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TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION RELEASES UPDATED WEST VALLEY RESORT RENDERINGS

Input from Local Leaders, Community Members and Businesses Influence Positive Changes

SELLS, Ariz. – The Tohono O'odham Nation (Nation) is releasing updated renderings of the proposed West Valley Resort after two years of closely working with local community members, business groups and elected leaders. Input from these stakeholders have helped direct the project forward and are reflected in the changes. Nation representatives will continue to meet with key individuals and groups as the project progresses. Images of the updated renderings can be found at WestValleyOpportunity.com.

Ned Norris Jr., Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation, said, *“We are committed to being good neighbors in the West Valley and we take our discussions with residents and community leaders very seriously.”* He went on to say, *“Public support for our project has been overwhelming and we are determined to move forward with this project, despite opponents’ efforts to delay. These renderings are an example of the work that is being done right now so that we can be ready to start construction as soon as possible.”*

The West Valley Resort will be a state-of-the-art resort in line with the architectural character of the region. It will create 6,000 construction jobs and more than 3,000 new permanent jobs when completed. It will have an economic impact of \$300 million and bring 1.2 million visitors to the area annually. All of this will be accomplished without any funding from the City of Glendale or any other governmental entity.

Specific changes reflect moving the gaming facility to the opposite side of the property from where the local high school is, as well as responding to future changes resulting from the planned Northern Parkway. Another component of the changes includes working around the disputed land between the Nation and the City of Glendale. In order to prevent any delay in construction, the new design fits into a smaller portion of the land that avoids the disputed area.

Additional information on the West Valley Resort project, including the updated [renderings](http://WestValleyOpportunity.com), can be found at WestValleyOpportunity.com.

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