

I WANT TO THANK THE GLENDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR OFFERING THIS “POWER LUNCH” PROGRAM SO THAT BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR HOW A PROPOSED INDIAN RESERVATION WITHIN GLENDALE IMPACTS THEM, THE CITY OF GLENDALE, THE STATE OF ARIZONA, ARIZONA INDIAN TRIBES, AND OUR NATION.

IT HAS BEEN A REAL CHALLENGE TO GET THE SERIOUS FACTS OF THIS SITUATION OUT TO THE PUBLIC SO THEY CAN UNDERSTAND THIS IS ABOUT SO MUCH MORE THAN WHETHER IT WOULD BE FUN TO HAVE A CASINO NEARBY.

TODAY THE GLENDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS GIVING US A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE FACTS THAT HAVE DRAWN OPPOSITION TO THE TOHONO O’ODHAM NATION’S PROPOSAL FROM MEMBERS OF OUR ARIZONA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND OUR STATE LEGISLATURE, OUR GOVERNOR, MAYORS OF MAJOR ARIZONA CITIES, AND MANY ARIZONA INDIAN NATIONS, AS WELL AS RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES.

IN APRIL 2009 THE GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A RESOLUTION “EXPRESSING THE CITY’S OPPOSITION TO THE CREATION OF AN INDIAN RESERVATION ON A PARCEL WITHIN” OUR MUNICIPAL

PLANNING AREA. THE LAND PROPOSED FOR THE INDIAN RESERVATION IS LESS THAN ONE MILE FROM WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW.

OUR COUNCIL PASSED THAT RESOLUTION AFTER CONSIDERING THE SOCIAL, FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPACTS OF REMOVING THE LAND FROM ALL STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTION.

IF CONVERTED INTO AN INDIAN RESERVATION, THE LAND WOULD BECOME A SOVEREIGN NATION – PERMANENTLY.

THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE STATE, COUNTY, AND OUR CITY WILL NOT APPLY TO ACTIVITY AT THE PROPOSED SITE.

AND, DESPITE ALL THE RHETORIC ABOUT VAST AMOUNTS OF MONEY COMING TO OUR CITY, THERE WILL BE NO TAX REVENUE FROM THE CASINO OR ANY OTHER DEVELOPMENT ON THE SITE IF THE LAND HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO FEDERAL TRUST AND CONVERTED INTO AN INDIAN RESERVATION.

LIKE THE TOHONO O'ODHAM, GLENDALE IS WELL AWARE OF THE TREMENDOUS ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF THIS SITE IN OUR SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT.

IN 2002 THE CITY OF GLENDALE PRESENTED A PROPOSED GENERAL PLAN TO OUR VOTERS, AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW. USES IDENTIFIED FOR THIS PARCEL IN OUR GENERAL PLAN ARE PROJECTED TO CREATE 500 COMMERCIAL AND RETAIL JOBS AND 5000 OFFICE JOBS.

IF DEVELOPED PER OUR GENERAL PLAN GLENDALE WILL REALIZE \$10 MILLION IN CONSTRUCTION SALES TAX AND --- MORE IMPORTANTLY --- \$5.5 MILLION ANNUAL RECURRING REVENUE AT BUILD OUT.

THIS WILL ONLY HAPPEN IF THE SITE IS DEVELOPED AS A PARCEL IN THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, STATE OF ARIZONA --- WHETHER BY THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION OR A DIFFERENT ENTITY.

BUT THIS WILL "NOT" HAPPEN IF THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TRANSFERS THE LAND INTO TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION IN ORDER FOR THE NATION TO CONDUCT GAMING ACTIVITY ON THE LAND.

THE CITY OF GLENDALE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND STAFF WANT TO MAKE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT WE DO NOT OPPOSE ON-RESERVATION GAMING THAT IS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT AND THE ARIZONA GAMING COMPACT.

WE RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF ARIZONA INDIAN TRIBES TO CONDUCT GAMING ON EXISTING RESERVATIONS ACCORDING TO ARIZONA LAW. WE DO NOT SUPPORT OFF-RESERVATION GAMING, WHICH IS WHAT THE TOHONO O'ODHAM TRIBE PROPOSES.

WE RESPECT THE RIGHT OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION TO DEVELOP THE 134 ACRES OF LAND THEY OWN ---- IF DONE AS EVERY OTHER LAND OWNER AND DEVELOPER HAS DONE.

THE LAND DOES NOT NEED TO BE REMOVED FROM STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTION AND CONVERTED INTO AN INDIAN RESERVATION FOR THE NATION TO BUILD THE OFFICE BUILDINGS, HOTELS AND RESORTS, SHOPPING CENTERS, AND RESIDENCES THAT THEY SPEAK OF. GLENDALE CONTINUES TO INVITE THE NATION TO COME TO CITY HALL WITH THEIR PLANS AND WE WILL ISSUE THE BUILDING PERMITS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING CRANES AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ON THE LAND.

THE ONLY REASON THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION NEEDS THE LAND TO BE TAKEN INTO FEDERAL TRUST IS TO USE IT FOR OFF-RESERVATION GAMING --- THUS BREAKING THE PROMISE MADE TO ARIZONANS IN 2002.

**TODAY YOU WILL HEAR MORE ABOUT THE LEGAL, SOCIAL, AND
FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM'S PROPOSAL. THANK YOU
IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION
OF THIS EXTREMELY SERIOUS ISSUE.**