

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

2025 Community Council Election

Tuesday, May 6, 2025



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Jewel Whitman

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Avery White



Kristina D. Morago

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Rebecca Raven Lewis



Nada Celaya



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Anthony Terrazas



Jeanette Blasingim



David Molina



# District 2 Candidate



## Brian W. Cooper

DISTRICT 2 - HASHAN KEHK

Good day, my name is Brian W. Cooper from District Two, also known as Hashan Kehk. As a lifelong member of the Gila River Indian Community, I have always been passionate about the well-being of our people and the future of our tribe. My journey in leadership began as a teenager, serving two terms on the Gila River Youth Council, where I had the honor of representing the youth of District Two. This experience gave me invaluable insight into the workings of tribal governance and strengthened my ability to listen, communicate, and advocate for the needs of our people.

Over the years, I have remained actively involved in our community, attending district meetings, serving on various committees, and working alongside fellow community members to address important issues. My professional background spans skilled trades and technical fields, and I am currently furthering my education in business administration with a focus on project management. I believe my combined experience in leadership, workforce development, and community service has prepared me to take the next step in serving our people.

If elected, I will focus on strengthening public safety, expanding educational opportunities, improving job training and workforce development, addressing mental health and substance abuse concerns, and advocating for better infrastructure and housing. My goal is to ensure that District Two and the entire Gila River Indian Community continue to thrive for generations to come.

Change and growth are personal commitments that I hold close, and I am ready to work for the betterment of our people. I look forward to meeting with community members, listening to your concerns, and working together toward a stronger future.

Thank you. All my relations.

Brian W. Cooper



# District 2 Candidate



## Ann Lucas DISTRICT 2 - HASHAN KEHK

My name is Ann Lucas, I reside in the Hashan Kehk District. My mother is the late Mary Lou Antone, my father is the late Stanley Lucas and my stepfather is the late Cornilus Antone. I have two adult children, I have been blessed with four grandboys and I have several other grandchildren from my hahajun.

I am the current Council Representative for our Hashan Kehk District. I have served one full term from the years 2022 to 2025.

During my 3-year term, I have had the pleasure of assisting not only the Hashan Kehk members, but also any one of our Community members with issues and concerns. Working as a previous employee for the Gila River Indian Community for 34 years I have obtained experience in being able to maneuver and find resources for our members in order to address issues and concerns they may have had. Serving on Council has helped me to understand the vast political and social issues affecting our Community, as well as working with my colleagues to address the issues.

Currently, I am working with our District administration and Gila River Health Care Corporation in building a new Emergency Medical Facility the Hashan Kehk District along with a few other projects for our District.

As a member of Council, I serve on various Standing Committee's (3) and Sub-Committee's (8) such as the Natural Resources Standing Committee, Government & Management Standing Committee, Cultural Resource Standing Committee, Litigation Team, Home Owner's Team, Joint Control Board, and the Right-Of-Way Negotiations Team just to name a few.

I humbly ask for the support of our Hashan Kehk District members in allowing me to continue to serve for another term as your Council Representative.



# District 2 Candidate



## Jewel Whitman DISTRICT 2 - HASHAN KEHK

My name is Jewel Whitman and have been a resident of District 2 , Hashen Kehk for 20+ years. I am the son of Dayton and Jeanette Whitman and the Grandson of Leonard and Ina Whitman, A.P. Luna, Iva Luna and Matlida Luna. My interest in running for Council Representative stems out of concern for the future and longevity of our Gila River Indian Community. I have previously served four(4) terms, over a 12 year period, on Council and have witnessed our Community Council's transparency slowly fade since that time, as we continue to grapple with economical, health and social ills in our Districts and Community as a whole.

Now, more than ever, we need to be proactive and keep our Community members informed in our approach to what is going on with the Federal Government's Executive Orders and how it affects our funding sources for programs such as our schools, healthcare, public safety and cultural language programs, just to name a few. I am fluent O'odham speaker and feel our O'odham language, culture and traditions should have more of a presence and influence in our decision making process, keeping in mind our "himdug", as it was meant to be. Too often it appears that we get caught up in western colonial standards of practice for our government that don't necessarily align with our traditional ways of life. As your Council Representative, I believe we need to get back to taking care of our members first and foremost and it is my responsibility to represent you, your interests and concerns with care, respect, open dialogue and more importantly, follow up.

Some of the immediate concerns I'd like to address is the violence that has taken over our Community by enacting laws and ordinances to be imposed and adhered to; addressing the needs and deficiencies in our tribal departments, enterprises and entities; assisting and addressing our homeless members; lack of housing and efficient, sustainable processes of building; addressing generational trauma and its effects on our members; supporting our Urban members and their needs; looking at alternative measures at addressing our diabetes epidemic and working collectively with all Council Representatives to get back to the true roles and responsibilities of Council to reestablish to our Legislative Branch.

Along with the institutional knowledge I carry from past Council experience , I also bring business management experience having served on the Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board of Directors and currently on the Sand & Gravel Board of Directors, both for a period of six (6) years, twelve (12) collectively. I understand the distinction between government and business. The technical experience of qualified board members is imperative to continuing to build our revenue for our Community and the benefit of ALL community members.

Thank You for taking the time to read my point of view and I look forward to discussing further during my campaign. Your favorable consideration is appreciated, as well as, your vote of confidence as your District 2 Council Representative.



# District 3 Candidate



## Avery White DISTRICT 3 - SACATON

Hello, my name is Avery White. I was raised in District 3 and now raise my own family here. I am married and have five children, three foster children, and a new granddaughter. My parents are Karen White, from Sacaton, and the late Jess White, from Sisseton, South Dakota. My maternal grandparents are the late Lawrence and Lolita Jackson (District 3), and my paternal grandparents are the late Gary and Pearl White from Poplar, Montana, and Sisseton, South Dakota.

I am a United States Marine Corps veteran (2000-2004) and current member of the Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Post 51. Over the last 15 years, I have held various positions within the Council Secretary's Office, the Tribal Education Department, and the Enrollment Department. My commitment and volunteer work in the Gila River Indian Community include twelve years with the Mul-Chu-Tha Battle of the Bands Committee, where I helped bring culture, music, and fun together; seven years as the Executive Director of Team Outkast, coaching youth ages 6-16 in tee-ball, baseball, and fast-pitch softball; and one term on the District Three Recreation Committee.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your District 3 Council Representative for the last six years, and I would be honored to continue working for our District. During my last term, I served on the following committees: the Government and Management Standing Committee, the Legislative Standing Committee, the Health & Social Standing Committee, the Economic Development Standing Committee, the Interim Oversight and Planning Committee, the Gila River Development Authority, the Pima Leasing and Financing Corporation Board, the Sun Valley Marina Board, the Employee Benefits & Trust Committee, the Implementation Committee, the Propane Board, the Loan Committee, the Research and Review Committee, the Housing Owners Team, the Casa Blanca School Construction Owners Team, the Gila River Police Department Construction Owners Team, the Multi-Family Housing Owners Construction Team, the Gila River Water Storage Water Manager, and Chairman of the Litigation Team. It has been an honor to contribute to the completion of the Police Department building, the Casa Blanca Community School under the 105(L) Lease Program, new homes under the Housing Owner's Team construction project, and to witness the Sacaton Supermarket nearing completion just to name a few.

It has been a privilege to serve as your representative an honor working through diverse legislative matters for the Gila River Indian Community. I look forward to continuing to serve as your District Council Representative and to furthering the ongoing fight to protect our sovereignty and water rights.



# District 3 Candidate



## Kristina D. Morago

### DISTRICT 3 - SACATON

S-keg tas - Good day,

My name is Kristina D. Morago. I am the oldest daughter of John W. Morago and Lucille Milda Morago. My paternal grandparents are Winnie Ely Morago and Dorothy Case Jackson of Sacaton. My maternal grandparents are Richard Milda, Sr. and Clemencia Ramon Milda (Tohono O'odham) from Wetcamp - District 5.

Since August 2019, my role has been the Public Involvement Specialist for the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project. Prior, I worked for the Ak-Chin Indian Community for 11 years. I also served on Council for three terms: June 1995 -May 2001, and June 2004 - May 2007. On the academic front, I earned my Associates Degree in Liberal Arts from Tohono O'odham

Community College, CCL in Organizational Leadership from Chandler-Gilbert Community College and I am in my senior year at Northern Arizona University on-line working toward a Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Management.

Combined, my work in the public/private sector and Council experience spans nearly 40 years. It is those experiences - in leadership, education, gaming, healthcare, retail, and tribal government, are what I feel are my strengths as a candidate. In asking for your support, I know that it is the people, our Community, that provide the "inherent power" to the Council. I strongly believe a government needs to be transparent and accountable to the people.

In past terms, and in my life even now, I think it is important to be educated on issues that affect us, whether culturally, historically or in real time. Being able to understand an issue from all sides is key to finding the best solution for the Community. And those conversations need to include everyone. I also believe in life-long learning as it helps in developing strategies, establishing goals and vision.

If given the opportunity to serve in Council capacity, here are some goals and priorities -

- Working toward a safer Community.
- Working toward a healthier Community.
- Prioritizing language preservation and cultural history.
- Building up the Community economically from within.
- Effective tribal workforce planning.
- Protecting our natural resources

It is my hope I get to personally connect and hear your concerns as we near the election.

In closing, I humbly ask for your support. Please exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. I thank you for your time and Good Luck to all the candidates in this May's Council Election.

Thom nei,  
Kristina D. Morago



# District 4 Candidate



## Rebecca Raven Lewis DISTRICT 4- SANTAN

I am Rebecca Raven Lewis, a proud member of District 4, Upper Santan Village. Born to Kevin Lewis of District 4 and Christina Ochoa of District 3, I was raised by my great-grandparents, the late Carlton and Nadine Terry. I am descendant of the late Harry Allison of District 4. My roots run deep, and I was raised to hold our O’odham Himdag in the highest regard.

My journey has been one of resilience and growth. After graduating high school in 2012, I faced personal challenges but found the strength to change my path in 2015. Through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program, I overcame obstacles I never thought possible. In 2016, I earned my EMT certification from Chandler-Gilbert Community College, leading to a career with Gila River EMS in 2018. Seeking to expand my knowledge,

I enrolled in the Paramedic Program at Mesa Community College in 2021, earning my Paramedic Certification and going on to obtain my degree in Paramedicine in 2023. Currently, I am an undergraduate at Arizona State University, pursuing a degree in Healthcare Administration and Policy while continuing my service to our community.

Giving back has always been a priority. As a youth mentor, I support individuals enrolled in WIOA, the same program that shaped my future, by providing training, mentorship, and career guidance. I also teach CPR and first aid to community members, departments, and youth, equipping them with life-saving skills.

As a millennial, I recognize the unique challenges shaping our generation and empathize with its struggles, needs, and aspirations. At the same time, I deeply value the wisdom of our elders, whose knowledge should be acknowledged, respected, and thoughtfully considered in legislative decisions. By remaining approachable and engaged, I aim to foster meaningful opportunities that contribute to a stronger, more prosperous future. Through active community involvement, I ensure transparency by translating complex legislative language into clear, accessible terms, empowering members to make informed decisions.

Our community faces pressing issues such as youth violence, traffic, substance abuse, homelessness, mental health, and housing. While prevention is a priority, I believe in a holistic approach—protecting our resources, securing our land, fostering economic growth, and preserving our culture. Tribal governance is complex and requires collaboration at all levels. As a representative, I will work alongside the council to ensure transparency, accountability, and progress, developing programs that promote succession and self-sufficiency.

While I may not have prior council experience, my dedication to our community speaks for itself. For years, I have served with compassion, commitment, and an unwavering drive to make a difference. If elected, I will bring that same passion, integrity, and transparency to leadership, ensuring that every voice is heard and valued. I am not a politician—I am a committed community member who believes in advocacy, active listening, and meaningful progress. With a fresh perspective and deep-rooted dedication to our district, I am ready to serve, represent, and uplift our community with integrity and purpose.





# District 4 Candidate



## Nada Celaya

### DISTRICT 4 - SANTAN

Hello,

I'm Nada Celaya, the current District Four Council Representative, and I am running for Re-Election for the District Four Council seat.

My mom is the late Leatrice Celaya, my sister is Karin Jackson and my brother is the late Derwin Stevens. I have two children and five grandchildren. My dad is the late Lloyd Celaya. My maternal grandparents are the late Miles Terry and Alice Baptisto Terry. I live in Lower Santan, Zone 1.

Our mom worked at Sacaton Schools for 30 years as a Teacher Aide. She worked with kids that had special needs. Later she worked with kindergarten children. Her devotion to helping the kids, helping people, and teaching is one of my fondest memories. By doing this she helped people grow up to become independent, responsible and resourceful. She was a single mother, devout Christian and spoke, wrote and read the O'otham language. She taught by example to live a life with Integrity, Respect, Always Help others, Have unwavering Faith in Our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ and never let our O'otham Neok become extinct. It is her Legacy that I strive to life up to.

I have 30+ years of work experience and knowledge of the Gila River Indian Community's departments and entities. I worked for the Gila River Indian Community, Gila River Health Care (Emergency Medical Services), and Tribal Courts (Mental Health Grant Coordinator). I am a recipient of the Student Services Scholarship program and obtained a Masters in Business Administration (MBA). I use my experience and education to defend the Community against any and all threats that may harm our sovereignty, language, culture, natural resources, health, and education.

The past three years serving as your Council Representative allowed you to evaluate my work ethics, public speaking, attendance, critical thinking skills, writing and knowledge of the resources the Community offers. These unprecedented times we live in, increases my determination to protect our Way of Life for the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh members.

Thank you for your support and confidence in me. I will continue to promote and protecting the best interests for the District Four community members and the Gila River Indian Community as a whole. Thank you and May God Bless You and Your Families.



# District 4 Candidate



## Amy Lynne Morago

### DISTRICT 4 - SANTAN

My name is Amy Lynne Morago, a proud lifelong resident of District Four, and I'm honored to officially announce my candidacy for District Four Community Council Representative. With a deep commitment to public service, youth empowerment, and community well-being, I am stepping forward to serve with dedication, compassion, and integrity.

I believe the time has come for my generation to step up and lead. I am responsible, approachable, and accessible—and I am ready to lead with a heart for the people.

Over the past 20 years, I've been fortunate to work in several departments within our Community government, including the Community Council Secretary's Office, Pension Administration, the Department of Housing Development, and the District Four Service Center. These experiences have given me a well-rounded understanding of both the services available to our people and the internal processes that guide them.

In addition to my professional background, I've remained actively involved in youth development. I served with the Akimel O'odham Pee-Posh Youth Council and was honored to be named the Youth of the Year for the Sacaton Branch of the Boys & Girls Club. These early experiences helped shape my commitment to uplifting the next generation.

My campaign is grounded in five core pillars:

#### **Education for All Generations**

I believe learning has no age limit. I will advocate for adult education, vocational training, and increased access to youth mentorship, tutoring, and cultural learning opportunities that strengthen our identity and language.

#### **Housing and Community Development**

Everyone deserves a safe, stable home. With my experience and close collaboration with LUPZ and BIA, I understand the housing process and will work to make it more transparent and supportive for families.

#### **Accessible, Responsive Government**

During my work experience I see the need for improved transparency and communication. I will work to streamline services, provide regular updates, and maintain open-door communication with all Community members.

#### **Empowering Youth and Families**

Our youth are not just our future—they are our present. I am committed to expanding leadership, recreational, and wellness opportunities for youth and supporting strong, connected families across the district.

#### **Compassionate Leadership and Community Care**

Alongside my full-time role as a Program Administrator, I also care for my father. These roles have taught me the importance of advocating for caregivers, elders, and those most in need. I will work to strengthen elder services and ensure that no one is left behind.

My roots run deep in District Four. I am the daughter of Burdette Morago and Linda Andrews, and the granddaughter of Cecil Rovie (Baht), Gloria Ludlow (Stone), Bill Morago (Baht), and Ruth Morago (Jackson) (Baht). I have five Sisters and four brothers. I've attended Hamilton High School, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Central Arizona College, and Tohono O'odham Community College.

I believe true leadership is about listening, learning, and standing up for what's right. I'm ready to serve our district with humbleness, energy, and heart. As we move forward, I invite you to join me in shaping a strong, connected, and compassionate District Four.



# District 5 Candidate



## Donovan G. Kyyitan

### DISTRICT 5 - CASA BLANCA

My name is Donovan G. Kyyitan, and I am a candidate for District Five Council Representative. I reside in the village of Bapchule and come from a deeply rooted family within the community. My parents are Gerald "Wally" Kyyitan Sr. and Jeanette Milda, both from Bapchule. I am also proud to be the grandson of the late George and Dorothy Kyyitan, as well as Jonah and Eulalia Milda. I have six brothers (Loren, Weldon, Reginald, Gerald Jr.), two of whom have passed (Daniel and Wendell), and one sister (Lynette). I speak and understand the O'otham language and am currently employed as a Van Driver at the District Four Senior Center.

As a candidate, my focus is on listening to and working with the six villages in District Five: Sweet Water, Bapchule, South Casa Blanca, West Casa Blanca, Wet Camp, and Sacate. Listening to community concerns and bringing them to the district and community levels is critical. With ongoing changes at the tribal, state, and national levels, it is essential that we unite as one voice and ensure we are heard.

Our community faces numerous challenges, especially in the areas of education, health, and social services. These are issues that impact us all, both locally and on broader levels. I believe it is essential to continue advocating for our water rights and the importance of education. As a former educator and current school board member, I understand the state testing systems our schools face. Unfortunately, many of our students are struggling with comprehension, reading, and math skills. We need to work together—students, parents, and schools—to address these gaps and ensure every child receives the necessary instruction.

Another significant issue is the growing number of children running away from group homes in our surrounding communities. We must also ensure that tribal youth transitioning to adult services are well-informed about the resources available to them. Are they being properly directed to the services they will need in the future?

My experience spans 14 years in education, including six years serving on two school boards, as well as work in the Health & Social field. I have cared for children at RPY and supported adults in recovery at Horizon Health. Additionally, I have worked in various positions at the Gila River Casinos, which has provided me with valuable insights into both community and organizational dynamics.

With this knowledge and experience, I am committed to being a strong voice for our community. I ask for your vote on May 6th, 2025, to represent District Five. If elected, I will work tirelessly to ensure that your voice is heard, and together we will shape a bright future for our district.

"Representing You: Your Voice, Your Future, Our Commitment."



# District 5 Candidate



## Verna Sunna DISTRICT 5 - CASA BLANCA

Greetings, I am Verna M. Sunna, a lifelong resident of District 5 residing in Vah-Ki. I am the proud daughter of Vernon and Gloria Sunna. My maternal grandparents are the late Herman Williams and Grace (Juan) Williams. My paternal grandparents are the late Iver E. Sunna Sr. and Flora (Davis) Sunna.

As a candidate for District 5 Council Representative, I am deeply committed to serving our community and ensuring that the voices of District 5 residents are heard. I recognize that policy changes can significantly impact our community, being a past employee of District 5 I want to be an effective liaison to help navigate these changes. My goal is to keep the community informed and engaged in the decision-making process. Working diligently to ensure that all residents understand the policies/ procedures changes that may arise.

Will provide guidance on how these changes may affect their lives. By having an open communication and being transparency, I aim to empower our community members to participate actively in discussions for our future.

I recognize that our community faces several challenges, including crime, traffic, wild horses, child protective services and not to mention the potential impact of the current president executive orders. I believe fostering stronger relationships between residents and local law enforcement, by developing community engagement, neighborhood watch programs, increase resources for the crime prevention programs.

Collaborating with my fellow District Five Council Representatives, I believe that many of the project outlined in the master plan developed require additional guidance, support to bring them to completion. These initiatives are vital for the growth, well-being of our community, it is essential that we work together to ensure they are completed. By pulling our resources, expertise, and insights, we can overcome any challenges that may arise and keep these projects on track. I am committed to advocating for the necessary resources. Together, we can make significant strides in enchanting our District and fulfilling the vision set forth in the master plan.

I feel I can be the voice of the people. I've been involved with various committees within District 5 Community: C-TERC, Agriculture, Housing Advisory, and Tribal Elections Board. I worked within the Community Service Department for the past 10 years, as Administrative Assistant, Accounts Manager, Project Manager for District 5 Service Center. Also, Assistant Coordinator at District 6. I was employed at the Community Council Secretary's Office as a Standing Committee Assistant.

With the knowledge and experience I have gained throughout the years of my employment and being involved with my Community I feel I can bring your voice to the table. As a candidate for District 5 Council Representative, I would like to take this opportunity to seek your support. I believe I am the person who will proudly represent District 5 and GRIC. I humbly Thank you for your time and hope you will exercise you Right to Vote. Good Luck to all the Candidates.

Respectfully, Verna M. Sunna



# District 6 Candidate



## Charles W. Goldtooth

### DISTRICT 6 - KOMATKE

Greetings District Six Community Members,  
It has been an honor to serve you as your District Six Council Representative. I have continued to stay focused on voicing your concerns and addressing our district and community's needs.

I come to you with gratitude and a vision for our future. Our tribe has a rich history and culture that we all hold dearly. It is this heritage that inspires me to serve you and to help lead our community to a brighter tomorrow.

During my term in office, I have addressed and supported:

- A new school for Gila Crossing Community School and other schools throughout our community.
- Christmas gift for GRIC employees, business enterprises in the community, and welfare distributions to our members during the holidays.
- The need for renovating DCH homes in our district and throughout our community.
- The need for additional subdivisions in our district.
- The need for a multi-family housing apartment complex for our district, with construction starting soon.
- The need to address business development in our community, so we don't have to rely on Gaming Revenue as a main funding source.
- The need to continue street lighting from 51st Avenue and Komatke Lane to Tashquinth Road.
- Fencing to secure all District Six cemeteries.
- Crime in our district and Community.
- Continuing to keep SRP as our main power provider in our district.

I will continue to work with my fellow Council Representatives to secure funding for our new subdivisions in our district, a new District Service Center, Elderly Meeting area, maintenance yard, and new District Park.

I will continue to advocate for our youth, by supporting the Gila River Boys and Girls Club, which provides the skills and knowledge they need to succeed. I will work to ensure that our elders receive the care and respect they deserve.

As your District Council Representative, I pledge to prioritize transparency and accountability. Your voices will be heard, and your concerns will be addressed. Together, we will create a community that is responsive, inclusive, and dedicated to the well-being of our people.

I am asking for your continued support on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.



# District 7 Candidate



## Anthony Terrazas DISTRICT 7 - MARICOPA COLONY

I have had the gratifying opportunity of working for a number of departments throughout the Gila River Indian Community while achieving an AA, AAS, and a CCL- Human Resource Management. These opportunities have enabled me to gain experience and build a firm understanding of the daily operations and programs available to our community members. I am confident my experience will aid me in finding ways to administer and provide the community with the essential services. By working hand in hand, we can create thoughtful strategies that address the unique needs of both our elders and youth. Casting your vote empowers us to move closer to realizing the vision and priorities of our community.

**ANTHONY TERRAZAS, FOR DISTRICT 7 COUNCIL**



# District 7 Candidate



## David Molina DISTRICT 7 - MARICOPA COLONY

Kamduushtik, (How is everyone?)

It takes a lot to stand up and be seen. There are people who will love you and there will be people who hate you. People who will encourage you and people who will try to hold you back. But you have to have thick skin to endure the harshness, complaints, being belittled, being doubted. And if you manage to endure all of that you will need something more. Something the Navy Seals refer to as "Your Why". Why are you doing this? Because, it is "Your Why" that is going to motivate you every day to get up and endure.

To get up and get better as a person, get up and push towards your goals and be of some benefit for your community. My "Why" is to be an advocate for my district. A voice for the elderly, for the home bound, the handicap for those with serious needs, for the veterans and for the youth.

In the Common English Bible, (CEB), Translation. Proverbs, 31:8-9, Its written, 8. Speak out on behalf of all who are vulnerable, 9. Speak out in order to judge with righteousness and to defend the needy and the poor.

I love this. Because it is a direct reflection of what leadership is, Speaking up and Defending. Being a voice. Not, becoming complacent and hiding from problems that need solutions. I'm a firm believer in that things don't get better until we start doing. So, If there are needs, in a case by case setting, let's work together towards solutions.

If I have your vote I won't be going any where for the next three years. I humbly request support from my former constituents and welcome any new supporters interested in helping our district move forward.

In closing, May, 6th 2025. Vote for David Molina for District Seven Representative. Thank you for your time and thank you for your vote.



# District 7 Candidate



**Jeanette Blasingim**  
DISTRICT 7 - MARICOPA COLONY

*No Bio Submitted*



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# Voting Location

## Onsite Voting Polls

**Open: 6:00 a.m. - CLOSE: 6:00 P.M.**

Poll sites will offer drive-thru voting.

### **District 2**

District 2 Event Center  
9257 W. Sacaton Flats Road  
Sacaton Flats

### **District 3**

District 3 - Former Service Center  
31 N. Church St  
Sacaton

### **District 4**

District 4 Multipurpose Building  
2230 N. Homerun Drive  
Santan

### **District 5**

District 5 Multipurpose Building  
3456 W. Casa Blanca Road  
Casa Blanca

### **District 6**

District 6 Learning Center  
5230 W. St. Johns Road  
Komatke

### **District 7**

District 7 Multipurpose Building  
8201 W. Baseline Road  
Laveen

# *While at the Polling Site, please remember:*

- As a responsible voter, you can cast your vote at any polling site location with proper photo identification. Remember, driver's license, tribal I.D., Military I.D. or state issued identification are acceptable, but NO ELECTRONIC I.D. or photo copy will be accepted.
- If you arrive with another voter, you will be required to wait outside the 50-foot limit, once you have voted.
- Please do not bring children with you, they will not be permitted to enter the polling site.
- If you missed the deadline to update your voter registration. This will not prevent you from voting. You will be required to sign your name as shown in the AutoVote (voter registration) database.
- During the time the polls are open, no one shall loiter within the 50-foot limit area. Except voters who have not voted and Election Officials.
- No Campaign Attire, Candidate Promotional Items, Recordings, or pictures are allowed inside the Polling Site.
- All updates will require you to fill out a Voter Registration Application with the District Election Judge or Tribal Elections Office the day after the election.
- Keep Your Phone in your purse or pocket. If you are seen using your phone, you may be asked to remove it from the Polling Site.
- If you encounter any issues that prevent you from voting, such as those listed above, please don't hesitate to notify the Tribal Elections Office immediately at (520) 562-9758 or 9735. We're here to support you and ensure your right to vote is upheld.
- It's important to note that the tabulation of votes at the end of Election Day is not considered official until the Gila River Indian Community Council certifies these results.

# Absentee Voting

**ABSENTEE VOTING PERIOD OPENS: April 3, 2025**

**CLOSES: May 5, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

## 2.111 - Absentee Voting

B. A person shall be permitted to vote absentee if the voter expects to be absent from his District at the time of the election, or if the voter is physically unable to go to the polls.

You will have a variety of options to absentee vote in this election.

**1.) Absentee Vote by Mail.** Complete the enclosed Absentee Ballot Request Application.

1. Fill out the form and mail it to the Tribal Elections Office.
2. Once the application is received and verified that you are a registered voter, the Tribal Elections Office will mail you an absentee ballot.

Once you cast your absentee ballot, remember to fill out and sign the back of the Official Ballot Envelope and mail it back promptly to ensure it is RECEIVED by 6:00 p.m. on Election Day - May 6, 2025.

If you don't have enough time to mail your ballot back or prefer to return it in person, you can:

- You can drop your ballot off at the Tribal Elections Office at 291 W. Casa Blanca Rd., Building 9, Sacaton, Arizona.
- You can drop your ballot off with the District Election Judge at any polling site on Election Day.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you receive your absentee ballot in the mail and decide to vote in person, you must surrender it to the election judge at the poll site.

**2.) Absentee Vote with District Election Judge:** If you live within the Gila River Indian Community and would like an Election Judge to assist you in voting absentee, please DO NOT request an absentee ballot. Instead, contact your District Election Judge, who will have absentee ballots. Contact the Tribal Elections Office for District Election Judge information.

Also, on the last day of the Absentee Voting period, District Judges will be at their respective District Service Center/Multi-Purpose Buildings for absentee voting from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**3.) Absentee Vote at the Tribal Elections Program office.** Drop in to cast your absentee ballot during office hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

# Contact Information

## TRIBAL ELECTIONS OFFICE

Phone: (520) 562-9758 OR (520) 562-9735

Email: [TEP@GRIC.NSN.US](mailto:TEP@GRIC.NSN.US)

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### District Judges

District #2 Judge:  
**Noline Norris, (520) 610-3159**

District #3 Judge:  
**Olena Hutchinson, (480) 217-6285**

District #4 Judge:  
**LaQuinta Allison, (520) 993-0940**

District #5 Judge:  
**Veronica Rivers, (480) 593-4211**

District #6 Judge:  
**Lorina Allison, (480) 404-5184**

District #7 Judge:  
**Leah Morgan, (480) 204-1176**

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### Online Information

For more information including candidate information, absentee voting information, voting locations visit:  
[mygilariver.com/index.php/gric-vote](http://mygilariver.com/index.php/gric-vote)



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