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## GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO FORMALLY OPPOSE JOB-KILLING BILL H.R. 1410

*Resolution is latest step forward for jobs and opportunity in the West Valley*

SELLS, Ariz. – On Tuesday, March 25, 2014, the Glendale City Council passed a formal resolution of opposition to H.R. 1410, dangerous job-killing federal legislation intended to halt the Tohono O'odham Nation's West Valley Resort and Casino project. The resolution directs Glendale staff to notify members of the Arizona Congressional Delegation of the City's opposition to the bill.

Passing a formal resolution of opposition to H.R. 1410 continues to demonstrate the Council's commitment to working with the Nation for the benefit of the entire region. H.R. 1410 is special interest legislation that specifically targets the West Valley Resort in order to protect the market share of East Valley tribes. The harmful bill was offered after the Nation won thirteen straight legal decisions and it is opposed by cities across the West Valley, as well as tribes across the country.

Last week, on March 18, 2014, a consensus of the Glendale Council expressed opposition to H.R. 1410 and directed City staff to begin formal negotiations with the Nation regarding the West Valley Resort. The Nation and Glendale staff have already held multiple productive discussions over the past five months. The start of formal negotiations opens the door to a beneficial agreement that will allow for the creation of thousands of jobs and tremendous economic opportunity in the West Valley, all at no cost to taxpayers.

Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Ned Norris, Jr. said, *"The passage of this resolution sends a clear signal that communities across the West Valley are united in opposition to this dangerous bill. The Nation is pleased that the Glendale Council has taken this action and we look forward to working with Glendale leaders and staff to move forward together to create positive economic opportunity in the West Valley."*

The Tohono O'odham Nation is a federally-recognized Indian tribe, with existing reservation lands in Maricopa County, Pinal County, and Pima County, Arizona. The West Valley Resort will be located at 95th and Northern avenues and will generate thousands of construction jobs, more than 3,000 permanent jobs and over \$300 million in annual economic impact. For more information, visit [www.westvalleyopportunity.com](http://www.westvalleyopportunity.com).

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