company F was placed on active duty to protect our southern border. Anna Moore Shaw wrote, “Sergeant Joshua Morris came into the school dining room and picked out the members who were to go [to the border].” A sampling of the muster roll lists: Molesto Rios, Ross Shaw, Scott Eldridge, Frank Stanley, and Harvier Adams. When World War I was officially declared in August, these boys were told to go home or back to school. (Natives were not citizens of the United States and could not be drafted.) Sergeant Morris asked if they could volunteer and told “yes,” an all-night meeting resulted in a decision that only O’odham and Piipaash men who did not take care of their parents or those without families could volunteer. This was quite a contrast to Company M, who nearly sparked a revolt when they marched around shouting they wanted to go home. Company M was at an ANG camp at Naco, Arizona, on the date listed above.

Jan. 10, 1919—The 1918 flu, also called the Spanish flu, resulted in about 675,000 deaths in the USA. Although the virus did not come from Spain, Spanish newspapers were the first to write about the virus. (Allied newspapers buried coverage of the flu to keep morale high. Massive troop movements of WWI may have been a super spreader.) By Nov. 3, 1918, Phoenix reportedly had 646 influenza cases within 25 days — and an average of one death per day. Therefore on the above date, Phoenix made wearing masks compulsory within the downtown area. A fine of \$100 dollars or 30 days jail time was the penalty for non-maskers. The pandemic ended in the summer of 1919. Many who were infected had died and others had developed immunity.

Jan. 19, 1956—On this date, Kitt Peak was under consideration as a site for an observatory. In March, the Tohono O’odham Nation allowed astronomers to ride up the peak on horseback. O’odham guides Al Martinez and Raymond Lopez also explained the significance of the du’ag/ mountain and I’ittoi to the O’odham. Schuk Du’ag district was consulted and when the matter went before the Nation’s council the observatory was approved because elders

were looking for a way to educate and employ tribal members. Kitt Peak was dedicated on March 15, 1960. “O’odham mo g cew wu:pui ” or “the men with the long eyes,” is what the O’odham called the astronomers.

During current media coverage of the COVID pandemic, “The Roaring 20s” has been alluded to in news reports, how big fun and frivolity ruled post-Spanish flu. Hopefully, another roaring 20s awaits us. COVID is a nightmare that has disrupted so much of our daily lives, and normalcy seems like a dream now. But if all of us do our part – hold on – keep our distance – mask-up for the team – roll up our sleeves, 2021 will be brighter. Teamwork makes the dream work.

Information was gathered from; Residential Indian Schools, Arizona State Library Archives; History of the Empire Ranch by Gregory Paul Dowell; Forgotten Faces of the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic, by Garrett Mitchell, The Arizona Republic, May 2, 2020; <https://www.history.com/topics/world-war-i/1918-flu-pandemic> and

Kitt Peak National Observatory and Native Americans Go Way Back by Jacelle Sauberan, Indian Country Archives, Oct 20, 2011.

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Second place winner (left) the home of Geraldine Smith, District 7 and (right) third place winner Gina Enos of District 3, can be seen lit-up from top to bottom during the Christmas Lights contest, held on Dec.18-19. CPAO Photo



NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT NON-MEMBER RESIDENT REGISTRATION



• The Community's Residency Ordinance requires all adults (18 years of age and older) who are not enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community, but who reside within the boundaries of the Community to register their residency.



• All adult non-member residents must register their residency with the Enrollment Department and must update their registration by January 31st each year.



• Previously enrolled non-member registrants will receive a renewal form by mail. All other non-member residents should contact the Enrollment Department to request a registration form.

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• The Registration Form maybe submitted in person at the Enrollment Office. A valid Photo ID is required.



• Registration Forms submitted to the Enrollment Department by mail, fax or third party must be notarized.

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Governor Stephen Roe Lewis Addresses Community Heading into the New Year

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community leader urges Community members to be vigilant going into the new year against COVID-19. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis reminded Community members to stay safe against COVID-19 during a video message on Jan 1.

“The start of 2021 does not automatically mean the impacts of the pandemic are behind us and things will go back to the way they were before the Coronavirus,” said Lewis. He said, Community members still need to take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Lewis said, in addition

to what GRIC members can do to prevent the spread of the disease, the Community must also prepare for surges in the pandemic in the coming months. He stressed for Community members to not “ease-up” on the preventive measures, as health experts predict spikes in COVID-19.

“In anticipation of the rising numbers, I’ve asked the COVID-19 taskforce to provide an assessment of [our] capacity to address this surge, from our healthcare facilities, to our frontline workers to our equipment and policies,” said Lewis.

He said the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine, will help the Community combat the virus, which

has taken the lives of many GRIC members. “The vaccination is ultimately what will help the entire Community get to the other side of the pandemic, but that it will take months until consistent supplies are available and we can implement each phase of the vaccination plan,” said Lewis.

Lewis said that he will continue to work with Community Council to develop a vaccination plan, but that there are other on-going efforts, that need attention. He said the Community will continue to work towards long-term goals such as, investing and protecting its water resources, the building of Casa Blanca Community



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis addresses Community members about staying safe during the New Year in a video message on Jan 1. GRIC Photo


School and exploring economic opportunities.

Lewis said, despite the pandemic, it has shown the true character of our

community in that it is resilient through difficult

times. “Although we have suffered heartbreak, we have also seen it within


our hearts to be of service, however we can for our families, our neighbors, our villages and our community,” said Lewis.






January 2021

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ACTION SHEET

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CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, December 16, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:09 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Carol Schurz

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, Brian Davis, Sr.; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrence Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D5- Thomas White

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORTS #2, #3, #18, #21 AND RESOLUTIONS #1 AND #3 FOR

NON-SUBMITTAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1, #4 THROUGH #12, #14 THROUGH #17, #19 AND #20; ACCEPT AND APPROVE UNFINISHED BUSINESS #2

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS REPORTS

*1. Gila River Indian Irrigation & Drainage District – FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Ronald Allison

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*2.FY 2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September30, 2020) – Huhugam Heritage Center

Presenter: Shirley Jackson

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*3. Tribal Education Department – FY 2020 Annual Report(October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

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>4. FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020) Tribal Health Department

Presenter: Candalerian Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Community Services Department – Elderly Nutrition Program FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Mary Dixon

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Community Services Department – Nutrition Assistance Program FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Mary Dixon

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. Community Services Department – Elderly

Services Program FY'2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Joanne Brewer

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. Community Services Department – Tribal Recreation and Wellness FY'2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Angel Orque

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. FY2020 Annual Report Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: David DeJong

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. Tribal Social Services FY 2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020)

Presenters: Trina M. Hart, Kelly Vickrey, Faron Humeyumptewa

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. GRHC Tobacco Tax Grant FY 20 Annual Report (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020)

Presenters: Judith Roth, Dr. Anthony Santiago, Dr. Wes Yamada, Susan Kelley, Priscilla Foote, Joseph Jicha, Deborah Tinsley, Max Haake, GRHC Board of Directors

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. Gila River Asset Management Great Call Rapid Response System 4th Quarter Report

Presenters: GRTI Board of Directors, Jim Meyers, Miane Gonzales

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

13. COVID – 19 Update

Presenters: Bruce Harvey, Candalerian Preston, Laurie Thomas, June Shorthair, Timothy Chavez, Dr. Anthony Santiago

REPORT HEARD

>14. Tribal Elections Program - FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>15. Fire Department - FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Kathy J. Garcia

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>16. Defense Services Office FY 2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Claude Jackson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>17. Enrollment / Census Department FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>18. Community Services Department – Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Ramona Tecumseh

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>19. GRTI 3Q 2020 Update

Presenters: GRTI Board, Jim Meyers, Jennifer Burkhalter

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>20. Cultural Resource Management Program – FY 2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Kyle Woodson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

21. GRIC – Housing Owner's Team (HOT) (Executive Session)

Presenters: Housing Owner's Team

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving The Title VI Implementation Plan For Gila River Transit, A Program Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Dawn Coomer

ITEM ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Approving And Ratifying The Construction Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Core Construction, Inc. To Construct The Casa Blanca School (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval, NRSC and ESC concur)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

APPROVED

>3. A Resolution Approving The Office Of Emergency Management To Apply For And Receive Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Funding Under The Arizona State Department Of Health Services For A Period Of 5-Years, July 1, 2020 Through June 30, 2025 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Bruce Harvey

ITEM TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Amendment To The Constitution Implementation (LSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business as FYI with additional information)

Presenter: Javier Ramos

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AS FYI

>2. Campaign Investigation (Executive Session) (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation to dispense under the consent agenda)

Presenters: Michael Lando Voyles, Carleton Giff, David Williams, Chief Timothy Chavez, Asst. Chief William Morago, Det. Fredrick Powell

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

1. Submittal of Findings Regarding the Collection Assessment The Digital Record Repository Containing the Official Records Of The Gila River Indian Community (ESC forwards to Council under New Business for approval and discussion)

Presenter: Tammie Morago

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE COLLECTION ASSESSMENT

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Services for Malcolm Eschief Friday & Saturday

~Special Council meeting Friday, December 18, 2020 at Lone Butte Event Center

~Special Joint meeting with Health & Social, Cultural Resource, and Legislative on Monday, December 21st at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:30 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGEDA ITEM

Biden picks Rep. Deb Haaland to run Interior Department

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

On December 17, President-elect Biden announced he will nominate Rep. Deb Haaland (D-NM) to serve as Secretary of the Department of the Interior. When confirmed,

it will be the first time an American Indian will lead in the 171-year history of the DOI, which oversees many departments that includes Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Education, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

After Biden's announcement, Haaland

took to twitter on the news.

"A voice like mine has never been a cabinet secretary or at the head of the Department of Interior. Growing up in my mother's Pueblo household made me fierce," said Haaland.

She added that being tapped to head the DOI is a testament of the sacrifices

made by her ancestors and breaks down the old ideologies of past Interior Secretaries.

"Breaking barriers is nothing new for Haaland," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis in a statement. Biden's nomination is reflective of what tribes have asked for in Indian

Country according to Gov. Lewis.

"We'll have a Native American on that opposite side of 'the table,'" he said on the representation of Indigenous people at the highest level of the federal government.

He said Haaland will be a champion for all

tribes, serving as a strong federal partner to the Community and others across the Nation.

"[This] decision honors past generations, who have fought so hard through the centuries for a place in these United States," said Lewis.



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Schedule of Deadlines

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Month	Submission Deadline Dates	GRIN Deliveries
Example: To get your ad in the first issue in June, the deadline is June 1. Your ad will run in the GRIN on June 5	Submissions (ads, articles, flyers) must be given to the GRIN by MONDAY before the first and third Friday of each month. See dates below: <small>*Indicates schedule change due to holiday/schedule conflict</small>	The GRIN will be delivered twice a month on the first and third FRIDAY of each month
January	December 28 (2020) January 11	January 4 January 15
February	February 1 *February 16	February 5 February 19
March	March 1 March 15	March 5 March 19
April	March 29 April 12	*April 3 April 16
May	May 3 May 17	May 7 May 21
June	*June 1 June 14	June 4 June 18
July	June 28 July 12	July 2 July 16
August	August 2 August 16	August 6 August 20
September	August 30 September 13	September 3 *September 20
October	September 27 October 11	October 1 October 15
November	November 1 November 15	November 5 November 19
December	November 29 December 13	December 3 December 17

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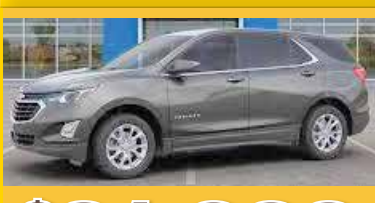
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