

29th Annual



INDIAN NATIONS & TRIBES
LEGISLATIVE DAY

JANUARY 10, 2024
ARIZONA STATE CAPITOL



Wednesday, January 10, 2024

29th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day

TIME	EVENT
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Check-in and Resource Fair - Senate Lawn
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Joint Protocol Session hosted by the Arizona House of Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional Song - Chi'Chino Spirit O'odham Singing Group • Presentation of Colors - American Legion Post # 114, "Bushmasters" of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community • Pledge of Allegiance - Laney Lupe, Miss Indian Arizona • Invocation - Vice President Paul Russell, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation • Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hon. Ben Toma, Speaker of the House -Hon. Warren Petersen, Senate President • Tribal Nations Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -President Martin Harvier, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community -Chairwoman Sherry Parker, Hualapai Tribe -Chairman Robert Miguel, Ak-Chin Indian Community
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Luncheon sponsored by Arizona Indian Gaming Association - House Lawn Entertainment by South Image Waila Band - Tohono O'odham Nation
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Breakout Session: Arizona State Agencies Information Panel An opportunity to meet leadership from various state agencies and hear about the work they do with Tribal communities. Location: House of Representatives Hearing Rooms 1, 2, 3 Youth Workshop: Lighting the Fire: Bringing light to your Community through Advocacy Presented by United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY, Inc.) Location: Senate Caucus Room 2
3:00 PM	Event Conclusion



About

Formerly known as the Commission of Indian Affairs, the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations works to ensure equitable access to state services and may initiate or assist programs on tribal land only on the request of, or with the approval of, a tribal nation.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 41-2051, the Office on Tribal Relations is established to assist state agencies in implementing tribal consultation and outreach activities. Each state agency shall:

1. Develop and implement tribal consultation policies to guide the agency's work and interaction with the tribal nations of this state.
2. To the extent practicable and permitted by law, seek input from appropriate elected or appointed tribal officials before undertaking any action or policy that will, or is reasonably believed to, have the potential to affect a tribal community or its members.
3. To the fullest extent possible and to the best of the agency's ability, integrate the input generated from tribal consultation into the agency's decision-making processes to achieve mutually acceptable solutions.
4. Designate a state member to assume responsibility for the agency's implementation of the tribal consultation policies and to act as the principal point of contact for tribal affairs.
5. On or before October 1 of each year, review the agency's tribal consultation policies and submit an electronic progress report with performance measures to the office. The office shall make the reports available to tribal leaders and legislators.

In addition, the Office on Tribal Relations has duty to report the discovery of sacred ceremonial objects or objects of cultural patrimony, and assist in the coordination of all activities relating to the education of Native American pupils.

The Office on Tribal Relations will host distinct events to enable state agencies, tribal nations and their community members to address issues on a regular and proactive basis.

- **Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day** to celebrate the rich culture and history of Arizona's Tribes and Nations and also to address issues of mutual interest
- **Arizona Indian Town Hall** to create a process that promotes public consideration builds consensus and supports the implementation of resulting recommendations.

To supplement our outreach efforts, office is available to: provide training on cross-cultural situations; promote increased participation by American Indians in local and state affairs; initiate programs to stimulate economic growth; and, establish an executive committee or other committees, as necessary.

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Paul J. Russell, Vice-President Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

Now in his fifth term on the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Council, Vice President Paul J. Russell has devoted his professional career to serving his tribe for nearly 28 years. He has served on the Executive Board for the Arizona Indian Gaming Association, and a delegate to the National Congress of American Indians. Currently, he serves on the Executive Board for the Indian Gaming Association. A hallmark of Vice President Russell's philanthropy has been his ardent support of Native youth, and is a firm believer that education is the cornerstone of any successful community. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration, with a concentration in Public Administration from Evangel University in Springfield MO.



Laney Maria Lupe Miss Indian Arizona

Laney Maria Lupe is an enrolled member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe. She is the 23-year-old daughter of Fitzgerald and Eliza Lupe. Laney Graduated from Park University and received her Bachelor's degree majoring in Sports & Exercise Science focusing on Exercise Physiology. Growing up as an athlete, Laney enjoys physical activity. Laney states "Physical Activity can aid in one's life physically, mentally, and spiritually. I want to help prepare the younger generation when they start their future journey, especially any indigenous student-athletes. I want to maintain and apply my craft in any given situation and continue to advance my learning thorough new experiences in any shadow or volunteer opportunities." Due to her passion in sports, Laney's platform, as Miss Indian Arizona is "Promoting the Importance of Being Physically Active."



Martin Harvier, President Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Martin was inaugurated President of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on December 15, 2018; in December 2022 he was sworn in for a second term. Prior to his Presidency, he served three terms, from 2006-2018, as Vice President. He is proactive in the community's economic development and is currently the Chair for the Talking Stick Golf Enterprise and on the Board of Directors for the Salt River Materials Group and Salt River Landfill. Martin is also a member of the SRPMIC's Investment Committee, Tribal Emergency Response Commission and the Gaming Grant Committee. He is also on the Tribal Health Steering Committee for the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona and represents SRPMIC on the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Council, TGen Board of Directors, and the Tribal Advisory Committee.





Sherry Parker, Chairwoman Hualapai Tribe

Chairwoman Sherry J. Parker (formerly Counts) of the Hualapai Tribe was elected to office in January of 2023. She has served in tribal leadership since 2000, off and on. She previously served as a Tribal Council Member, Vice-Chairwoman, and Chairwoman twice.

Chairwoman Parker has persevered to her Certificate in Addictions Counseling since 2005 and has worked as a Substance Abuse Counselor and Prevention Specialist for the Hualapai Health Department. She resides in her community and works to help others by encouraging my fellow community members to overcome their addictions. She also serves as a Pastor at a church in Peach Springs, where she plays the guitar and sings when needed. Serving in this capacity allows her to have fellowship with community members and share the word of Jesus Christ.

During her tenure as a tribal leader, Chairwoman Parker has collaborated extensively with the Hualapai Tribal Council on numerous initiatives aimed at enhancing the well-being of the Tribe. Her dedication to leadership remains unwavering, even during challenging days when difficult decisions must be made, knowing that not all decisions will please everyone.

Throughout her current term, she persistently strives to advance the Hualapai Water Right Settlement of 2022, ensuring the preservation of water resources for future generations of the Hualapai Tribe.

Chairwoman Parker oversees 28 departments within the Hualapai Tribe with approximately 400 plus employees. She also works with the Hualapai Tribe's Enterprise and Grand Canyon Resort Corporation's Board of Directors, who oversee the tribe's business to ensure that everything runs efficiently across the board.

She travels as needed to federal and state meetings on behalf of Hualapai to represent the tribe's needs and to offer assistance to other tribes with their issues.

Chairwoman Parker has two sons and five grandchildren and has been very blessed my life. She believes in being a hard worker and getting tasks accomplished. She works to be honest, dedicated, and fair to all the people that I serve. She humbly and respectfully represents the Hualapai people -the people of the tall pines.





Robert Miguel, Chairman Ak-Chin Indian Community

Chairman Robert Miguel was the first elected Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community under its new Constitution, which officially allowed Members of the Community to vote for their Chairman.

An advocate of Education, Health, Water, Economic Development, Elder, and Youth, Chairman Miguel has developed his leadership skills through hard work, dedication, and guidance with the support of Ak-Chin elders.

Chairman Miguel has represented his community on various committees and boards, in particular, President of the Ak-Chin Preschool Parent Committee, Tribal Gaming Commissioner, Industrial Park Board Vice-Chairman, and Recreation Board Vice-President, just to name a few.

Chairman Miguel has also served and represented Indian Country in other capacities, which include the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) Board of Directors, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) Vice-President and Chairman of the Arizonans for Tribal Government Gaming (ATGG). He was selected as a member of the Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium (SGCETC) as well as a Board Member of the Arizona Host Committee in 2023.

He was recently selected as Chairman of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA). During his current leadership tenure, Chairman Miguel has participated as an experienced speaker and panelist in local, state and national opportunities such as Native Nations Conferences, Indian Gaming Association (IGA), Global Gaming (G2E), Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA) and Reservation Economic Summit (RES) just to name a few.

In November 2020, Chairman Miguel was re-elected to a second 4-year term as Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, and to date, he is currently serving in his ninth year as Chairman. Overall, he has served on the Tribal Council for 11 years.



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