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**NINTH CIRCUIT REJECTS OPPONENTS' APPEAL IN FAVOR OF
THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**

SELLS, Ariz. – On Thursday, May 19, 2016, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit rejected opponents' request for the Ninth Circuit to reconsider its decision in favor of the Tohono O'odham Nation's right to game at its new Desert Diamond Casino – West Valley near Glendale, Ariz. This latest decision, the 20th by courts and federal agencies in favor of the Nation's project, demonstrates the complete lack of merit in the opposition's arguments. It also further demonstrates that the Nation has complied with all relevant laws throughout this process.

The Nation's casino has been open for six months. More than 500 jobs have been created in the West Valley, with more to come as the facility expands. Local businesses are being hired to work with the facility and the facility is generating positive economic impacts for Arizona. The casino is also supporting major community events, such as the Luke Air Force Base Air Show, and the Desert Diamond West Valley Phoenix Grand Prix.

Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Edward D. Manuel said *"The unanimous Ninth Circuit ruling is a decisive victory for the Tohono O'odham Nation, the West Valley and Arizona. We remain focused on moving forward to create more jobs and economic opportunity to benefit all of Arizona."*

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