



## 2024 Self-Governance Conference Features SRPMIC Health and Human Services Presentation

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The annual Tribal Self-Governance Conference is a gathering of tribal leaders, tribal officials, federal partners and those who work closely with tribal communities to network, share resources and work toward establishing positive and healthy well-being for all individuals in Indian Country. The week-long conference took place April 15-18 at the Wild Horse Pass Resort in Chandler, on the Gila River Indian Community.

On April 17, Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Nancy Mangieri and Health and Human Services Director Joseph Remitera of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community made a presentation titled "Five in Five: Increasing the Average Age of Mortality of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Members by Five Years in Five Years." Their presentation was hosted by Melanie Fourkiller, director of Self-Governance and



From L to R: Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Health and Human Services Director Joseph Remitera, Director of Self-Governance and Health Policy for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Melanie Fourkiller, SRPMIC Self-Governance Director Heather Washington, and SRPMIC Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Nancy Mangieri shared the stage at the Wild Horse Pass Resort in Chandler, on the Gila River Indian Community during SRPMIC's "Five in Five" Presentation.

Health Policy for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and SRPMIC Self-Governance Director Heather Washington.

"Five in Five" started as a challenge from my boss, Community member and Assistant

Community Manager Lena Jackson," said Remitera. "She brought all her division chiefs into a meeting and told us she was tired of the pain and suffering of her Community members. She challenged us to come up

with a plan to figure out what we could do to improve the health of the Community."

After this meeting, Remitera brainstormed about how

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## University of Washington School of Law Students Visit SRPMIC



SRPMIC President Martin Harvier and Vice-President Ricardo Leonard (middle) hosted staff and students from the University of Washington School of Law Native American Law Center's Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic and SRPMIC Legal Services Office staff at Two Waters on April 1.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Legal Services Office hosted staff members and eight law students from the University of Washington School of Law Native American Law Center (NALC)'s Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic on April 1 to share ideas and learn about how certain SRPMIC government services and departments operate.

The clinic provides public defender services in two different tribal courts in the Pacific Northwest: criminal public defense in the Tulalip Tribal Court and fam-

ily defense for the Muckleshoot Tribal Court, working to help reunify families that have been separated due to allegations of abuse or neglect.

UW Tribal Clinic students are in their second or third year of law school and hope to practice in some capacity in Native American communities.

Stacey Lara, assistant teaching professor at the university, said that the focus of the Public Defense Clinic is to strengthen tribal justice systems and ultimately strengthen tribal sovereignty.

"We find that many law schools focus on state and federal law, [but] there is a third sovereign, and that is the tribes," said

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## Westwood Varsity Baseball Regular Season Ends with Senior Night Against Maricopa



After shining all year on the baseball diamond, Westwood student-athlete Bobby Maez (far right) was all smiles as he posed for photos with his Mom (left) Leah Andrews and Westwood head coach Justin Langston (middle).

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It is the dream of every high school student-athlete to be recognized by their coaches, peers, and family members during the last home game of the season, known officially as Senior Night. Every single professional athlete currently in the Major Leagues has experienced the joys of senior night, walking alongside family members and loved one's while being recognized for stellar varsity play.

On April 18, Salt River Pima-Maricopa student-athletes Marcus Lasiloo and Bobby Maez were recognized for their crowning achievements on the baseball diamond and in the classroom for the Westwood Warriors varsity baseball team.

Before their game began against Maricopa High, Coach Justin Langston and his coaching staff organized a celebration honoring his student-athlete seniors on this year's varsity baseball team. Balloons, flowers, ceremonial baseballs, and a ceremonial first pitch were all on the agenda prior to their home game finale against the Maricopa

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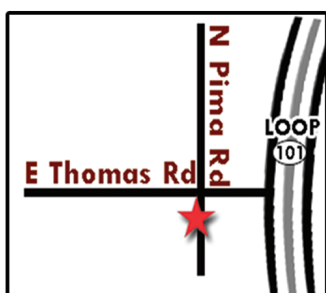
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to improve the health and well-being of the SRPMIC membership. "That's when I called Dr. Mangieri and said, 'Can you pull all the mortality numbers in the Community for the last five years?'" said Remitera. When the two finally gathered the death statistics for the Community, Remitera said he and Dr. Mangieri both were shocked at their findings. "We found out that the average age of mortality for SRPMIC members is only 51 years old," Remitera told the conference attendees.

A collective gasp was heard throughout the Wild Horse Pass Showroom when Remitera revealed that statistic.

In comparison, the average age of mortality for a Scottsdale citizen is 85 years old. "Our community borders Scottsdale, right across Pima Road. On one side, you have people living to 85 years old, and across the street, only 51," he said.

Factors that contribute to early mortality in the Community include injuries, overdoses, drug/alcohol abuse, sexual/domestic violence, suicide and auto accidents.

The "Five in Five" initiative will work to raise the average age of mortality of the SRPMIC membership by five years within five years. "We want to go from 51 years old to 56 by 2029; that is our goal," said Remitera.

Dr. Mangieri added, "Access to healthcare can change a community [significantly]. Getting people to demand ... a higher level of care is important. Health literacy is part of that," she said.

As an example of the improved health literacy in the Community, Dr. Mangieri described the availability of Narcan® (naloxone). "We have distributed over 3,000 [Narcan packages] throughout our Community. We've

made it part of people's medicine cabinets. It's not because your family may have substance-abuse issues; it's because you can save a life. Just like CPR can save a life if someone goes into cardiac arrest. The entire focus for us is to make sure everyone is educated on how to care for one another," Dr. Mangieri said.

Remitera and Dr. Mangieri continued their presentation by detailing how Community members grew closer during the COVID-19 pandemic, which negatively impacted the mortality rate in the Community. "COVID was a blessing and a curse," said Dr. Mangieri. The blessing part? "We were able to meet and help Community members who were sick that we otherwise wouldn't have seen. We distributed over 2,000 thermometers [during the pandemic]," she said. "COVID brought to light the importance of [disease] prevention."

They also described how the River People Health Center provides high-quality healthcare services to the SRPMIC membership and tribal members across Indian Country. "Our job is to de-stress PIMC (Phoenix Indian Medical Center) so they can have more hospital beds and more specialty services available," said Remitera. The 200,000-square-foot health center in the Community is a "one-stop shop" for all tribal community healthcare needs.

"We're going to [accomplish] 'Five in Five,'" said Remitera. "Then we're going to [accomplish] 10 in 10, then 15 in 15, 20 in 20, and we're going to keep going until a baby that's born of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community blood has the same opportunities and longevity as a child that's born across the street in Scottsdale," Remitera said.

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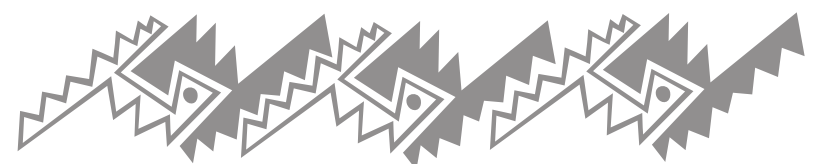
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Lara. “And so, in seeking to enrich the students’ understanding of tribal sovereignty and being prepared to work in tribal communities, we have a comparative approach to some of what we do.”

Lara continued, “Learning about how tribes have prioritized the reassumption of jurisdiction in certain areas of law, and how they employ resources in those justice systems is why we’re here. We are grateful to the SRPMIC for hosting us.”

Beginning their visit at the SRPMIC Legal Services Office, the UW Tribal Clinic representatives were greeted by Legal Services advocates and attorneys and talked about their backgrounds and areas of interest, such as decolonization, advocacy for Indigenous peoples who reside along the U.S.-Mexico border, family law, disability law, marginalized groups within marginalized groups and environmental law, among others.

The group spent about an hour observing morning arraignment hearings at the SRPMIC Tribal Court, which gave them a firsthand look at not only how lawyers and public defenders interact with the Community members being arraigned, but also how each nuanced situation is handled with care and respect for cultural issues and the general well-being of all involved.

During one of the arraignment hearings, a private matter needed to be discussed in the courtroom, so loud “white noise” was played over the intercom so those in attendance couldn’t hear the details.

After the Court sessions, the group headed over to the SRPMIC Department of Corrections for a tour before meeting with President Martin Harvier and Vice-President Ricardo Leonard at Two Waters.

In a gift exchange, UW Tribal Clinic representatives presented SRPMIC leadership with some small-batch smoked wild and sustainably caught salmon from the Pacific Northwest.

The Defense Advocates Office met with the group as well, which Lara said was particularly impactful for the students.

The group finished their visit by driving around the Community to see the different enterprises and the Huhugam Ki: Museum. Their last stop was the



SRPMIC President Martin Harvier (left) and Vice-President Ricardo Leonard (right) have an in-depth conversation with University of Washington School of Law students and staff about how the Community operates, on April 1.

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Upon leaving the Community, the group was scheduled to visit the Hopi Tribe and the Navajo Nation.

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# SRPMIC Flag Carried During NCAA Final Four Championship Game

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On April 8 in Glendale, Arizona, on traditional O'odham land, the 22 tribal nations of Arizona were spotlighted as March Madness came to an exciting end with the NCAA Men's Basketball National Championship game. At State Farm Stadium, No. 1 seeds Purdue and UConn battled it out, with UConn defeating Purdue 75-60.

Chairman Robert Miguel of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, a member of the Final Four Planning Committee, recommended that the NCAA add some "Native flair" at the game, and the NCAA delivered.

Before the game, Diné singer, actress and model Kahara Hodges sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Tohono O'odham Nation Color Guard presented the flags.

Members of tribal nations who were students and alumni from Arizona State University, Grand Canyon University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona carried their flags across the hardwood floor, including SRPMIC member Heaven Sepulveda, who carried the SRPMIC flag. Sepulveda was asked by the Office of American Indian Initiatives at ASU to represent the school as a doctoral student.

According to N. Levi Esquerro, senior vice president, Native American Advancement and Tribal Engagement at the University of Arizona, this was the first time the Final Four has celebrated Native American heritage in such a format.

Tina Gargus, Native American Advancement and Tribal Engagement program manager, assisted with the event planning and programming and was instrumental in the presentation. The flags that were displayed on the court are the flags that usually stand on display in Old Main, the oldest building on the University of Arizona campus.



Top: Members of tribal nations who were students and alumni from Arizona State University, Grand Canyon University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona carried their flags across the hardwood floor.


Right: Heaven Sepulveda, carrying the SRPMIC flag, was asked by the Office of American Indian Initiatives at ASU to represent the school as a doctoral student.

Bottom: SRPMIC member Heaven Sepulveda holds the SRPMIC flag.  
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## Showroom Reimagined at Talking Stick Resort



Talking Stick Resort recently reopened its reimagined Showroom, a place to watch headline performances or to watch and bet on your favorite sports.

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Talking Stick Resort, an enterprise of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, has reopened its reimagined Showroom, a multiuse space for headline performances and a place to watch and bet on your favorite sports.

Some of the new updates to the room include a new open-air concept just steps away from the casino floor, intimate concert seating for up to 480 people (including balcony seating), LED video walls that stretch out longer than the length of a football field, and 92 individual screens with the ability to broadcast up to 30 different sporting events.

Previously the showroom was more closed off to traffic and the seating configuration was fixed, but now the

venue has been completely reimagined, according to Christian Geier, Talking Stick Resort's general manager.

"It's two levels, one on the ground floor and our upstairs lounge that oversees the entire venue and gives our VIPs and special guests even more privacy," said Geier.

"There is a main screen which can be lowered and raised, depending on the event that's going on. The sound system is state of the art for concerts. Then we have a bar that is a new addition, which connects to the gaming floor."

Another new addition is a set of 4K cameras facing the stage that can be patched in to display all the action from the stage onto the screens for more viewing.



# SRPMIC Hosts East Valley Mayors' Prayer Breakfast

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On April 16, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosted the 2024 East Valley Mayors' Prayer Breakfast at the Talking Stick Golf Club.

The East Valley Mayors' Prayer Breakfast is an annual gathering of community leaders, business executives, public service groups and faith groups in the East Valley. At the event, leaders network and collaborate in an inspirational setting with the goal of creating a more positive, closer-knit community.

In attendance at this year's breakfast were SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Mayor John Giles of Mesa, Mayor Corey Woods of Tempe, Mayor David Ortega of Scottsdale, Mayor Julia Wheatley of the Town of Queen Creek, Mayor Chip Wilson of Apache Junction, Mayor Ginny Dickey of Fountain Hills, Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner of the Town of Paradise Valley, Mayor Brigette Peterson of Gilbert, Mayor Robert Morris of Cave Creek and Mayor John Crane of Carefree.

This year's beneficiaries of the EVMPB were Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services (STARS) and the Civitan Foundation. Both organizations work to enrich the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities by providing programs which positively impact and improve critical life, social and functional skills.

Hosted by SRPMIC Public Information Officer Blessing McAnlis-Vasquez, the event started at 6:30 a.m. as former SRPMIC President Delbert Ray Sr. performed the blessing of the food. As guests walked in the front entrance to the Talking Stick Golf Club, they were greeted by Jr. Miss Salt River Jizelle Juan and Jr. Miss Salt River 1st Attendant Patricia Woody, who adorned the guests with shell necklaces.

As guests began to mingle with one another, Connie Robles, Josie Enos and Monica Vavages made fresh homemade *cemait/modiily* (tortillas) at the tortilla demonstration booth located near the front entrance. The line to receive fresh tortillas for breakfast grew from a few people to a massive



From L to R: Mayor Julia Wheatley of the town of Queek Creek, Mayor John Giles of Mesa, Mayor David Ortega of Scottsdale, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Mayor Chip Wilson of Apache Junction, Mayor John Crane of Carefree, Mayor Brigette Peterson of Gilbert, and Mayor Robert Morris of Cave Creek.



As the 2024 East Valley Mayor Prayer's Breakfast came to a close, the Birds Singing and Dancing by the River group performed a traditional song which many individuals in attendance watched.



In the early morning of the East Valley Mayor Prayer's Breakfast, former SRPMIC President Delbert Ray provided the blessing of the food which was served to all.



Former SRPMIC Council member Tom Largo Sr. provided a blessing to all of the attendees of the 2024 East Valley Mayor Prayer's Breakfast at the Talking Stick Golf Club on April 16.

crowd in just a few minutes.

Following the presentation of the colors by the Salt River police and fire departments, former Miss Salt River Isabella Dockerty performed the national anthem in O'odham and received a rousing round of applause. Also, the SRPMIC Traditional Dancers performed on the grassy lawn on the west side of the golf club's patio.

"I want to thank everyone in attendance here this morning," said President Harvier. During his opening remarks, he stated that the SRPMIC was thankful to be able to host the prayer breakfast this year after losing their last opportunity; the Community was scheduled to host the 2020 event,

but it was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Former SRPMIC Council member Tom Largo Sr. provided the morning prayer. "With all of the things that are happening today in the world, we all should be in prayer," said Largo.

Additionally, Pastor Len Andrews provided an inspiring message of hope, unity and togetherness. "This morning as we're gathered together, it's so wonderful to see these two organizations (the Civitan Foundation and STARS) spreading the love of God," he said.

Andrews continued, speaking more about the importance of helping those less fortunate. "It is more blessed to give than to receive—no truer words

are spoken. How often have you helped someone in need? And you felt so good afterwards, because that person was blessed and touched by your generosity, your time and by you acknowledging them," he said.

As the event came to a close, McAnlis-Vasquez thanked all of the mayors, business executives and officials in attendance and announced the host of next year's prayer breakfast, Mayor Corey Woods and the City of Tempe.

The breakfast came to an official close as the Birds Singing and Dancing by the River group performed a traditional song.

## Senior Services Introduces the New Vitality Team

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A brand-new team has been created for seniors and adults with adaptive needs in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

"The Vitality Team is here at the Way of Life Facility (WOLF) in the Senior Room and we welcome all seniors or adults with adaptive needs," said SRPMIC Health & Wellness Program Manager Celinda Joe.

The staff on the new Vitality Team are James Nunez (Recreation Coordinator I), Tracy Beltran (Recreation Coordinator I), Ashley Billie (Secretary), Cheryl Tate (Caregiver Program Coordinator), Kahneena Jones (Cultural Coordinator), Celinda Joe (Health & Wellness Program Manager) and Erin Manuel (Senior Manager, Vitality).

The Vitality Team focuses on five core areas of wellness: physical, social, emotional, spiritual and mental.

"We have been blessed to have amazing support from our seniors and other departments within the SRPMIC," stated Joe. "We've had the opportunity to collaborate with several different depart-

ments, such as Diabetes Prevention, Injury Prevention, the Tribal Library (Recreation Education Division), Youth Services and Cultural Resources. We continue to gain recognition from the Community, as we are a new program within Senior Services."

On April 11 at the WOLF, the Vitality Team held an open house from 2 to 7 p.m. to meet and greet Community seniors and those interested in receiving services from the new team. Refreshments were provided as Joe and the Vitality Team members introduced themselves and informed the seniors about the team's upcoming events.

"Currently we have ... caregiver, cultural, and health and wellness programs that feature classes and resources available to Community seniors and adults with adaptive needs. The caregiver program focuses on providing support services specifically for family caregivers of seniors. The cultural program helps to enrich the Community seniors with their O'odham and Piipaash cultural heritage," said Joe.

In addition, the team continually works to offer fun classes and gatherings. Seniors members can now review



The brand-new Vitality Team held an Open House at the Way of Life Facility (WOLF) on April 11 which allowed for SRPMIC membership to meet the team. From L to R: Celinda Joe, James Nunez, Kaheena Jones, and Cheryl Tate.

films in the new Senior Culture Cinema Club, which will meet on the first Saturday of every month at the WOLF from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In May, the Vitality Team will also be hosting aquatic fitness classes at the WOLF in addition to their tai chi, cooking, book and walking clubs.

"Our Vitality Team is here to serve the

seniors and adults with adaptive needs by providing fun and engaging social activities to improve their health, prevent caregiver fatigue and [preserve] cultural heritage," said Joe. "Our team is here to empower seniors to take positive steps to improve or maintain their quality of life."

# Community Member Appears on the Big Screen at Phoenix Film Festival

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Native American representation in films has come a long way. Leaving behind the stereotypical “Indian” portrayal in Westerns, cartoons and animated children’s films, Native American creatives now take control of the narrative and share accurate depictions of Native American life through the power of cinema.

For the past 24 years, the Phoenix Film Festival has given filmmakers a platform to share more than 250 films with over 20,000 filmgoers. This year’s festival took place at the Harkins Scottsdale 101 theatre April 4-14. This year the festival’s Community Spotlight Program, a curated selection of films dedicated to highlighting underrepresented voices, showcased two feature films and eight shorts directed by Native Americans.

“Representation matters! The Native American experience, throughout everyday life, within the many unique cultures, and looking back on the course of history, must be told by the people who are living it,” said Monte Yazzie, director of Native American programming for the Phoenix Film Festival. “Sharing these stories with the general public preserves the culture by promoting an accurate representation of what it means to be Indigenous.”

The shorts covered various issues in Indian Country such as culture loss, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women movement, land reclamation and border relatives.

One of the shorts, “Two Worlds” by Hunter Redhorse Arthur, featured scenes filmed right in the backyards of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member’s homes. Community member Gabe Scabby even acted in the

film and saw himself on the big screen for the second time.

“To see myself front and center, when I thought I was going to be in the background, was really exciting,” said Scabby. “A friend of a friend approached me, looking for a location to shoot, and then Hunter Redhorse asked me if I would be interested in being in the film.”

Scabby played an uncle in “Two Worlds.” The short film follows a father and daughter searching for their lost loved one in the SRPMIC. Their struggle to find their relative is filled with adversity, compared to the determined efforts to locate a missing Scottsdale woman. Though Hunter Redhorse Arthur is a Diné filmmaker, the story he shares on screen reflects a harsh reality for the Community and many other tribal nations.

In the film, Scabby and his on-screen “family members” lead a determined search on foot for their lost relative. Each scene Scabby acted in was done in the improv style. Scabby also opened up his home in the Lehi District to the film crew.

“Watching the film crew do their movie magic was amazing. It was cool to see [what’s involved] behind the scenes of a film, with all the hard work and creativity. It’s important to understand the director’s creativity, so I can help capture their vision,” said Scabby.

In addition to the Phoenix Film Festival, “Two Worlds” was also screened at the LA Skins Fest, a Native American film festival in Hollywood. “I wish I could have gone, so I could say I had made it to Hollywood!” said Scabby.

As a film enthusiast, Scabby hopes to share the art with other creatives in the Community. “It is such a big time for Natives in film right now. We’re looking at bringing film opportunities to Community members, whether as video cre-



One of the films shown at Phoenix Film Festival, “Two Worlds” by Hunter Redhorse Arthur, featured scenes filmed right in the backyards of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member’s homes. Community member Gabriel Scabby acted in the film. L-R: Gabe Scabby, Council member Jacob Butler, Kenneth Shirley, and Hunter Redhorse Arthur

ators, actors, crew members or makeup artists,” said Scabby. “Filmmaking is one of the best things I could do every day, every year. I encourage everyone to get behind that camera and make their dreams come to life.”

Through the Community Spotlight films screened at the Phoenix Film Festival, audience members can see authentic perspectives from the real storytellers.

“It’s important for filmmakers to tell

their stories. We want these stories to be seen. For any filmmaker looking for opportunities to showcase their films, look for local film festivals like the Phoenix Film Festival where you submit your film. But also look nationwide, as there are so many film festivals tailored for Indigenous voices,” said Yazzie.

# United Health Foundation Awards \$2 Million Grant to Native American Connections for Mobile Health Initiative

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Since 1972, the nonprofit Native American Connections (NAC) has been working to improve the health of tribal members living in the Phoenix area. The organization promotes healthy living for the betterment of Indigenous communities by providing affordable housing, healthcare and community development. Currently, NAC owns and operates 24 sites across metro Phoenix at which Indigenous community members can receive services.

To further improve the overall health and well-being of individuals under NAC’s care, the United Health Foundation awarded NAC a \$2 million grant, which was utilized to create a mobile health van to provide healthcare to NAC clients where they are.

On April 23, representatives from NAC, the Phoenix City Council and the United Health Foundation gathered at NAC’s Encanto Pointe property for the official unveiling of the mobile health unit.

The vehicle is equipped with one hospital bed, a private restroom, a bio-hazard station for syringes and a space for one-on-one health consultations. It is accessible by wheelchair. The mobile health initiative also provides primary care wellness checkups and behavioral health services with a medical provider.

“Thank you to United Health Foundation for your generous support and commitment,” said NAC President and CEO Trula Breuninger. “With the new mobile



The all-new Native American Connections Mobile Health Initiative in partnership with United Health Foundation has already been providing services to individuals in NAC’s care. The goal is for the initiative to travel to individuals, as opposed to individuals finding transportation to receive healthcare services.

health initiative, we are breaking down barriers and closing the gaps, ensuring that every person receives the comprehensive care they deserve.”

“Native American communities in Arizona face unique challenges when it comes to accessing healthcare services, including geographical isolation, lack of transportation and inefficient healthcare infrastructure,” said Phoenix City Council member Laura Pastor. Her speech highlighted the holistic and culturally competent care individuals will receive inside the mobile health unit. “Thank you to the tribal leaders, organizations

and healthcare providers who have worked tirelessly to make this initiative a reality,” she added.

Following Pastor’s speech, Anne Yau, president of United Health Foundation, said a few words at the podium and shared her joy regarding the mobile health unit.

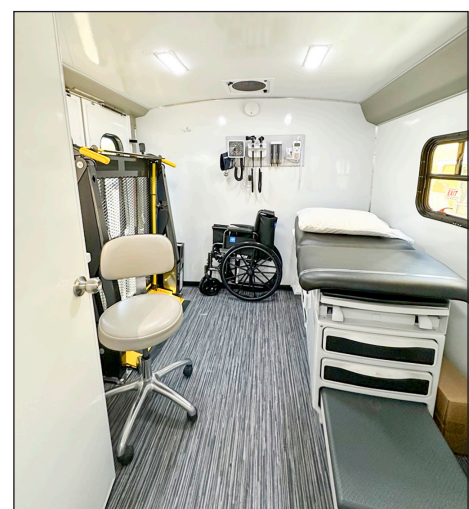
“We are so pleased to provide support,” Yau said. “We believe everyone deserves the opportunity to live their best life, and that includes the ability for folks to receive high-quality healthcare where they are.”

She added that the three-year grant

will establish healthcare, wellness checks and whole-person care. “This initiative will improve so many people’s health, including those here living on the [NAC’s] Encanto Pointe property,” she said.

The vice-chair of NAC, Dana Schmidt, provided closing remarks and thanked the executives, staff and board members of both United Health Foundation and Native American Connections for collaborating to pursue one unified goal. “This mobile health initiative will save a lot of lives,” said Schmidt.

If you or someone you know would like to begin receiving services from Native American Connections, they can be reached at (602) 254-3247, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The inside of the mobile health initiative features one hospital bed, a private restroom, and is also wheelchair accessible.



# SRPMIC Hosts Webinar on Sexual Violence in Indian Country

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As part of the “Education Tuesday” series during March and April, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Health and Human Services Prevention and Intervention Department hosted a “Sexual Violence in Indian Country” webinar on Tuesday, April 16.

Memory Dawn Long Chase served as the guest speaker during the presentation, with SRPMIC HHS Health Educator Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty serving as the host. A member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Long Chase is a domestic violence response director for SWIWC, formerly known as the Southwest Indigenous Women’s Coalition.

During the presentation, the more than 65 attendees were informed about the significant extent of sexual violence in Indian Country. “Sex trafficking from colonial times is technically still going on today,” said Long Chase. She mentioned that the objectification of Indigenous women by reducing them to hypersexual caricatures and cartoonish imagery is part of sexual violence.

The hefty discussion warranted many check-ins within the webinar group to ensure all attendees were not triggered or severely affected by the presentation.

“Pocahontas was not her name; it was a nickname,” said Long Chase. “Disney inaccurately portrayed her life. She was the first ever MMIP (Missing/Murdered Indigenous Person). John Smith was not a good dude. I don’t think there was a grand love story there.”

Later, the presentation featured a video segment by NBC Left Field about sexual violence on the Tohono O’odham Nation. Caroline Antone was profiled in the video and detailed the sexual, physical, mental and spiritual abuse she experienced at home on the reservation when she was 5 years old. The frustration that she felt toward her parents for allowing the abuse to occur resulted in Antone spiraling out of control in her own life. “When I asked my parents why they allowed the abuse to happen to me, they just kept quiet,” said Antone in the video.

Staying silent and not reporting sexual abuse is another form of allowing the trauma to thrive.

“If you are Native, you are a survivor of something,” said Long Chase. She added, “There weren’t any programs for our ancestors. So, their way [to handle the situation] was to shrink and to make themselves invisible by not talking about it.”

As the presentation neared its end, Long Chase educated the group on residential schools and their negative impact in Indian Country. “I ask non-Native folks all the time to ask their parents and grandparents if their schools had graveyards,” Long Chase stated. She had the same opinion about the foster care system. “I call foster care programs ‘residential schools 2.0’ because there is rampant sexual violence in foster care,” she said.

Long Chase ended the presentation by answering questions from the group and describing the many different organiza-

If you or someone you know has experienced sexual violence, here are some resources and organizations that can help.

Southwest Center for Law & Policy, [www.swclap.org](http://www.swclap.org)

Tribal Law and Policy Institute, [www.home.tlpi.org](http://www.home.tlpi.org)

Tribal Sex Trafficking Resources, [www.tribaltrafficking.org](http://www.tribaltrafficking.org)

Tribal Protection Order Resources, [www.tribalprotectionorder.org](http://www.tribalprotectionorder.org)

StrongHearts Native Helpline, 1-844-762-8483 or [strongheartshelpline.org](http://strongheartshelpline.org)

tions and resources that can offer help to victims of sexual violence. “Our ancestors experienced sexual violence, and we still experience forms of it,” she said. “Telling your story is healing.”

## May District Meetings

**District I (Salt River)**  
May 23, District A, CM Butler  
6 p.m. | SRPMIC Council Chambers  
10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ

**May 18, District B, CM Antone**  
6 p.m. | Salt River Community Bldg.  
1880 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ

**May 3, District C, CM Doka**  
**District Event - Light up the Night (MMIP) event**  
5:30 p.m. | ALA Football Field  
4827 N. Country Club Dr., Scottsdale, AZ

**May 3, District D, CM Grey**  
**District Event - Light up the Night (MMIP) event**  
5:30 p.m. | ALA Football Field  
4827 N. Country Club Dr., Scottsdale, AZ

**May 6, District E, CM Carlos**  
6 p.m. | WOLF, Room #56.  
11725 E. Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ

**District II (Lehi)**  
**May 18, District F & G, CM Scabby/CM Dallas**  
6 p.m. | Lehi Community Center  
1231 E. Oak Rd., Mesa, AZ

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## Free Public Health Kiosk Ready For Use at River People Health Center

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The River People Health Center is now home to a new kiosk that carries an assortment of public health-approved items for people to choose from. Access to the kiosk is available free of charge for enrolled Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members and eligible family members.

Items and services available at the kiosk include condoms, fentanyl test strips, an RX destroyer (disposes of any medications in pill form), test strips for xylazine (a harmful tranquilizer found in illegal drugs), COVID-19 antigen tests, Narcan® (naloxone HCl) and “Test My Drink,” which tests for the presence of date-rape drugs in beverages.

Each box of Narcan nasal spray includes two doses and is intended for the emergency treatment of a known or suspected opioid overdose. Always remember to call 911 when any suspected overdose occurs.

SRPMIC Public Health recommends taking some time to become familiar with each of the products by reviewing their packaging and instructions carefully first before using.

According to Health and Human Services Public Health nurse Lynesha Armstrong, BSN, RN, MPH, there is a plan to install four more kiosks throughout the Community that will offer 24/7 access to Community members.

“We are currently in the process of collaborating with Public Works to identify the best locations for the kiosks to be placed,” said Armstrong. “We also have plans to add additional healthcare items to the kiosk in the future, and we welcome any feedback from the Community regarding the kiosk.”

For more information about the Community’s Public Health kiosk, call SRPMIC Public Health at (480) 362-2603.



### How to use the Public Health Kiosk

- Select the “Get Started” screen.
- Select the desired item. Remember to scroll to see all your options.
- Touch the box below “Enter ID Here.”
- Use the keyboard to type the code that is found on your access tag.
- Retrieve the item from the box below.
- Select “Got It” after you have received your item from the machine.
- Select “Finished.”

## VIRTUAL FOSTER CARE INFO SESSION



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**SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



**2024 Schedule**  
5/8, 6/12, 7/10, 8/14,  
9/11, 10/9, 11/13 &  
12/11

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If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a foster parent or would like to learn more about our services, please contact Social Services at **(480) 362-5645**

# Westwood Baseball Senior Night April 18

Rams. Parents and loved ones of their superstar student-athletes were invited to throw the ceremonial first pitch with the senior athletes catching the ball at home plate.

During the home season finale against the Rams, the Westwood Warriors got out to a strong start in the first inning, tallying three runs to Maricopa's one. Their tenacious defense kept the Rams at a distance for the majority of the game.

Sadly, the Warriors' grip on the lead quickly faded in the sixth inning when the Maricopa Rams added 4 runs which would be enough to defeat the Warriors on their home field to the tune of 6-3. The loss brought an end to

the regular season for the Westwood Warriors, however their play this season allowed them to get an invitation to the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) 6A conference play-in tournament against Basha high school on April 24.

The Westwood Warriors finished their 2024 season with an overall record of 17 wins, 10 losses, and 1 tie. It was apparent they enjoyed playing at home this year as their home record for the season finished with eight wins and five losses. Their only tie game during an away game against Cactus Shadows in March.



Helena Andrews, Marcus' mother, threw the ceremonial first pitch to her son at home plate during the Senior Night festivities held before their home game against Maricopa.



Marcus Lasiloo with his family and coach.



Coach Langston and Lasiloo shared an emotional moment as the 2 shared a hug during Marcus' spotlight.



The boys of summer gathered for one last time during the regular season moments before the first pitch.

## May Declared MMIP Awareness Month by Proclamation

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During the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council meeting on April 3, a proclamation was presented to declare May as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month. This proclamation was enacted due to the disproportionate risk of violence, murder and disappearance faced by all Native Americans, including the Onk Akimel O'odham and Xalychidom Piipaash. In addition to reporting the painful statistics and responsibilities of Council to provide for the public welfare of the Community, the proclamation states that "The Community finds this rate of violence, sexual assault, and trauma unacceptable and unconscionable, and will neither accept nor tolerate this 'norm' within our Onk Akimel O'odham and Xalychidom Piipaash homelands."

Many Community events during MMIP Awareness Month will be covered in *O'odham Action News*, and we encourage our readers to attend them and engage as much as they are able. Ultimately, the problem cannot be solved in silence, so with each event comes an opportunity to share your stories, hear the stories of others and continue the conversation. These moments are not limited to the event timeframe of May 1-31; they can become a reference point as the conversation continues. Keep talking and sharing, sustain the momentum, and maintain the awareness to make meaningful change come about.



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### Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community PROCLAMATION PR-008-2024

A PROCLAMATION OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TO DECLARE MAY OF EACH YEAR AS MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AWARENESS MONTH.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Sections 1(c) (4) and (5) of the Constitution of the Salt River Pima- Maricopa Indian Community ("Community") authorizes the Salt River Pima- Maricopa Indian Community Council ("Council") to protect the public health and morals, and to provide for the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Onk Akimel O'odham and Xalychidom Piipaash have experienced the same loss, sorrow, mourning, and trauma that all Native Americans have too often experienced: that of murdered or missing family members and loved ones without adequate answers or support; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans are at a disproportionate risk of experiencing violence, murder, or of going missing; and for far too long, this crisis has been overlooked, underfunded, and ignored; and

WHEREAS, Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs established by Executive Order the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Task Force on March 7, 2023, and two Community representatives are serving on the task force; and

WHEREAS, The bipartisan Study Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People issued its first report in 2020, and it found that 160 murders of Indigenous women were recorded in Arizona from 1976 to 2018 — and that murders among Indigenous women and girls have steadily increased over the last 40 years; and

WHEREAS, The National Institute of Justice found that 84% of Indigenous women experience violence in their lifetime, compared to 71% of white women; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, the CDC found that homicide was reported as the fourth-leading cause of death among Indigenous women under the age of 19 and the sixth-leading cause of death for ages 20 to 44; and

WHEREAS, Analysis of the sparse available data found that more than 25% of murders involving Indigenous women in Arizona go unsolved, and the Murder Accountability Project found that one in three murders of Native Americans in Arizona goes unreported to the FBI; and

WHEREAS, A 2017 study from the Urban Indian Health Institute found that Arizona has the third-highest number of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in the country; and

WHEREAS, In total, BIA estimates there are approximately 4,200 missing and murdered cases that have gone unsolved, often due to a lack of investigative resources; and

WHEREAS, The Community finds this rate of violence, sexual assault, and trauma unacceptable and unconscionable, and will neither accept nor tolerate this "norm" within our Onk Akimel O'odham and Xalychidom Piipaash homelands; and

WHEREAS, The Community Council is committed to working with law enforcement (including federal, state, and surrounding agencies), survivors, and impacted family and loved ones, to be a resource to provide answers, closure, and services to help heal with the eventual goal being to end the cycle of trauma; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the Community to raise awareness and bring attention to Missing and Murdered Indigenous People every

day, but especially during the month of May of every year, so that we can stop this vicious cycle of violence, sexual assault and trauma.

### NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council declares the month of May as a Month of Awareness of the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People and calls upon all levels of Community, federal, state, and local governments, educational institutions, volunteer groups, churches, Community members and their families, commercial partners, employees, and the public to join together to both remember and advocate for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People so that the Onk Akimel O'odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, and all Native people, can raise their families and future generations in a safe, secure and healthy environment.

### CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the authority contained in Article VII, Sections 1(c)(4) and (5) of the Constitution of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (as amended), ratified by the Tribe on February 28, 1990, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on March 19, 1990, the foregoing resolution was adopted this 3rd day of April, 2024, in a duly called meeting of the Community Council at Salt River, Arizona, at which a quorum of 7 members was present, by a vote of 7 for; 0 opposed; 0 abstaining; and 2 excused.

**SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
Martin Harvier, President  
Attest  
Erica Harvier, Council Secretary

### Honoring Missing & Murdered Indigenous People

## MAY EVENTS

WED  
01

**SRPMIC LAW DAY**  
MMIP resources will be available at Law Day  
4pm-6pm | SRPMIC Justice Center

FRI  
03

**SRPMIC MMIP WALK**  
Candlelight walk led by Councilmembers Grey and Doka  
5:30pm-9:00pm | ALA Football Field

SAT  
04

**MMIP AWARENESS EVENT**  
Join others from across the state to raise awareness about the issue and honor the memory of all those impacted by it  
10am-2pm | Arizona State Capitol

SUN  
05

**NATIONAL MMIP DAY**  
Wear red in solidarity to honor and remember all victims and survivors. Share your photo on social media and tag SRPMIC or send photos via [www.tinyurl.com/MMIP2024](http://www.tinyurl.com/MMIP2024)



# Skateboard Art Display by Youth Services at Round House Café

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Dozens of painted skateboards were on display at the Round House Café on April 5 as part of an art exhibition put on by the children and teens of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Youth Services department.

For the last year, Youth Services has been focusing heavily on mural painting and O'odham and Piipaash culture for their graffiti immersion group, Color the Rez. The skateboard art display is the latest project for the department. Due to the high quality of the artwork and strong youth participation in the project, it could end up becoming an annual activity, according to Youth Development Specialist Natasha Martinez.

"We just wanted to share with the public all the amazing stuff that's happening in Youth Services because the art is so amazing and we didn't want to only see it ourselves," said Martinez.

"We dedicated a whole month to it because we didn't want the kids to feel rushed."

Each age group, from pre-K to teens, took about five one-hour sessions to complete their artwork on the wooden boards, which arrived at Youth Services unfinished. The youth designed, sanded, painted and varnished the boards by themselves.

"Even the second-graders were out there in little aprons sanding



Skateboard art made by children and teens of the SRPMIC's Youth Services department were on display at the Round House Cafe on April 5 for visitors to view.

their boards down," said Martinez. "They knew what [the sanding] meant finally because they would rub their hands against the board, and if they got a little splinter on it, they'd be like, 'OK, it's not done yet.'"

The youth designed their boards ahead of time on paper. If they messed up or didn't like the design, they could just try again.

After arriving at their final designs, the youth applied primer to the boards so that the acrylic paints would stick. After painting the designs using acrylic paint markers, the final step was to varnish the boards with a clear glaze.

Why skateboards? Martinez said that she has a lot of friends who do skateboard art who often have exhibitions with the skateboards. She also has experience with skateboard art, and skateboarding is popular among youth in the Community.

Each participant had the option of turning their art project into a functional skateboard that they could take home or to the skatepark or putting it on display on their wall.

"A lot of love went into making their boards," said Martinez.

**NOXIOUS WEED ALERT !**

## Stinknet

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Appearance, you ask?

Leaves appear "carrot-like" and dark green. They have a strong odor. Flowers are bright yellow and ball shaped.

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**DO NOT BURN**

**STINKNET!**

Smoke from burning stinknet is **corrosive and can be irritating to the eyes, nose, & lungs.**

Stinknet, as an allergen, can cause skin irritation, including rashes and burns.

Stinknet can and should be **pulled or manually dug out** as soon as possible.

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# Senior Mother's Day Luncheon

Join us for a fun-filled morning recognizing all that moms do for our families and our Community!

**Friday, May 10 | 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
**Salt River Community Building**  
 Meal served 11 a.m. – noon

**Questions? Contact our activities line, 480.362.7565.**

For seniors 55+

**SENIOR SERVICES**  
 SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

## O'odham and Piipaash Language Billboards on McDowell and Alma School Roads



O'odham and Piipaash Language billboards promoting the Community's greetings are displayed throughout the SRPMIC. Photos courtesy of the SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department

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# SUMMER Pool PARTIES

**SATURDAY, 18 MAY, 10A-12P**  
 Salt River Gym  
 1880 N. Longmore Rd  
**In-Person Only**  
**First Come, First Serve**  
**\$125 CASH to claim a date!**  
 (\$100 Reservation Fee, \$25 Refundable Deposit)  
**Dates Available: May 30 – Aug 31**  
**Community Members Only**

Questions? (480) 362-6310 or Aquatics@SRPMIC-nsn.gov

Travelers driving through the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community along McDowell Road between Country Club and Alma School roads will now see two billboards highlighting greetings in the Community's two languages, O'odham and Piipaash.

Across from the River People Health Center, a handful of greetings are sprinkled around the main Ske:g tas! ("Good day" in O'odham), while the billboard off Alma School Road has Kamduum? ("How are you?" in Piipaash) with a few other related greetings in Piipaash.

In a Facebook post, the Salt River Cultural Resources Department (CRD) said that the billboards are part of a broader campaign to promote the Community's languages in hopes that everyone will speak the languages.

CRD's multimedia team designed the signs, and the Community Relations Office coordinated with billboard company Becker Boards to have them displayed.

# KinderGarten Celebration

Our Kinders will rise to 1st grade next year. Let's celebrate their achievements!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MONDAY MAY 13**  
**9:30-11:30AM**

**SALT RIVER ELEMENTARY**  
 Location: Accelerated Learning Academy Lecture Hall (4827 N. Country Club Dr.)  
 480-362-2400  
 SRES.SaltRiverSchools.org

# VICTORY OUTREACH VICTORY CENTER

**"FIND HOPE AND FREEDOM"**

PHONE: 480-427-4678 TIME: 6:30PM  
 LOCATION: 4827 N COUNTRY CLUB DR, SCOTTSDALE AZ 85256 FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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-Contact info in CHURCH LISTING

## LEGAL NOTICES

**JUVENILE COURT  
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA  
MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY  
COURT**  
ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD.  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256  
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315  
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**Andrews, Ariel** – Disposition Hearing Case: JV-24-0083/0084 Court Date: May 23, 2024 at 11 a.m.

**Barraza, Michelle Annmarie**–Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-23-3006 Court Date: May 21, 2024 at 9 a.m.

**Barraza, Michelle Annmarie** – Review Hearing Minor: N.N.B. (DOB: 01/01/2023) Case: JV-23-3006 Court Date: May 21, 2024 at 9 a.m.

**Burke, Brandee Lyn** – Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-19-0007/J-21-0063 Court Date: February 2, 2023 at 11 a.m.

**Doe, Manuel** – Review/Permanency Hearing Mother: Stephanie Alana Jackson (DOB: 05/17/1990) Minor: E.C.J. (DOB: 11/04/2007) Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: May 28, 2024 at 11 a.m.

**Jackson, Stephanie Alana** – Review/Permanency Hearing Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: May 28, 2024 at 11 a.m.

**Lewis, Robi**–Adjudication Hearing Case: J-23-0026 Court Date: May 13, 2024 at 11 a.m.

**Martinez, Marissa**–Adjudication Hearing Case: J-23-0026 Court Date: May 13, 2024 at 11 a.m.

**Paul, Derek Lloyd** – Mother: Joanna Alvarez (DOB: 01/28/1974) Minors: C.N.P.A. (DOB: 02/27/2009) Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-18-0117 Court Date: May 23, 2024 11 a.m.

**Spex, Deven Arlees** – Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-11-0186 Court Date: May 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

**Unknown Father** – Review Hearing, Mother: Michelle Annmarie Barraza

(DOB: 07/08/1988) Minor: N.N.B. (DOB: 01/01/2023) Case: JV-23-3006 Court Date: May 21, 2024 at 9 a.m.

**Vest, Jacob Sean**–Mother: Morningstar Manuel (DOB: 07/21/1992) Child: I.J.V. (DOB: 05/24/2008), I.L.V (DOB: 04/07/2009) Review Hearing Case: J-19-0042/0043 Court Date: June 25, 2024 at 9 a.m.

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**Andrews, Jacqueline Susie**–Entry of Default Judgement/Order to show Cause Hearings Case: CV-24-1340 Court Date: May 21, 2024 at 9 AM

**Beltran, Allan**–Entry of Default Judgement

Case: CV-24-0649 Court Date: May 20, 2024 at 11 AM

**Chiago, Janette Pauline**–Entry of Default Judgement/Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CV-24-0851 Court Date: May 20, 2024 at 9:30 AM

**Grey, Frances Elsie**–Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-24-2526 Court Date: June 24, 2024 at 9 AM

**Gutierrez, Angela Lynn**–Evidentiary Child Support Hearing Case: CV-23-3671 Court Date: May 29, 2024 at 9 AM

**Hill, Indaria Modesty**–Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-23-3990 Court Date: June 10, 2024 at 10 AM

**Howard, Antonio**–Probate Hearing Case: CV-23-3922 Court Date: June 3, 2024 at 9 AM

**Juan, Angela Patricia Marie**–Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-24-3329 Court Date: June 20, 2024 at 11 AM

**Lewis Sr., Dustin Blake**–Motion Hearing Case: CFCS-22-0033/CF-22-0095/CF-22-0096 Court Date: May 6, 2024 at 11 AM

**Lewis, Melissa**–Probate Hearing Case: CV-23-3922 Court Date: June 3, 2024 at 9AM

**Makil, Josephine**–Order to Show Cause/Entry of Default Judgment Hearings Case: CV-24-0844 Court Date: May 20, 2024 at 9 AM

**Martinez, Molly Marie**–Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-24-0649 Court Date: May 20, 2024 at 11 AM

**Standing Elk, Andrew**–Probate Hearing Case: CV-23-3922 Court Date: June 3, 2024 at 9 AM

**Standing Elk, Dawn**–Probate Hearing Case: CV-23-3922 Court Date: June 3, 2024 at 9 AM

**Talamantez, Rachele Rae**–Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-24-2773 Court Date: May 9, 2024 at 9:30 AM

**Wesley-Howard, Aristen Jared**–Entry of Default Judgement/Order to Show Cause Hearings Case: CV-24-0864 Court Date: May 20, 2024 at 11 AM

## DEFAULT NOTICES

### ANDRADE, PAMELA

Notice of Default Judgment:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-23-4657

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Pamela Andrade, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Pamela Andrade, shall remove her trailer from the property of Petitioner, Josephine L. Phillips. If not, then Josephine L. Phillips shall have authorization to have Salt River CDD remove the trailer no earlier than May 20, 2024 (please note the new removal date of the trailer-the June 7, 2024 removal date has been amended to May 20, 2024.) This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c). For a copy of this Order please contact the court at 480-362-6315

should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a Civil Complaint Hearing on April 2, 2024 at 9 AM.

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.

ORDERED this 2nd day of April, 2024.

Judge Raymond L. Deer,

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

### BELTRON, ALLAN J./MARTINEZ, MOLLY M. DEFAULT NOTICE CV-24-0649

To: Allan Beltron, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.

4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)

DATED this 25th of March, 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**CHIAGO, ADONIA  
NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT:**  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-23-4019

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Adonia Chiago, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Adonia Chiago, shall pay Petitioner, Country Club Cars. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (10) days of this Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c). For a copy of this Order please contact the Salt River Court at 480-362-6315.

### CHIAGO, JANETTE PAULINE DEFAULT NOTICE CV-24-0851

To: Janette Pauline Chiago, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint/Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

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6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)

DATED this 19th of March, 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

### CHIAGO, JANETTE PAULINE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CV-24-0851

TO: Janette Pauline Chiago; Respondent

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 20th day of May, 2024 at 9:30 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a Civil Complaint Hearing on March 19, 2024 at 9:30AM.

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.

ORDERED this 19th day of March, 2024.

Judge Raymond L. Deer

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

### GOODWIN, JOE DEFAULT NOTICE CV-24-0852

To: Joe Goodwin, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

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extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)

DATED this 27th of March, 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

### LENO, JONATHAN SENOVI NOTICE OF JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION 3/6/24

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-24-2441, In the Matter of the Estate of: Cynthia Silas, DOD: 12/09/2016

Notice of Judgment and Order of Final Distribution 03/6/24 is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that decedent died intestate leaving the persons whose names, relationship to the decedent as the only heirs at law: Christine Gomez, Alexis Leno, Olivia Leno and Jonathan Leno. The property is distributed to each heir, specifically Jonathan Leno as follows: shared and equal interest in 25% of Decedent's possessed personal property. The Administrator shall collect financial assets of the estate and distribute to the heirs. Jonathan Leno's portion shall be distributed to other heirs if portion is not recovered within 60 days. Matter is now CLOSED.

### XIA RAE LORING AKA XIA RAE HERRERA CV-23-4290

**NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT:**  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-23-4290

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Xia Rae Loring aka Xia Rae Herrera, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Xia Rae Loring aka Xia Rae Herrera, shall pay Petitioner, Country Club Cars. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c). For a copy of this Order please contact the Salt River Court at 480-362-6315.

### M.M

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-23-3859

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 03th day of April, 2024. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent M.M. shall pay child support in the amount of \$631.39 monthly to Petitioner, C.G. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. Petitioner is granted a judgment of back support in the amount of \$6,945.29 against the Respondent. The Order of support presumptively terminates on May 30, 2037. This order is final for purposes of appeal.

### MAKIL, JOSEPHINE DEFAULT NOTICE CV-24-0844

To: Josephine Makil, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint/Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

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6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)

DATED this 25th of March, 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

### MAKIL, JOSEPHINE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CV-24-0844

TO: Josephine Makil; Respondent

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 20th day of May, 2024 at 9:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a Civil Complaint Hearing on March 19, 2024 at 9AM.

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.

ORDERED this 19th day of March, 2024.

Judge Raymond L. Deer

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

### MARTINEZ, MOLLY M. DEFAULT NOTICE CV-24-0649

To: Molly M. Martinez, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

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# COUNCIL ACTIONS CORNER

Welcome to the Council Corner. Here you will find a recap of the weekly Council Meeting actions and other important information. The SRPMIC Council is conducted business by holding weekly Council meetings in-person. Regular Sessions and Work Sessions will be available for a delayed viewing at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/> click on Tribal Government, Virtual Council Meetings.

## January 3, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**Designation of Land Use (DOLU) Amendment to STEP Site K Osborn** – Council approved to amend resolution SR-4032-2023 to allow an air quality monitoring station to be located adjacent to the STEP to Empowerment Program Housing, formerly transitional Housing-Site K Osborn.

**Board Appointment Announcement** – Council announced that Sasheen Castaneda was reappointed to the Saddleback Communications Board for a three-year term.

**Community Member Comments:** 1) Community member discussed the disrespectful treatment by Community members to clinic staff. Thanked Chief Auerbach for his years of service to the Community. 2) Community member discussed an incident with the SRPD and was being accused of a crime they did not do. Suggested that officers be involved with the Community and get to know the families.

**Executive Session Agenda Items:** Judicial Requests, Exclusion, Board Appointment (Saddleback), Office of General Counsel Legal Matters

## January 4, 2024 – Council Work Session:

**Land Management Board Bylaws** – Council was presented amendments to the LMB By-laws. Council recommendations will be presented back to the LMB for consideration and will return at a future date for Council follow-up action.

**Unclaimed Property Ordinance** – Code amendments were presented. The proposed changes will be presented in an open session for a public comment period.

**Executive Work Session Agenda Items:** Industrial Use of NE Corner Pima/McDonald, 21 CP Report.

## January 10, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**Project Presentation: Understanding Resilience and Mental Well-Being** – A presentation was given BY Dr. Amanda Hunter, NAU, on Exploring the Role of Indigenous Determinants of Health in the Well-Being of Native nations during COVID-19.

**Award of Excellence by the Arizona Center for After-school Excellence (AzCASE)** – The Community Recreational Services, Social Division was recognized for receiving accreditation and receiving the AzCASE award.

**Certification of Enrollment** – Council approved the 4th quarter of 2023 enrollment figures.

**2024 East Valley Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Planning Committee** – Council was provided an update on the plans for this event.

**Resolution for Keybank** – Council approved a resolution to designate individuals authorized to conduct business on behalf of the SRPMIC with Keybank National Association.

**Intro of new Attorney, OGC** – Michael LaValley, OGC new Attorney, was introduced to Council and Community.

**Community Member Comments:** 1) Community member expressed concern of gun shots or fireworks near the corner of McDowell and Mesa Drive. 2) Community member stated concerns at the Community Dialysis Center. She asked if an infrared vein finder could be purchased for the center.

**Executive Session Items:** Judicial Request, JAACDC Annual Report, HSDHHS STAC Committee, Interview Questions, 2024 Org Chart, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

## January 11, 2024 – Council Work Session Items:

**Executive Work Session Agenda Items:** SRPD Interviews, Policy 1-10, Audit Plan

## January 17, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction (SRCJ) Reimbursement Program** – Council approved a resolution for reimbursement funding through the USDOJ for FY2024 SRCJ reimbursement program.

**Proposed Amended Unclaimed Property Ordinance** – Council approved a 60-day public comment period on this ordinance.

**Special Use Permit (SUP) 24-SUP-07** – Council approved the SUP request for the Salt River Elementary School character Counts Camping Trip within the Red Mountain Area on February 2-4, 2024.

**SRFD Training IGA with City of Mesa** – Council approved a resolution for an IGA for Fire Service Training on behalf of the SRFD provided by the City of Mesa Fire and Medical Department.

**Community Member Comments:** None.

**Executive Session Items:** Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Judicial Requests, Draft Workers Comp Ordinance Amendments, Sex Offender Notice, Bank of America Matter, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

## January 24, 2024 – Community Member Only Meeting at SRPMIC Council Chambers

Open Agenda for Seniors and Elders to share and voice their concerns in the Community.

## January 25, 2024 – Council Work Session:

**Election Board** – The Election Board reported the

proposed Constitutional amendments were presented at district meetings and requested direction regarding a Special Election on Proposed Amendments to the SRPMIC Constitution.

**Executive Work Session Agenda Items:** Tribal Entity Resolution, Purchasing Policy.

## January 31, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**Young River People's Council (YRPC) Update and Upcoming Events** – The YRPC reported on the past Fall – Winter 2023 events and their upcoming 2024 events.

**Intergovernmental Agreement with Scottsdale Fire Department** – Council approved a resolution for an IGA for back-up ambulance services between the SRPMIC SRFD and the City of Scottsdale, Scottsdale Fire Department.

**Proposed Amendments to the Child Support Ordinance:** Council approved a public comment period on the proposed amendments to this ordinance.

**Salt River Transit Title VI Program Resolution** – Council approved a resolution for an updated SRPMIC Transit Title VI Civil rights Plan, Public Participation Plan, and Limited English Proficiency Plan.

**Community Member Comments:** 1) Community member thanked Councilmember Antone for hosting the December District meeting.

**Executive Session:** Community Member Request Memo, WAPA/SRMG License Agreement, IGA with Scottsdale Fire Department OGC Legal Matters.

## February 1, 2024 – Council Work Session:

No Council Work Session due to Council attendance at an enterprise retirement event.

## February 7, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**Public Hearing: 92nd Street Government Services Campus** – Questions and comments were addressed after the presentation. Follow-up was scheduled on February 28, 2024.

**Amendment to Gaming Enterprise Ordinance** – Council approved a resolution for an amendment to the Salt River Community Gaming Enterprises governing ordinance to clarify its name.

**Google Analytics Resolution and Agreement: Council approved a resolution for Google analytics Terms of Service for use by the SRPMIC.**

**Community Member Comments:** 1) Three Community member business owners commented on the Procurement Policy and requested to have an executive session with Council. The Community member business owners will meet with the Finance Department Director first. 2) Two Community members voiced concern on the genocide happening in the Gaza Strip. They requested the Community make an official

statement for peace to the federal government. Council will discuss and readdress. 3) Community member requested the Veteran's Office purchase dress blues for veterans representing and attending events in and out of the Community. 4) Community member requested help in changing voting registration status. Also commented on the need for house cleaners at TSR. The Council representatives on the Gaming Board will inform the Gaming Board.

**Executive Session:** Council Follow-Up, Complaint, Board Application Review (Saddleback, CRA), OGC Legal Matters.

## February 8, 2024 – Council Work Session:

**Packaged Liquor Discussion** – Council reviewed the submitted documents and discussed the information provided. Council recommended staff work on language for their consideration if a referendum vote were to move forward.

**Senior & Disabled Adult Advisory Committee (SD-CAC)** – Discussion was held on the direction of the existing SDCAC.

**Policy 1-10, Boards** – Proposed changes were presented in regards to eligibility and ineligibility of those serving on boards and committees. Staff were assigned to present the proposed changes at a Regular Council meeting.

**Executive Work Session Agenda Items:** Gaming discussion.

## February 14, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**Notice of Special Election** – Council and Community were informed of the March 26, 2024 Special Election regarding proposed SRPMIC Constitutional Amendments. Council approved additional temporary clerks to assist on the day of the election.

**Resolution for Court Memorandum of Understanding with Averhealth** – Council approved resolution to approve drug testing service MOU with Avertest and SRPMIC Court in order to provide comprehensive drug testing and technology services.

**Amendments to Policy 1-10, Boards** – Council approved the proposed amendments to Policy 1-10 concerning Boards.

**Community Member Comments:** 1) Community member commented on concerns with Averhealth. Council stated that they would look into the concerns. 2) Community member commented concerns of per capita and will continue to collect signatures for an initiative election.

**Executive Session:** Unity Conference, Judicial Follow-Up, Investment Opportunity, OGC Legal Matters.

## February 15, 2024 – Council Work Session:

No Work Session due to retirement event for Chief Auerbach.

## February 21, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**Lie-In-State Proclamation** – The Lying-In-State Proclamation and Closure of Community Government for Former President, Vice-President, and Council Member the Honorable Herschel Andrews was presented and read.

**Special Election Presentation** – Reminder of Special Election. The 10 questions on the ballot were presented and explained what a yes or no vote would mean.

**Coordinated Tribal Assistance (CTAS) Grant Solicitation Request by SRPD** – Council approved a resolution to authorize application for, and receipt and implementation of, grant funding through the United States Department of Justice, Coordinated Tribal Assistance.

**Native American Library Services Basic Grants Solicitation Request** – Council approved a resolution to authorize application for, and receipt and implementation of, grant funding through the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Native American Library Services basic grants program.

**Grant Agreement with USDOT FHWA** – Council approved a resolution for grant funding under the Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program for the Pima Road Redevelopment and Expansion Project.

**Announcement of Gaming Regulatory Board Appointment** – Council announced the appointment of Regina Urey to serve a three-year term on the Gaming Regulatory Board starting February 21, 2024 to February 21, 2027.

**Community Member Comments:** 1) Three Community member business owners thanked Council for allowing them to review the draft procurement policy. They stated they would request a work session with Council after they completed their review. 2) Community member requested Council direct Human Resources to develop a written policy regarding service animals. 3) Community member commented on issues of Community members that are homeless and asked Council to consider housing options for members living off the Community. Community member also requested an executive session.

**Executive Session:** Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Scottsdale AutoShow North Expansion, Domestic Relations Code, FY2025 Budget, Board Appointment (Gaming Regulatory), OGC Legal Matters.

## February 22, 2024 – Council Work Session:

**Waymo** – Council had overview presentations from Devco and Waymo in regards to entering a lease agreement with Waymo. Council gave consensus to move forward with the Waymo lease agreement.

**Executive Work Session Agenda Items:** None.

# COUNCIL ACTIONS CORNER

## February 28, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

No Council meeting due to the Lie-in-State services of former President, Herschel Andrews.

## February 29, 2024 – Council Work Session:

Tribal Offices closed in Honor of former President, Herschel Andrews.

## March 6, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**PUBLIC HEARING: Staybridge Suites Up-Lighting (23-DV-01)** – Information on the up-lighting request, will return for decision.

**Introduction of New SRPD Police Officers** – Introduction of new Officers Chan Hale and Chandler Rodriguez.

**92nd Street Government Services Campus** – Council approved the Designation of Land Use.

**Grant Application Request for FEMA** – Council approved a resolution for grant funding through FEMA Assistance to Firefighters.

**Community Member Comments:** 1) Community member requested Council to issue a statement supporting a cease in Gaza. 2) Community member commented on the Fire Department DOLU and questioned if the Community participated in the Waste Management Open; recommended not to.

**Executive Session:** Budget Discussion, Procurement Policy, SHRRP Referrals, OGC Matters.

## March 7, 2024 – Council Work Session:

**Business Development Update** – Information was presented on business development.

**Dobson Alignment (McKellips)** – Information was presented on the alignment alternatives for Dobson Road and an update was given on McKellips Road construction.

**Council Ethics:** Council reviewed the draft ethics policy.

## March 13, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**PUBLIC HEARING: DOLU for McKellips Water Production Facility** – Information only, to return to a future agenda.

**Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year** – Introduction of Jordan French, Jr. Youth of the Year Candidate. Mr. French extended an invitation for Council to attend the Youth of the Year Gala.

**Staybridge Suites Up-Lighting (23-DV-01)** – Council approved the resolution for the Dimensional Variances to allow architectural up-lighting on the north elevation of the existing Staybridge Suites hotel, located at The Pavilions at Talking Stick.

**Proclamation Native American Veterans Day** – Council approved a Proclamation in support of Native American Veterans of the Vietnam War era in honor of their sacrifices and service to our Country on Nation Vietnam War Veterans Day.

**Special Use Permit ASU Prayer Run** – Council approved the SUP.

**Community Member Comments:** 1) Community member commented on the hiring

freeze and asked if members should be concerned about per capita. 2) Community member reviewed road construction concerns; notification of meetings when not at the Council Chambers; inquired about a medication shortage and asked if diabetic patients could be prioritized.

**Executive Session:** Gaming Board Update, Procurement Follow-Up, Amendments to Guardianship Ordinance, Special Use Permit ASU Prayer Run, OGC Legal Matters.

## March 14, 2024 – Council Work Session:

**Youth Meeting** – Council discussed hosting a meeting with Community member youth.

**Automatic Aid (SRFD)** – Fire Mutual Aid – Information was presented on the Automatic Aid System.

## March 20, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

SPRING BREAK WEEK – No Council Meetings

## March 21, 2024 – Council Work Session:

SPRING BREAK WEEK – No Council Meetings

## March 27, 2024 – Council Meeting Items:

**Amendments to Guardianship Ordinance** – Council approved a 90 day comment period for the proposed amendments to add definition of dangerous instrument and deadly weapon for clarity and to limit the term as used in Section 10-118(3)(d). Limit the length of time for which criminal

convictions can be considered to allow more flexibility for potential guardians.

**US Department of Energy Grid Resiliency Grant** – Information was presented on the Grid Resiliency grant program to strengthen and modernize America's power grid against wildfires, extreme weather, and other natural disasters; info included grant formula, funding allocation, and deadline.

**Community Member Comments:** Community Members spoke on the following topics:

1) Address the per capita rumors.

2) Suggested to educate members on composting, rename the Scottsdale Autoshow to Salt River Autoshow, be more involved in Community planning; did not think there was need for another Fire Department and commented there should be a forensic audit on the Gaming Enterprise.

3) Asked about speed bumps and law enforcement jurisdiction on McDowell Road.

4) Thanked Community Members for being involved in meetings and stated Mr. Dinius, Gaming CEO, has an open door policy if anyone has concerns to address.

5) Commented that Community Members aren't being treated well by Council, current and former; asked Council to get out and talk with members.

6) Voiced concerns of casino spending, change of vendors, and recommendation to stop movement of slot machines until all projects are completed.

7) Thanked Council for events within the Community, is grateful for the Day Labor Program, and stated SRPMIC is a blessed Community, there is much to be

thankful for.

8) Expressed concern with progress on homesite and asked about renewable energy sources.

9) Thanked SRPD Chief for improvements, encouraged members to report suspicious activity, recommended Community Members attend meetings to be more informed, and asked Council to be more present in the Community.

10) Thankful for the re-opening of the recycling center, hoped for better due diligence relating to landfill fires; commented on 92nd Street traffic; commended the JTR and recovery programs; recommended a women's recovery center; and stated the community needs to be diligent in the gaming industry.

**Executive Session:** Timeline, Work Session Follow-Up, LMB By-laws, Proposed Guardianship Ordinance Amendment, Investment Opportunity Update, Reimbursement Resolution, Board Application Reviews (Land Management Board, 12% Committee, SR Fields, SR Community Childrens Foundation), OGC Legal Matters.

## March 28, 2024 – Council Work Session:

**Miss Salt River Pageant Committee By-Laws** – Council was presented information on requested updates to the MSRPC By-laws.

**Virtual Meet & Greet w/ James Siva, Vice Chairman of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians** – Meet and greet with Mr. James Siva.

**Executive Work Session Agenda Items:** Long Term Portfolio

## DEFAULT NOTICES

default judgment against you.

4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)

DATED this 25th of March, 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**PAUL, DEREK LLOYD  
J-18-0117**

**SUMMONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN IN THE MATTER OF:  
C.N. P. A.  
D.O.B: 04/06/2016**

TO: Derek Lloyd Paul

A Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor has been filed in this Court in which it is represented that you are a parent or legal guardian of the child(ren) named above. You may obtain a copy of the petition by calling (480) 362-6315. In the Petition, it requests the Court to appoint a guardian for the child(ren) named above.

Within 30 calendar days after receiving this Summons and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor, you must file a written response. If you refuse to attend the hearing or to defend by filing a written response, the Court may enter a default guardianship order appointing the

Petitioner(s) as legal guardians and take any other action that is authorized by law.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR for an Initial Guardianship Hearing before the AchinSalt River Juvenile Court on May 23, 2024, at 11:00 am, in Court Room #3.

NOTICE: Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. The Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or For Failure to Follow Court Orders.

CLERK, SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**PRIETO, MARIA  
NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT:**  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-23-3755

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Maria Prieto, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Petitioner, Luann Chough is awarded reasonable visitation rights with A.O. and A.C.O. Respondent, Maria Prieto has ten (10) business days from completion of service to file a responsive pleading, but it is too late to request an extension of time.

**SAUNDERS II, FRED KENNETH  
NOTICE OF JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION 3/26/24**  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-24-0737, In the Matter of the Estate of: Grace Elizabeth Saunders-Loria, DOD:

1/10/2007

Notice of Judgment and Order of Final Distribution 3/26/24 is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that decedent died intestate leaving the persons whose names, relationship to the decedent as the only heirs at law: Katherine Garza, Cynthia Martinez, Michael Saunders, Jessica King, Barbara Helen Saunders-Russell, Fred Saunders II. The property is distributed to each heir, specifically Fred Saunders II and Barbara Helen Saunders-Russell as follows: shared and equal interest in 20% of Decedent's possessed personal property. Matter is now CLOSED.

**SAUNDERS-RUSSELL, BARBARA HELEN  
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**WESLEY-HOWARD, ARISTEN  
DEFAULT NOTICE  
CV-24-0864**

To: Aristen Wesley-Howard, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint/Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.

4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)

DATED this 25th of March, 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**WESLEY-HOWARD, ARISTEN  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CV-24-0864**

TO: Aristen Wesley-Howard; Respondent

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 20th day of May, 2024 at 10:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a Civil Complaint Hearing on March 19, 2024 at 10:30 AM.

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.

ORDERED this 19th day of March, 2024.

Judge Raymond L. Deer

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

# Gaming Regulatory Ordinance

## Comment Period: April 18, 2024 – May, 20, 2024

On Wednesday, April 17, 2024, the SRPMIC Council authorized a 30 day public comment period for the proposed amendments to the Community's Gaming Regulatory Ordinance.

This ordinance is required to comply with the 2021 Gaming Compact and changes in Federal regulations. The regulatory benefits of the 2021 Gaming Compact on the regulatory side are: Gaming licenses will now be for a 2 year period, a felony conviction no longer operates as a bar to a gaming license (except for 15 specified felony convictions), and if a felony conviction is within 7 years, the applicant can go forward as long as the court has set aside the conviction (a conviction more than 7 years, does not require a court set aside in order for a person to be licensed).

Please submit all comments in writing either to the Community's intranet "Ordinance Public Comment" page, or via standard mail or email to the following:

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community  
The Office of the General Counsel  
10,005 East Osborn Road  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256  
OrdPublicComment@srpmic-nsn.gov

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY  
10005 East Osborn Road  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256  
ORDINANCE NUMBER: SRO--2024 AN AMENDMENT TO THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY'S GAMING REGULATORY ORDINANCE TO CONFORM WITH THE NEW 2021 GAMING COMPACT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF ARIZONA AND TO INCORPORATE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED IN THE FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

Now therefore be it enacted that SRO-552-2023 is repealed and no longer in effect. Now therefore be it enacted that Chapter 15.5 of the Community Code of Ordinances is repealed and replaced (after approval by the National Indian Gaming Commission as required by Federal law); And also it is enacted to move the current Sections 15.5-20 and Section 15.5-22 to a new Chapter 15.6 entitled "Minors and Protected Person's Trusts and Internal SRPMIC Per Capita Processes".

### Chapter 15.6 GAMING

#### SEC. 15.5-1. PURPOSE.

It is the purpose of this chapter to govern and regulate the operation and conduct of all gaming activities on lands within the jurisdiction of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in order to protect the public interest in the integrity of such gaming activities, to prevent improper or unlawful conduct in the course of such gaming activities, and to promote the development of a balanced tribal economy by dedicating all of the net revenues from such gaming activities to the public purposes of the Tribe, including the support of Community government programs which promote economic development and the health, education and welfare of the Community and its members.

#### Sec. 15.5-2. Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter, in addition to the terms defined in this section, a term defined in the Compact shall have the meaning set forth in the Compact, or in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act including the National Indian Gaming Commission regulations at 25 CFR Part 500 et seq.

Act means the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, Pub L 100-497, 25 USC 2701 et seq.

Administrative hearing means a hearing conducted to consider the initial denial, or subsequent conditioning, suspension or revocation of a gaming employee or gaming services license or to consider allowing a barred person to return to a gaming facility and setting conditions for such return.

Applicant means any person who has applied for a license under the provisions of this chapter.

Application means a request for the issuance of a license under the provisions of this chapter.

Beneficiary means an enrolled member for whom a trust is created under the Act.

Board means the body appointed by the Community Council to conduct administrative hearings pursuant to this chapter and also known as the gaming regulatory board.

Chapter means the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community gaming ordinance and any regulations and standards of operation and management promulgated by the Community regulatory agency hereunder.

Class II gaming means class II gaming as defined in accordance with the Act, 25 USC 2703(7)(A), and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the Commission.

Class III gaming means class III gaming as defined in accordance with the Act,

use in the operation of any class II or class III gaming activity, including any gaming device.

Gaming facility or gaming facilities means the buildings or structures in which class II and/or class III gaming, as authorized by the compact, is conducted.

Gaming facility license means a license issued by the Community regulatory agency pursuant to section 15.5-11, allowing permitting gaming operations at a gaming facility.

Gaming operation means each economic entity that is licensed by the Community regulatory agency, operates the games, receives the revenues, issues the prizes, and pays the expenses.

Gaming operator license means a license issued by the Community regulatory agency pursuant to section 15.5-12, permitting the enterprise to conduct gaming operations at a gaming facility.

Gaming-related activities means any type of activity that falls within the definition of gaming and includes administrative and financial activities for the revenue generated from gaming activities.

Gaming services means any person or entity which sells, leases, distributes or provides:

(1) devices, machines, or equipment used directly in connection with class II or class III gaming including that which has the capacity to affect the calculation, storage, collection, electronic security, or control of gaming revenues;

(2) services which are unique to the operation of class II or class III gaming, including, but not limited to, simulcasting and bookmaking;

(3) security or surveillance services or equipment for the gaming facility;

(4) any other services such as but not limited to general construction contracting, payroll and locks and locksmith services for the gaming facility;

(5) any other services such as tracking, player acquisition, promotional, and marketing services related to class II or class III gaming; and

(6) provided however, any other goods and services in connection with, but not unique or essential to, the operation class II or class III gaming such as but not limited to legal services, equipment, transportation, food, linens, janitorial supplies, or maintenance are deemed excluded from this definition.

Gaming services license means a license issued by the Community regulatory agency pursuant to section 15.5-10, permitting a person or entity to provide gaming services.

Key employee means a gaming employee within the meaning of 25 CFR 502.14.

Management contract means a contract within the meaning of 25 USC 2710(d)(9) and 2711.

Management contractor means a natural person or entity that has entered into a management contract with the Community or the enterprise which has been approved pursuant to 25 USC 2710(d)(9) and 2711.

Manufacturer means a natural person or entity that manufactures gaming devices and/or component parts thereof, as defined herein, for use or play in the gaming facilities.

National Indian Gaming Commission means the National Indian Gaming Commission ("NIGC") established pursuant to 25 USC 2704.

Net revenues means gross revenues of an Indian gaming operation less—

(a) Amounts paid out as, or paid for, prizes; and

(b) Total gaming-related operating expenses, including all those expenses of the gaming operation commonly known as operating expenses and non-operating expenses consistent with professional accounting pronouncements, excluding management fees.

Person means and includes a corporation, company, partnership, firm, association or society, as well as a natural person. When person is used to designate the violator or offender of any law, it includes a corporation, partnership or any association of persons.

Primary management official means a gaming employee within the meaning of 25 CFR 502.19.

Principal means, with respect to any person, all or any subset of the following persons:

(1) Each of its officers and directors;

(2) Each of its principal management employees, including any chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief operating officer or general management;

(3) Each of its owners or partners, if an unincorporated business;

(4) Each of its shareholders who owns more than ten percent of the shares of

the corporation, if a corporation;

(5) Each person other than a banking institution who has provided financing for the entity constituting more than ten percent of the total financing of the entity; and

(6) Each of the beneficiaries, or trustees of a trust.

Property includes contributions made by the Community to a trust and all real property, personal property, and interests in real or personal property held in a trust from time to time.

Reservation means all lands within the limits of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation, and all other lands title to which is held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Community or any individual member or members of the Community or held by the Community or an individual member of the Community subject to restriction by the United States against alienation and over which the Community exercises governmental power.

State means the State of Arizona, its authorized officials, agents and representatives.

State gaming agency means such agency of the State of Arizona which the governor may from time to time designate by written notice to the Community as the single state agency which shall act on behalf of the state under the compact.

#### SEC. 15.5-3. ADOPTION OF COMPACT AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS.

(a) At such time as the compact and any subsequent amendments becomes legally effective pursuant to the act, the compact shall be deemed to be incorporated herein and enacted as an integral part of this chapter as if set forth in full herein, and in the event of any conflict between a provision of this chapter and a provision of the compact, the provision set forth in the compact shall be deemed to be controlling, except in the event that the provision set forth in this chapter is stricter or more stringent.

(b) The adoption of the compact and incorporation herein shall under no circumstances be deemed to affect the operation by the Community of any class II gaming, whether conducted within or without the gaming facilities, or to confer upon the state any jurisdiction over such class II gaming conducted by the Community on the reservation.

#### SEC. 15.5-4. AUTHORIZATION.

The enterprise on behalf of the tribe may conduct class II gaming, and the enterprise on behalf of the tribe may conduct all types of class III gaming authorized by the compact once the compact becomes legally effective pursuant to the act. No person under the age of 21 shall be allowed to be permitted to place any wager, directly or indirectly, on any class II or class III gaming.

#### SEC. 15.5-5. OWNERSHIP.

The Community shall have the sole proprietary interest in and responsibility for the conduct of any gaming operation authorized by this chapter; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the Community from granting security interests or other financial accommodations to secured parties, lenders or others, or to prevent the Community from entering into true leases or financing lease arrangements, or to interfere with the exercise by any secured party of its rights under any financing agreement with the Community to enforce its security interests in the premises on which such gaming activities may be conducted, or to enforce its rights against gross revenues of the Community from its gaming activities for the purpose of repayment of the debt obligations of the Community to such secured party in accordance with the provisions of such agreements.

#### SEC. 15.5-6. USE OF REVENUE.

(a) In compliance with section 2710(b)(2)(B) of the Act, net revenues from class II and class III gaming shall be used only for the following purposes:

(1) To fund tribal government operations and programs;

(2) Provide for the general welfare of the Community and its members.

(3) Promote tribal economic development;

(4) Donate to charitable organizations; or

(5) Help fund operations of local government agencies.

(b) If the Community elects to make per capita payments to Community members, it shall authorize such payments only upon approval of a plan submitted to the Secretary of the Interior under

section 2710(b)(3) of the Act.

#### SEC. 15.5-7. AUDIT.

(a) The enterprise shall cause to be conducted annually an independent audit of all gaming operations and shall submit the resulting audit reports to the Community regulatory agency and the NIGC.

(b) All gaming-related contracts that result in the purchase of supplies, services, or concessions in excess of \$25,000.00 annually, except contracts for professional legal and accounting services, shall be specifically included within the scope of such audit.

#### SEC. 15.5-8. PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.

All gaming facilities shall be constructed, maintained and operated in a manner that adequately protects the environment and the public health and safety, and for that purpose shall comply with the standards generally imposed by the International Building Code, International Mechanical Code, International Plumbing Code, and International Fire Code. In addition, the public health standards for food and beverage handling requirements of the United States Public Health Service, and all other applicable health, safety and environmental standards of the Community.

#### SEC. 15.5-9. LICENSES FOR EMPLOYEE.

All class II and class III gaming employees shall be required to obtain a gaming employee license from the Community regulatory agency, and no person may commence or continue employment as a gaming employee unless such person is the holder of a valid current gaming employee license or temporary gaming employee license issued by the Community regulatory agency, and is certified by the state gaming agency if so required by the compact. No person may commence employment as a gaming employee unless such person is at least 18 years of age, and no person shall be employed in the service of alcoholic beverages at any gaming facility, if such service of alcoholic beverages is allowed by the Community, unless such person is at least 21 years of age. The Community regulatory agency shall ensure that the requirements set out in 25 CFR parts 556 and 558, as amended, which is made a part hereof are implemented with respect to gaming employee licensure for all class II and class III gaming employees. The Community regulatory agency shall be empowered to create a dual or multi-tiered licensure system which requires a greater degree of information be provided and a more comprehensive background investigation be employed with respect to prospective key employees and primary management officials.

(1) Application forms. The Community regulatory agency shall ensure that all application forms for a gaming employee license shall contain the notice described in 25 CFR parts 556 and 558, as amended, as follows:

a. Privacy notice. The Community regulatory agency shall place the following notice on the application form for a key employee or a primary management official before that form is filled out by an applicant: In compliance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the following information is provided: Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by 25 USC 2701 et seq. The purpose of the requested information is to determine the eligibility of individuals to be granted a gaming license. The information will be used by the tribal gaming regulatory authorities and by the NIGC members and staff who have need for the information in the performance of their official duties. The information may be disclosed by the tribe or the NIGC to appropriate federal, tribal, state, local, or foreign law enforcement and regulatory agencies when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions or when pursuant to a requirement by a tribe or the NIGC in connection with the issuance, denial, or revocation of a gaming license, or investigations of activities while associated with a tribe or a gaming operation. Failure to consent to the disclosures indicated in this notice will result in a tribe's being unable to license you for a primary management official or key employee position. The disclosure of your social security number ("SSN") is voluntary. However, failure to supply a SSN may result in errors in processing your application.

b. Notice regarding false statements. The Community regulatory agency shall place the following notice on the

application form for a key employee or a primary management official before that form is filled out by an applicant:

A false statement on any part of your license application may be grounds for denying a license or the suspension or revocation of a license. Also, you may be punished by fine or imprisonment (18 USC 1001).

c. Background investigations information. The Community regulatory agency shall request from each applicant the background investigations information described, and required, at 25 CFR Part 556.4 (a)(1)-(14), as may be amended:

(1) Full name, other names used (oral or written), social security number(s), birth date, place of birth, citizenship, gender, all languages (spoken or written);

(2) Currently and for the previous five years: Business and employment positions held, ownership interests in those businesses, business and residence addresses, and driver's license numbers;

(3) The names and current addresses of at least three personal references, including one personal reference who was acquainted with the applicant during each period of residence listed under subparagraph (2) above;

(4) Current business and residence telephone numbers;

(5) A description of any existing and previous business relationships with Indian tribes, including ownership interests in those businesses;

(6) A description of any existing and previous business relationships with the gaming industry generally, including ownership interests in those businesses;

(7) The name and address of any licensing or regulatory agency with which the person has filed an application for a license or permit related to gaming, whether or not such license or permit was granted;

(8) For each felony for which there is an ongoing prosecution or a conviction, the charge, the name and address of the court involved, and the date and disposition if any;

(9) For each misdemeanor conviction or ongoing misdemeanor prosecution (excluding minor traffic violations) within 10 years of the date of the application, the name and address of the court involved and the date and disposition;

(10) For each criminal charge (excluding minor traffic charges) whether or not there is a conviction, if such criminal charge is within 10 years of the date of the application and is not otherwise listed pursuant to subparagraphs (8) or (9) above, the criminal charge, the name and address of the court involved and the date and disposition;

(11) The name and address of any licensing or regulatory agency with which the person has filed an application for an occupational license or permit, whether or not such license or permit was granted;

(12) A photograph;

(13) Any other information a tribe deems relevant; and

(14) Fingerprints consistent with procedures adopted by a tribe according to 25 CFR 522.2 (h).

(2) Background investigations. The Community regulatory agency shall ensure that a background investigation is conducted on all prospective gaming employees upon receipt of a completed application for employment as a gaming employee. Such background investigation shall commence immediately upon receipt of the completed application and shall be conducted as quickly as possible. The Community law enforcement agency, or such other third-party investigative entity with which the Community regulatory agency may contract, shall assist the Community regulatory agency in conducting background investigations as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Community regulatory agency. The Community regulatory agency shall conduct an investigation sufficient to make a determination under subsection (3) of this section. In conducting such background investigation, the Community regulatory agency and its agents shall promise to keep confidential the identity of each person interviewed in the course of the investigation unless disclosure is required by law. The Community shall enter into an agreement with the NIGC as a third-party investigative entity for purposes of taking and checking fingerprints of all applicants and conducting any additional criminal history checks as may be deemed necessary by the NIGC pursuant to 25 CFR 522.2(g).

(3) Eligibility determination. The Community regulatory agency shall,

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# Public Comments on Proposed Amendments to Gaming Regulatory Ordinance

a. Is a Person whose prior activities, criminal record, if any, or reputation, habits, and associations pose a threat to the public interest or to the effective regulation and control of gaming, or create or enhance the dangers of unsuitable, unfair, or illegal practices, and methods, and activities in the conduct of gaming or the carrying on of the business and financial arrangements incidental thereto;

b. Has knowingly and willfully provided materially important false statements or information or omitted materially important information on his or her Application or background questionnaire; c. Has ever been convicted of a felony relating to extortion, burglary, larceny, bribery, embezzlement, robbery, racketeering, money laundering, forgery, fraud, murder, voluntary manslaughter, sex offenses, rape or kidnapping; d. Has been convicted of a felony in the seven (7) years prior to submission of the Application unless that felony has been set-aside; or e. Has ever been convicted of any gaming offense.

(4) Procedures for forwarding applications and reports for key employees and primary management officials to NIGC. Upon completion of a background investigation and an eligibility determination, the Community regulatory agency shall create and maintain an investigative report on the background investigation required pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. Such investigative report shall include the steps taken in conducting a background investigation; results obtained; conclusions reached; and the basis for those conclusions. The Community regulatory agency shall submit a notice of results of the applicant's background investigation to the NIGC no later than 60 days after the applicant begins work, by which time issuance of the temporary license has occurred pursuant to subsection 5 (b). The notice of results shall contain:

- a. Applicant's name, date of birth, and social security number;
- b. Date on which applicant began or will begin work as key employee or primary management official;
- c. A summary of the information presented in the investigative report, which shall at a minimum include a listing of:
  1. Licenses that have previously been denied;
  2. Gaming licenses that have been revoked, even if subsequently reinstated;
  3. Every known criminal charge brought against the applicant within the last ten years of the date of application; and
  4. Every felony of which the applicant has been convicted or any ongoing prosecution.

d. A copy of the eligibility determination made under 25 CFR 556.5. Such eligibility determination, investigative report, and notice of results shall be forwarded to the NIGC for inclusion in the Indian gaming individual's records system, regardless of whether a prospective licensee is granted or denied a license. The Community regulatory agency shall retain license applications proscribed by subsection (1) of key employees and primary management officials including Privacy Act notice and False Statement notice, investigative reports of background investigations, and eligibility determinations of such individuals for inspection by the chairman of the NIGC or his designee for no less than three years from the date of termination of employment.

(5) Granting a license. a. General provisions. Upon completion of the eligibility determination required pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, the Community regulatory agency shall either grant or deny a gaming employee license. Within 30 days after the issuance of the license or a decision to deny the license, the Community regulatory agency shall notify the NIGC. Any individual denied a gaming employee license shall be entitled to an administrative hearing upon request pursuant to section 15.5-14 (f)(6). A right to a hearing under this section shall vest only upon receipt of a license granted under an ordinance approved by the chairman of the NIGC.

b. Licenses issued to key employees and primary management officials. A Community gaming operation shall not permit a key employee or primary management official who does not have a license after 90 days to perform duties, functions and/or responsibilities of a key employee or primary management official until so licensed. In the

event the Community regulatory agency determines that a key employee or primary management official is eligible to be granted a gaming employee license, such individual shall be granted a temporary gaming license pending completion of the following procedure. If, upon completion of a 30-day period after receipt by the chairman of the NIGC of the investigative report required pursuant to subsection (4) of this section, the NIGC notifies the Community regulatory agency that it has no objection to the issuance of a gaming employee license, or fails to provide the Community regulatory agency with a request for further information or a statement itemizing objections to the issuance of a gaming employee license to a key employee or primary management official, the Community regulatory agency shall grant a gaming employee license to such individual. If, however, the chairman requests further information during the 30-day period, the 30-day period shall be suspended until the chairman receives the information requested, if, within the 30-day period, the NIGC provides the Community regulatory agency with a statement itemizing objections to the issuance of a gaming employee license to a key employee or to a primary management official applicant, for whom a notice of results was submitted, the Community regulatory agency shall reconsider the license application, taking into account the objections itemized by the NIGC. The Community regulatory agency shall make the final decision whether to issue a gaming employee license to such applicant. Once a decision to issue or not issue a license is made pursuant to this procedure, the Community regulatory agency shall notify the NIGC of its decision within 30 days. Each temporary gaming employee license shall expire and become void and of no effect upon the determination by the Community regulatory agency of the applicant's suitability for a gaming employee license.

c. Identification required. Each holder of a gaming employee license shall be required to wear in plain view while at work an identification card issued by the Community regulatory agency which includes the holder's photograph, first and last name, and an identification number unique to the individual license which shall include a tribal seal or signature, and an expiration date.

(6) Suspension and revocation. The issuance of a gaming employee license by the Community regulatory agency shall not create or imply a right of employment or continued employment. The enterprise shall not employ, and if already employed, shall terminate any person who has had his gaming license denied or revoked by the Community regulatory agency. If, after the issuance of a gaming employee license, the Community regulatory agency receives from the NIGC reliable information indicating that a key employee or a primary management official is not eligible for employment pursuant to the standard for eligibility determination contained in subsection (3) of this section, the Community regulatory agency shall immediately suspend such license, and shall notify in writing the licensee of the suspension and proposed revocation of the licensee's gaming employee license, and specifying the date and time an administrative hearing shall be held pursuant to section 15.5-14 (f)(6). A right to a revocation hearing under this section shall vest only upon receipt of a license granted under an ordinance approved by the chairman of the NIGC. After an administrative hearing, the Community regulatory agency shall decide to revoke or to reinstate a gaming license. The Community regulatory agency shall notify the NIGC of its decision within 45 days of receiving notification from the NIGC pursuant to 25 CFR 558.4(e). The Community regulatory agency shall also forward its license revocation decision to NIGC for inclusion in the Indian gaming individual's records system pursuant to 25 CFR 558.3 (e)(2). Additionally, the Community regulatory agency shall have the right to conduct additional background or other investigations of any gaming employee at any time, and may suspend or revoke any gaming employee license issued hereunder if new information concerning facts arising either prior to or since the issuance of the original license, or any renewal thereof, comes to the attention of the regulatory agency, which information could justify denial of such original license, or any renewal thereof; provided, however, that no such license shall be suspended without notice and an administrative hearing unless the Community regulatory agency determines that continued licensing constitutes an immediate threat to the

public health, safety or welfare, or the integrity of gaming on the reservation, and no license shall be permanently revoked until the Community regulatory agency has provided the licensee with an opportunity upon request for an administrative hearing pursuant to section 15.5-14 (f)(6).

(7) Duration and renewal. Any gaming employee license shall be effective for two years from the date of issuance unless the compact allows otherwise; provided, that a licensee who has applied for renewal may continue to be employed or engaged under the expired license until action is taken on the renewal application by the Community regulatory agency. Applicants for renewal shall provide information as requested, on the appropriate renewal forms. The scope of the renewal background investigation shall concern the applicant's continuing eligibility for a license based information that is new since the initial application that is discovered by or made available to the applicant. Any person denied renewal of license shall have the opportunity upon request to appeal such denial to the gaming regulatory board pursuant to section 15.5-14 (f)(6).

(8) Mandatory disclosure duty. Any licensee has an affirmative and continuing duty to disclose and report to the Community regulatory agency within 72 hours of the occurrence any information or event that may affect or be relevant to eligibility determination standards as specified in subsection 3 above.

### SEC. 15.5-10. LICENSES FOR SERVICES.

No person or entity may provide gaming services to the Community or the enterprise, within or without the gaming facilities, unless it is the holder of a valid current gaming services license issued by the Community regulatory agency. The Community regulatory agency may waive the requirement that vendors be licensed if licensing the vendor is not necessary in order to protect the public interest. Any management contractor, including the management contractor's principals, shall be required to hold a valid current gaming services license and to have received approval of its management contract by the NIGC, before providing management services to any gaming operation.

(1) Application forms. The Community regulatory agency shall ensure that all application forms for a gaming service license shall contain a notice of privacy in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974. The Community regulatory agency shall require each prospective provider of gaming services to provide the Community regulatory agency with such information, documentation and assurances as may be required by the Community regulatory agency, which shall, at a minimum, identify all of such applicant's principals, and which shall concern the applicant's and each principal's personal, criminal conviction record, business activities, financial affairs, prior gaming industry experience and general educational background; and/or all of the foregoing as may be applicable to such applicant or such principal. Each such application shall be accompanied by the fingerprint card(s) of each principal of the applicant. For purposes of this section, the person or persons included as a principal and the application requirements for principals may be determined at the discretion of the director. The director has authority to approve individual exceptions for any component of the application form and the application requirements if the director determines that it is not required in order to protect the public interest.

(2) Background investigations. The Community regulatory agency shall ensure that a background investigation is conducted on all prospective gaming services providers upon receipt of a completed application. Such background investigation shall commence immediately upon receipt of the completed application and shall be conducted as quickly as possible. The Community law enforcement agency, or such other third-party investigative entity with which the Community regulatory agency may contract, shall assist the Community regulatory agency in conducting background investigations as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Community regulatory agency. The Community regulatory agency shall conduct an investigation sufficient to make a determination under subsection (3) of this section. In conducting such background investigation, the Community regulatory agency or its agent shall promise to keep confidential the identity of each person interviewed in the course of the investigation unless disclosure is required by law.

(3) Eligibility determination. The Community regulatory agency shall, as soon as possible after completion of the background investigation, determine whether an applicant is eligible for a gaming services license. The Community regulatory agency shall determine that an applicant is not eligible for a gaming services license if such applicant, or any principal identified with such applicant:

a. Is a Person whose prior activities, criminal record, if any, or reputation, habits, and associations pose a threat to the public interest or to the effective regulation and control of gaming, or create or enhance the dangers of unsuitable, unfair, or illegal practices, and methods, and activities in the conduct of gaming or the carrying on of the business and financial arrangements incidental thereto;

b. Has knowingly and willfully provided materially important false statements or information or omitted materially important information on his or her Application or background questionnaire; c. Has ever been convicted of a felony relating to extortion, burglary, larceny, bribery, embezzlement, robbery, racketeering, money laundering, forgery, fraud, murder, voluntary manslaughter, sex offenses, rape or kidnapping; d. Has been convicted of a felony in the seven (7) years prior to submission of the Application unless that felony has been set-aside; or e. Has ever been convicted of any gaming offense.

(4) Granting a license. Upon completion of the eligibility determination required pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, the Community regulatory agency shall either grant or deny a gaming services license. Any gaming services licensee applicant denied a gaming services license shall be entitled to an administrative hearing upon request pursuant to section 15.5-14 (f)(6).

(5) Suspension and revocation. The issuance of a gaming services license by the Community regulatory agency shall not create or imply a right to supply gaming services on a continuing basis. The Community regulatory agency shall have the right to conduct additional background or other investigations of any gaming services licensee or principal of such licensee at any time, and may suspend or revoke any gaming services license issued hereunder if new information concerning facts arising either prior to or since the issuance of the original license, or any renewal thereof, comes to the attention of the Community regulatory agency, which information could justify denial of such original license, or any renewal thereof; provided, however, that no such license shall be suspended without notice and hearing unless the Community regulatory agency determines that continued licensing constitutes an immediate threat to the public health, safety or welfare, or the integrity of gaming on the reservation; and no license shall be permanently revoked until the Community regulatory agency has provided the licensee with an opportunity upon request for an administrative hearing pursuant to section 15.5-14 (f)(6); and provided further, that the licensee shall be entitled to any payment due for services provided or goods delivered prior to the effective date of suspension or revocation of the license.

(6) Duration and renewal. Any gaming services license shall be effective for two years from the date of issuance; provided, that a licensee who has applied for renewal may continue to supply gaming services under the expired license until action is taken on the renewal application by the Community regulatory agency. Applicants for renewal shall provide information as requested, on the appropriate renewal forms. The scope of the renewal background investigation shall concern the applicant's continuing eligibility for a license based information that is new since the initial application that is discovered by or made available to the applicant. Any person denied renewal of license shall have the opportunity upon request to appeal such denial to the gaming regulatory board pursuant to section 15.5-14 (f)(6).

### SEC. 15.5-11. LICENSES FOR FACILITIES.

Upon issuance of a certificate of occupancy by the tribe's Community development department, the Community regulatory agency shall issue a separate gaming facility license to each gaming facility, which license shall be required for each place, facility, or location on Indian lands within the Community, prior to commencement of any gaming operations at such gaming facility, certifying that such gaming facility has been constructed in accordance with the standards set

forth in section 15.5-8. The Community regulatory agency shall enforce the health and safety standards applicable to the gaming facilities in accordance with section 15.5-8. Such gaming facility license shall be renewed on an annual basis by the Community regulatory agency, provided that the gaming facility is maintained and operated in accordance with the standards set forth in section 15.5-8. The Community regulatory agency shall not renew a gaming facility license, and shall suspend or revoke a gaming facility license, in the event that the Community development department suspends or revokes the certificate of occupancy for the gaming facility, or the Community development department determines the gaming facility is not maintained and operated at all times in accordance with the standards set forth in section 15.5-8.

### SEC. 15.5-12. LICENSES FOR OPERATORS.

The Community regulatory agency shall issue a gaming operator license prior to commencement of any gaming operations at a gaming facility, certifying that each principal, primary management official and key employee of the enterprise holds a valid current gaming employee license issued in accordance with section 15.5-9. Such gaming operator license shall be renewed on an annual basis by the Community regulatory agency, provided that each principal, primary management official and key employee of the enterprise continues to hold a valid current gaming employee license; and such license may be suspended or revoked by the Community regulatory agency in the event that such requirements are not met in accordance with section 15.5-9.

### SEC. 15.5-13. LICENSES FOR REGULATORS.

No person may commence or continue employment as a board member, director, staff or inspector in the Community regulatory agency unless such person is the holder of a valid current gaming regulator license issued by the Community regulatory agency (hereafter called "regulatory licenser"), and is certified by the state gaming agency if so required by the compact. The regulatory licenser shall ensure that the procedures and standards described in this section are applied with respect to gaming regulator licensure.

(1) Application forms. The regulatory licenser shall ensure that all application forms contain:

- a. The same privacy and false statements acts notices described in section 15.5-9 (1)(a) & (b); and
- b. At a minimum the same information described in section 15.5-9 (1)(c).

(2) Background investigations. The regulatory licenser shall ensure that a background investigation is conducted on all prospective gaming regulatory licensees upon receipt of a completed application for employment as a gaming regulator. Such background investigation shall commence immediately upon receipt of the completed application and shall be conducted as quickly as possible. The Community law enforcement agency, or such other third-party investigative entity with which the regulatory licenser may contract, shall assist in conducting background investigations as deemed necessary and appropriate by the regulatory licenser. The regulatory licenser shall ensure that an investigation is conducted sufficient to make a determination under subsection (3) of this section. In conducting such background investigation, the regulatory licenser or its agent shall promise to keep confidential the identity of each person interviewed in the course of the investigation unless disclosure is required by law.

(3) Eligibility determination. The regulatory licenser shall, as soon as is practicable after completion of the background investigation, determine whether an applicant is eligible for a gaming regulator license. The regulatory licenser shall determine that an applicant is not eligible for a gaming regulator license if such applicant has: a. Been determined to be a person whose prior activities, criminal record, if any, or reputation, habits and associations, pose a threat to the public interest or to the effective regulation and control of gaming, or create or enhance the dangers of unsuitable, unfair, or illegal practices and methods and activities in the conduct of the gaming or the carrying on of the business and financial arrangements incidental thereto; b. Knowingly and willfully provided materially important false statements or information or omitted materially important information on his or her Application or background questionnaire; c. Ever been convicted of any felony

relating to extortion, burglary, larceny, bribery, embezzlement, robbery, racketeering, money laundering, forgery, fraud, murder, voluntary manslaughter, sex offenses, rape or kidnapping; d. been convicted of a felony in the seven (7) years prior to submission of the Application unless that felony has been set-aside; or e. ever been convicted of any gaming offense.

(4) Granting or denying a license. Upon completion of the eligibility determination required pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, the regulatory licenser shall either grant or deny a gaming regulator license. Any person denied a gaming regulator license shall have the opportunity upon request to appeal such denial to the gaming regulatory board pursuant to section 15.5-14 (f)(6).

(5) Suspension and revocation. The issuance of a gaming regulator license by the Community regulatory agency shall not create or imply a right of employment or continued employment. The Community regulatory agency shall have the right to conduct additional background or other investigations of any licensee at any time, and may suspend or revoke any gaming regulator license issued hereunder if new information which would justify denying or revoking the license comes to the attention of the Community regulatory agency; provided, however, that no such license shall be suspended without notice and hearing unless the Community regulatory agency determines that continued licensing constitutes an immediate threat to the public health, safety or welfare, or the integrity of gaming, and no license shall be

revoked until the Community regulatory agency has provided the licensee with the opportunity upon request to appeal such denial to the gaming regulatory board pursuant to section 15.5-14 (f)(6).

(6) Duration and renewal. Any gaming regulator license shall be effective for two years from the date of issuance; provided, that a licensee who has applied for renewal may continue to be employed or engaged under the expired license until action is taken on the renewal application by the regulatory licenser. Applicants for renewal of a gaming regulator license shall provide information as requested, on the appropriate renewal forms. The scope of the renewal background investigation shall concern the applicant's continuing eligibility for a license based information that is discovered by or made available to the regulatory licenser. Any person denied renewal of a gaming regulator license shall have the opportunity upon request to appeal such denial to the gaming regulatory board pursuant to section 15.5-14 (f)(6).

(7) Mandatory disclosure duty. Any gaming regulator licensee has an affirmative and continuing duty to disclose and report to the regulatory licenser within 72 hours of the occurrence any information or event that may affect or be relevant to eligibility determination standards as specified in subsection 3 above.

### SEC. 15.5-14. COMMUNITY REGULATORY AGENCY.

(a) Establishment of the Community regulatory agency. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regulatory Agency is hereby established. The Community regulatory agency shall be a regulatory agency of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

(b) Director. The Community Council shall appoint an individual to serve as a full-time director of the Community regulatory agency to administer its responsibilities on a day-to-day basis. The director shall be required to have a minimum of five years of experience as a gaming regulator. The compensation of the director shall be established by the Community Council. The director shall be responsible for coordination of the functions of the Community regulatory agency with the Community Council, the enterprise, the Community law enforcement agency, the state gaming agency, state and federal law enforcement agencies, and the NIGC. The board may request the director to conduct investigations with respect to the grant or denial, suspension or revocation of any license, the imposition of any penalty, or the investigation of any complaint. The director shall hire, pursuant to the authorized budget for the Community regulatory agency, and supervise and oversee inspectors and such other staff, consultants and counsel as the Community regulatory agency may from time to time employ. The director shall have the power, in the name of the Community regulatory agency, to conduct any

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hearing, investigation or inquiry, compel the production of any information or documents, and otherwise exercise the investigatory powers of the Community regulatory agency, which the Community regulatory agency may exercise under this chapter and any other applicable law. The director shall further have the power, in the name of the Community regulatory agency, to issue, deny, condition, suspend or revoke any gaming employee license, gaming services license, gaming facility license, or gaming operator license, and to take any other action on behalf of and in the name of the Community regulatory agency, unless such power is reserved to the board by this section or regulations adopted hereto. The director shall be the agent of the Community for the service by the NIGC of process, or any official determination, order or notice pursuant to the Act or to 25 CFR 522.2(f).

(c) Restriction on activities. Neither the board members, the director nor the staff of the Community regulatory agency shall participate as a player in any gaming activity conducted by the Community, or have any personal financial interest in any gaming activity conducted by the Community, or engage in any business or have any personal financial activity in any business which is licensed or regulated by the Community regulatory agency pursuant to this section, or be employed by the enterprise.

(d) Powers and duties of the Community regulatory agency. The Community regulatory agency shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) The Community regulatory agency shall have primary responsibility for oversight of Community gaming operations to ensure the integrity of such operations and shall, for that purpose employ as staff of the Community regulatory agency inspectors who shall be present in all gaming facilities during all hours of operation and who shall be under the sole supervision of and report to the Community regulatory agency and not to any management employees of the Community gaming operations. The board members, director and staff of the Community regulatory agency, shall be licensed by the regulator licenser in accordance with section 15.5-13.

(2) The Community regulatory agency staff shall have unrestricted and immediate access to any and all areas of the gaming facilities at all times for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this section and other applicable laws, and personnel employed by the enterprise shall for such purposes provide such inspectors access to locked and secure areas of the gaming facilities in accordance with this section and other applicable laws. Inspectors shall report to the Community regulatory agency regarding any failure by the enterprise, any employee or agent of the enterprise, or any person or entity to comply with any of the provisions of this section and other applicable laws. Inspectors assigned by the Community regulatory agency shall also receive consumer complaints within the gaming facilities and shall assist in seeking voluntary resolution of such complaints, in addition to formal Patron disputes regarding refusal of payment of alleged winnings described in section 15.5-16.3.

(3) The Community regulatory agency shall have the responsibility and authority to investigate any alleged or reported violations of this chapter, and all other applicable laws. The Community regulatory agency shall on its own initiative investigate any aspect of the operations of the enterprise in order to protect the public interest in the integrity of such gaming activities and to prevent improper or unlawful conduct in the course of such gaming activities, and shall investigate any report of a failure of the enterprise or any other person or entity to comply with the provisions of this chapter and all other applicable laws. The Community regulatory agency may receive any complaint from any person, including the gaming public or any gaming employee, who is or who claims to be adversely affected by any act or omission of a gaming operation or any employee thereof and which is asserted to violate this chapter, the Act or other applicable law. The Community regulatory agency may, in its sole discretion, conduct a hearing and receive evidence, pursuant to such procedures as it may adopt, if it deems an evidentiary proceeding useful in the resolution of any such complaint or alleged violation or breach. The Community regulatory agency may compel any person employed by or doing business with the enterprise to appear before it and to provide such information, documents or other materials as may be in their possession to assist in any such investigation. The Community regulatory agency shall make a written record of any unusual occurrences, violations

or suspected violations, without regard to materiality. In the event of a determination by the Community regulatory agency of a violation of this chapter or other applicable laws, the Community regulatory agency shall require the enterprise or the holder of a license to take any corrective action deemed necessary by the Community regulatory agency upon such terms and conditions as the Community regulatory agency may determine necessary and proper pursuant to this chapter. Appropriate disciplinary action may include, but not be limited to, suspension or revocation of a license, and confiscation or shutting down any gaming device or other equipment or gaming supplies which fail to conform with required standards. The director shall report regularly to the Community Council on material violations of the provisions of this chapter and actions taken by the Community regulatory agency in response to such violations.

(4) The Community regulatory agency shall prepare a plan for the protection of public safety and the physical security of patrons in each of the gaming facilities, following consultation and agreement with the enterprise, the Community law enforcement agency and the appropriate state and federal law enforcement agencies, setting forth the respective responsibilities of the Community regulatory agency, the security department of the enterprise, the Community law enforcement agency and the appropriate state and federal law enforcement agencies.

(5) The Community regulatory agency shall conform to the applicable standards for the operation and management of surveillance as its operator and manager. The Community regulatory agency shall require the gaming enterprise to conform to the applicable standards for the operation and management of security as its operator and manager.

(6) The Community regulatory agency shall issue or deny and, when necessary and appropriate, condition, suspend or revoke, gaming employee licenses, gaming services licenses, gaming facility licenses, gaming operator licenses and regulator licenses, in accordance with sections 15.5-9 through 15.5-13, respectively.

(7) The Community regulatory agency shall establish a process for persons barred from the gaming facilities because their behavior or criminal history or association with career offenders or career offender organizations poses a threat to the integrity of the gaming activities of the Community.

(8) The Community regulatory agency may impose penalties for violations of this chapter, the standards of operation and management, and other applicable laws, in accordance with section 15.5-15.

(9) The Community regulatory agency may recommend to the Community Council that the Community bring any civil action or criminal complaint in the courts of the Community, the state or the United States to enforce the provisions of this section or to enjoin or otherwise prevent any violation of this section, the Act or other applicable laws, occurring on the reservation.

(10) The director of the Community regulatory agency shall propose an annual operating budget which shall be subject to the approval of the Community Council, and shall in accordance with said budget employ such staff from time to time as it deems necessary to fulfill its responsibilities under this chapter. All employees of the Community regulatory agency, including the director, shall be tribal employees subject to the personnel policies of the Community.

(11) The Community regulatory agency may set fees to be assessed against gaming employees and gaming services providers to cover the costs incurred by the Community regulatory agency in conducting background investigations required for licensure of gaming employees and gaming services providers.

(e) Emergency powers of the director. The director or any other member of the Community regulatory agency acting in the absence of the director may, whenever he or she deems it necessary to protect the public interest in the integrity of tribal gaming operations, issue in the name of the Community regulatory agency any order which the Community regulatory agency has the power to issue, to the enterprise or to any employee or contractor of the enterprise or to any other person or entity within the jurisdiction of the Community, to take any action or cease and desist from any action as may be required to protect the public interest.

(f) Procedures of the gaming regulatory board. The board shall consist of three members, a chairman and two other members, at least two of whom

shall be members of the Community, and all of whom shall be selected by the Community Council. Each board member shall serve for a term of three years commencing on the date of their appointment; provided that, the initial members so appointed shall serve for terms deemed to commence on appointment by the Community Council and one of the initial members appointed shall be designated to serve for an initial term of one year and one of the initial members appointed shall be designated to serve for an initial term of two years. Board members shall serve on a part-time basis, and the Community Council shall establish the compensation of the board members. Board members shall serve at the pleasure of and may be removed with or without cause by a vote of a majority of the members of the Community Council then in office. Vacancies in the board may be filled by appointment by the Community president pending action by the Community Council. All decisions of the board are final and are not subject to further judicial or political review or appeal.

(1) Regular meetings of the board may be held upon such notice, or without notice, and at such time and place as shall from time to time be fixed by the board. Unless otherwise specified by the board, no notice of such regular meetings shall be necessary.

(2) Special meetings of the board may be called by the chairman or the director. The person or persons calling the special meeting shall fix the time and place thereof.

(3) At any meeting of the board, a majority of the members then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business agendas and minutes which record the formal acts of the board are required for both regular and special meetings. The vote of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the board. The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the board unless the chairman is absent, in which case the senior member of the board shall serve as chairman.

(4) Members of the board may participate in a meeting of the board by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting in such matter by any member who does not object at the beginning of such meeting to the holding thereof in such manner shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

(5) The board shall adopt such additional procedures and rules as it deems necessary or convenient to govern its activities and which are consistent with this chapter.

(6) The board shall conduct all administrative and appeal hearings mandated by this chapter. All appeal hearings shall afford the person affected with at least 15 days' written notice of the proposed action and the opportunity to appear and be heard before the board, to be represented by counsel at such hearing, and to offer sworn oral, written and documentary evidence relevant to the breach or action charged. All decisions of the board at appeal hearings shall be in writing and shall be made available to the person affected. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the board deems it necessary to protect the public interest in the integrity of the gaming activities, the board may take such action with immediate effect as it deems required, and shall thereupon provide notice and an opportunity to be heard to the affected person as soon as is reasonably practicable following such action. Any person who is directly and adversely impacted by a Community regulatory agency action or is denied an initial gaming employee license or gaming services license or who is barred from the gaming facilities by action of the agency may request an appeal hearing before the board, provided such person submits such request in writing submitted within 30 days following receipt of notice of the action of the Community regulatory agency.

(7) All decisions of the board are final and not subject to further judicial or political review or appeal except as provided in section 5(q)(4) of the compact.

**SEC. 15.5-15. COMPLIANCE WITH ACT.**  
This chapter shall be construed in a manner which conforms to the Act in all respects, and, if inconsistent with the Act in any manner, the provisions of the Act shall govern.

**SEC. 15.5-16. PROHIBITED ACTS.**  
It shall be a violation of this chapter for any person to:  
(1) Conduct or participate in any Class II or Class III gaming on the reservation other than in a licensed gaming facility.

(2) Receive, distribute, apply or divert any property, funds, proceeds or other assets of a gaming operation to the benefit of any individual or other person, except as authorized by this chapter, the Act, or other application law.

(3) Tamper with any equipment used in the conduct of gaming with the intent to cause any person to win or lose any wager other than in accordance with the publicly announced rules of the gaming operation.

(4) Do any other act in connection with the conduct of gaming with the intent to affect the outcome of any game or any wager other than in accordance with the publicly announced rules of the gaming operation.

(5) Alter or misrepresent the outcome or other event on which wagers have been made after the outcome is determined but before it is revealed to the players.

(6) Place, increase or decrease a wager or determine the course of play after acquiring knowledge, not available to all players, of the outcome of the game or any event that affects the outcome of the game or which is the subject of the bet, or aid anyone in acquiring such knowledge for the purpose of placing, increasing or decreasing a wager or determining the course of play contingent upon that event or outcome.

(7) Claim, collect or take, or attempt to claim, collect or take, money or anything of value in or from any authorized game, with intent to defraud, without having made a wager thereon, or to claim, collect or take an amount greater than the amount won.

(8) Manipulate, with intent to cheat, any component of any authorized game or the game itself in a manner contrary to the designed and normal operational purpose for the component or the game itself.

(9) Use tokens or chips for wagers other than those approved by the Community regulatory agency, or use counterfeit or fraudulent coins, currency or other money or funds of any kind.

(10) Possess or entice another person to possess any device to assist in projecting the outcome of any game, including, but not limited to, devices designed to count cards, analyze probabilities, or suggest strategies for playing or betting, or use or entice another person to use any device or means to cheat or defraud.

(11) Possess a weapon or discharge a firearm in any gaming facility, except in accordance with Community law.

(12) Act or conspire with another to give, or offer to give, any money, thing of value, gift or other consideration to any elected official or employee of the Community, including employees and officials of the enterprise and the Community regulatory agency, for the purpose of influencing any action or decision relating to gaming or Community governmental activities related thereto.

(13) Knowingly allow an intoxicated person to continue gambling.

**SEC. 15.5-16.1. FINANCIAL SERVICES IN GAMING FACILITIES.**  
Financial services at the gaming facilities are subject to the following restrictions:

(1) The gaming facility operator shall not locate an automatic teller machine (ATM) adjacent to, or in close proximity to any gaming device;

(2) The gaming facility operator shall not locate in the gaming facility an ATM that accepts electronic benefit transfer cards issued pursuant to a state or federal program that is intended to provide for needy families or individuals;

(3) The gaming facility operator shall not accept checks or other noncash items issued pursuant to a state or federal program that is intended to provide for needy families or individuals; and Sec. 15.5-16.2. Tort claims process.

(a) The SRPMIC and its insurance carriers will not raise the defense of sovereign immunity up to the amount that the SRPMIC is covered by contracts for insurance or up to amounts set by the risk management and control program. For this exception to sovereign immunity to apply, the cause of action must be in the SRPMIC Community court. This exception to sovereign immunity authorized by this section, and applicable only to this chapter, shall not apply in any other court other than the SRPMIC Community court. The SRPMIC expressly reserves the right to raise the defense of sovereign immunity for claims 1) in excess of the amounts of insurance; 2) in all courts other than the SRPMIC Community Court; and 3) for all claims not covered under the insurance plan.

(b) All claims are subject to section 4-6, "Limitation for bringing civil actions and criminal prosecutions into Community court" of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.  
(c) The claimant must exhaust all

administrative remedies before a claim may be filed with the Community court.  
(d) Claims must comply with the process and procedure of SR-2024-2000 or future resolution if SR-2024-2000 is repealed or amended. Upon request, the patron or invitee, or their designated representative, shall be provided with a copy of SR-2024-2000, or future resolution if SR-2024-2000 is repealed or amended, and the name, address, and telephone numbers of the appropriate contact person for the gaming facility operator and the clerk of the SRPMIC Community Court.  
Sec. 15.5-16.3. Patron dispute process.

(a) Refusal to Pay Winnings. Whenever the enterprise refuses payment of alleged winnings to a patron, except any patron who have been duly banned, barred or self-excluded, or there is otherwise a dispute with a patron regarding that patron's wins or losses from gaming activity, and the enterprise and the patron are unable to resolve the dispute to the satisfaction of the patron and the dispute involves:

(1) \$500 or more. At least five hundred dollars (\$500), the enterprise shall immediately notify the Community regulatory agency. The Community regulatory agency shall conduct whatever investigation it deems necessary and shall determine whether payment should be made; or

(2) Less than \$500. Less than five hundred dollars (\$500), the enterprise shall inform the right to request that the Community regulatory agency conduct an investigation. Upon request of the patron, the Community regulatory agency shall conduct whatever investigation it deems necessary and shall determine whether payment should be made.

(3) Banned, barred and self-excluded patrons deemed ineligible. Patrons who are listed as actively and duly banned, barred or self-excluded may not bring forth a patron dispute claim as set forth in this section for any alleged winnings not paid including forfeited credits while the ban, bar or self-exclusion is in effect.

(b) Notice to Patrons. The Community regulatory agency shall mail written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the enterprise and the patron of its decision within thirty (30) days after the date that the Community regulatory agency first receives notification from the enterprise or a request to conduct an investigation from the patron.

(c) Effective Date of Decision. The decision of the Community regulatory agency is effective on the date it is received by the patron as reflected on the return receipt.

(d) Review of Decision.

(1) Community regulatory agency review. Within thirty (30) days after the date of receipt of the written decision, the patron or enterprise may file a petition with the Community regulatory agency requesting a review of the decision. The Community regulatory agency may set a hearing on the matter or may make a decision based solely upon the prior decision and other documentation provided to it by the patron and the enterprise. The Community regulatory agency shall then issue a written decision within sixty (60) days of the filing of the petition and mail the decision to the parties pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 14(b) of the Compact.

(2) Community court review. A patron who has fully exhausted above remedies and whose dispute involves at least \$500 may file a complaint in Community court within sixty (60) days of receipt of the Community regulatory agency's written decision referenced in Section 14(d)(1) of the Compact. The right of Community court review is set forth in the Community Code of Ordinances at Chapter 4-31 (a).

(3). Community court review shall be final and binding on all the parties in accordance with Community law.

Sec. 15.5-17. Penalties.  
Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to civil penalties, including exclusion from employment by the enterprise, exclusion from attendance at any gaming facility, exclusion from the reservation if a nonmember of the Community, or, with respect to any person subject to the jurisdiction of the Community to impose such fines, a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for each such violation. The Community regulatory agency shall have the jurisdiction to impose any such penalties on any person within the jurisdiction of the Community.  
Sec. 15.5-18. Repeal and severability. To the extent that they are inconsistent with this chapter, all prior gaming ordinances of the Community are hereby repealed. If any provision of this chapter or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this chapter or the appli-

cation of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall remain valid and shall not be thereby affected.

## SEC. 15.5-19. QUESTIONING AND DETAINING PERSONS SUSPECTED OF VIOLATIONS.

(a) The authorized agents of the Community regulatory agency or security personnel of the gaming facility (hereafter "authorities"), may question any person in the gaming facility who may be involved in illegal acts or who is suspected of violating any of the provisions of the compact or section 15.5-16. None of the authorities is criminally or civilly liable:

(1) On account of any such questioning; or

(2) For reporting to the Community regulatory agency, the state gaming agency, Community, federal or state regulatory authorities, or law enforcement authorities the identity of the persons suspected of the violation.

(b) Community law enforcement and security personnel of the gaming facility who have probable cause for believing that there has been involvement in illegal acts or a violation of the compact or section 15.5-16 in the gaming facility by any person may take that person into custody and detain him or her in the gaming facility in a reasonable manner and for a reasonable length of time. Such a taking into custody and detention does not render the authorities criminally or civilly liable unless it is established by clear and convincing evidence that the taking into custody and detention are unreasonable under all the circumstances.

(c) There must be displayed in a conspicuous place in the gaming facility a notice in boldface type clearly legible and in substantially this form:

"Agents of the Community law enforcement agency and security personnel of the gaming facility who have probable cause for believing that any person may be involved in illegal acts or has violated any provision of applicable law prohibiting cheating or other gaming offense may detain that person in the gaming facility."

## SEC. 15.5-24. RAFFLES.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a nonprofit organization that is a corporation, fund, or foundation affiliated with a major league baseball team and organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and that is an organization that has qualified for an exemption from taxation of income under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code may conduct a raffle that is subject to the following restrictions:

(1) The nonprofit organization shall maintain this status and no member, director, officer, employee or agent of the nonprofit organization may receive any direct or indirect pecuniary benefit other than being able to participate in the raffle on a basis equal to all other participants.

(2) The nonprofit organization has been in existence continuously for a five-year period immediately before conducting the raffle.

(3) No person except a bona fide local member of the sponsoring organization may participate directly or indirectly in the management, sales or operation of the raffle.

(b) A raffle conducted in compliance with this section shall be lawful and exempt from all other provisions in chapter 15.5. A person who conducts a raffle in compliance with this section shall be exempt from all other provisions in chapter 15.5.

(c) At least 20 days prior to conducting the raffle, the nonprofit organization shall file an application with the Community regulatory agency, on a form approved by the agency, stating the full name and address of the organization, the date(s) of the raffle and location where the raffle is to be conducted, facts establishing that the organization meets all requirements of this section, a complete copy of the official raffle rules, and other information requested by the agency. Upon determining that the organization meets all requirements of this section, the agency shall issue a raffle permit to the organization for the location and date or dates specified in the application. A raffle only may be conducted at the location, on the dates, by the organization, and according to the raffle game rules as specified on the permit.

## SEC. 15.5-25. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments to this chapter shall become effective on the first day of the month following approval by the NIGC.

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saltriveragchurh.com
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If you have any questions, please contact Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050

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Mr. King is known to reside at 2000 North Longmore Road and frequent the area around that residence as well as Casino Arizona, which are all within the boundaries of the Community.
If you see Mr. King within the boundaries of the Community, please report his presence to the SRPD immediately

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**YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION,** Mondays 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. at WOLF Senior Room. All Fitness Levels Welcome! Sign up with Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180 and request transportation if needed.

**YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION,** Fridays 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at WOLF Senior Room. All Fitness Levels Welcome! Sign up with Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180 and request transportation if needed. \*\*Last Fridays of Each Month are YOGA BINGO with prizes!

**WATER AEROBICS AT WAY OF LIFE FACILITY POOL,** 45-minute sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. No registration required. Questions? Call (480) 362-6310

**NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP,** First and Third Wednesdays of each month from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. at RPHC 3rd Floor, Room 3104. Contact (480) 362-6948 for more information.

**NICWA SPONSORED POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING,** 8 sessions happening weekly on Wednesdays beginning May 8, 4:30 - 6 p.m. at River People Health Center. For more Info & to Sign Up: Text or Call Glendalyn Naqua-Hyeoma at (602) 784-0979

**WELLBRIETY 12 STEP AND MEDICINE WHEEL,** Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Wellbriety is a Native American recovery fellowship that blends spiritual practice with the 12-Step program. Its approach to recovery focuses

on healing and is rooted in the Teachings of the Medicine Wheel, the Cycle of Life, and the Four Laws of Change. Wellbriety emphasizes creating new thought patterns, attitudes, and feelings about sobriety based on traditional concepts and Native American teachings.

**TALKING CIRCLE FOLLOWING WELLBRIETY,** Wednesdays and Fridays 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Following the Wellbriety session, participants are invited to join the Talking Circle to share insights and experiences related to living in recovery and honoring traditional practices, including fellowship, community, and connection. Talking Circle sessions also take place every Wednesday and Friday, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

**WARRIOR'S SUPPORT CIRCLE,** 2nd Thursday Warrior's Support Circle is a talking circle aimed at offering our Veterans a safe space to meet and share their life experiences, challenges, and successes. The circle offers a free, confidential space for members to take steps towards recovery by gaining insight from others and learning more about PTSD, adjustment issues after reintegration into the civilian world, and to discuss general challenges that accompany service in the our military.

**CRAFT COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING,** Support group for families of loved ones battling substance abuse/addiction/dependence. Fridays 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at RPHC Room 3106 (3rd Floor) For More Information please contact Shea Hinton at (480) 362-2739

**SALT RIVER VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION ORIENTATION,** Bi-weekly on Tuesdays (April 16th and 30th) 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Human Resources, Two Waters Building B. Walk-ins welcomed! Contact 480 362 2650 for more information.

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**3 LIGHT UP THE NIGHT WALK FOR MMIP DISTRICT EVENT - DISTRICT C CM DOKA AND DISTRICT D CM GREY,** at 5:30 p.m. at ALA Football Field, 4827 N. Country Club Dr., Scottsdale, AZ. join Council Members Cheryl Doka and Wi-Bwa Grey in this community walk to bring MMIP awareness and healing in lieu of regular district meetings. For more information contact: Council Secretaries Office (480) 362-7469 | <https://tinyurl/SRPMICCouncil>

**5 MMIP DAY OF AWARENESS,** wear red to bring awareness to MMIP and see page 10 for more information.

**6 DISTRICT E CM CARLOS,** 6 p.m. at WOLF, Room #56., 11725 E. Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ. For more information contact: Council Secretaries Office (480) 362-7469 | <https://tinyurl/SRPMICCouncil> 7 ALA Graduation Dinner

**7 SODA WITH SECURITY,** Join the Salt River Schools Safe Schools & Security team at their event Tuesday, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Accelerated Learning Academy Lecture Hall. Food will be served while supplies last. This month we're joined by Monte Yazzie, SRPMIC HHS Injury and Prevention Coordinator, who will discuss important water safety topics just in time for summer! Questions? Call 480-362-2010

**9 HEALING AND EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SELF CARE,** 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Social Services building 32 room 119. Space limited to 30 women, lunch will be provided. Join social services for

an event exclusively for SRPMIC women with discussion topics covering: Women's Self-Care, Healing and Preservation, and a Talking Circle. Questions? Contact Devanie Hawkins at (480) 906-7541

**9 PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL,** 8 a.m. at Two Waters Courtyard. Join your Salt River Police Department as we honor fallen officers. See ad on page 4 for more information.

**10 HELPING HANDS 50% OFF SALE,** Storewide sale at Helping Hands 10213 E. Osborn Rd. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cash only at this time! Call 480 362-5625 for more information.

**10 SENIOR MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON,** 10 a.m.m - 12:30 p.m. at Salt River Community Building. Meal served from 11 a.m. - noon. Questions? Contact 480-362-7565

### 12 MOTHER'S DAY

**14 WIC & PARTNERS SPECIAL EVENT AT SRPMIC FOOD BANK,** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at 1952 N. Longmore Rd. Enjoy Indigenous Ingredients & Take Home A Tribal Food Box. Quantity is Limited and Indigenous Ingredients may vary. Contact us at: 480-362-7300 or Email: [wic@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:wic@srpmic-nsn.gov)

**18 COMMUNITY YARD SALE,** Save the date! Community-wide yard sale to be held on May 18. Contact Toni.Harvier@srpmic-nsn.gov or see ad on page 14 for more information.

**18 DISTRICT B CM ANTONE,** 6 p.m. at Salt River Community Bldg., 1880 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ. For more information contact: Council Secretaries Office (480) 362-7469 | <https://tinyurl/SRPMICCouncil>

**21 DISTRICT F & G CM SCABBY/CM DAL-LAS,** 6 p.m. at Lehi Community Center 1231 E. Oak Rd., Mesa, AZ. For more information contact: Council Secretaries

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**27 MEMORIAL DAY,** government offices closed, please plan accordingly.

**27 MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM,** 7 a.m. at St. Francis Cemetery. T-shirts and breakfast provided will be available (first 200) at the Round House Cafe. For questions, call (480) 362-7884 or [veteranservices@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:veteranservices@srpmic-nsn.gov)

**30-31 HELPING HANDS 50% OFF SALE,** Storewide sale at Helping Hands 10213 E. Osborn Rd. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cash only at this time! Call 480 362-5625 for more information.

**31 DEADLINE FOR GRADUATION SUBMISSIONS TO O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS,** Send a message to congratulate your graduate in our June 6 graduation insert! Send photo and 30-word message to [oodhamactionnews@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:oodhamactionnews@srpmic-nsn.gov) by 4 p.m. on Friday May 31!