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OPPOSITION STUDY CONFIRMS WEST VALLEY RESORT WILL CREATE THOUSANDS OF JOBS AND MASSIVE POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

The Tohono O'odham Nation is delighted that opponents of the West Valley Resort have finally acknowledged what everyone else has known for years: that the West Valley Resort will create thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in annual positive economic impact. Unfortunately the job numbers and other critical data in the opposition's latest 'report' dramatically underestimate these positive impacts since it is largely based on information that is either implied or simply made up.

The Nation is currently finalizing an accurate economic study that will provide detailed and up to date information, as opposed to the radical speculation offered by the opposition. Part of the opposition's speculation relates to impacts the West Valley Resort will have on the City of Glendale. The claims in this report are absurd and Glendale leaders would know this if they would agree to have productive discussions with the Nation. Despite overwhelming public support for this project, some Glendale leaders continue to refuse these requests. At this point, it is not surprising that the opposition would pull numbers out of thin air to try to protect their self-interests and market share.

Below are examples of the more glaring gaps and omissions in the opposition's report:

- The report excludes tax revenue generated by suppliers to the West Valley Resort. It also appears not to count employee tips in its estimate of impacts on wages.
- The report does not take into account payments to the State and local governments as required by the gaming compacts with the state of Arizona. One could only assume that this glaring omission was done purposefully since the report appears to be paid for by the Gila River Indian Community.
- The report excludes the Nation's repeated offers to pay the cost of any infrastructure and public safety impacts. Unlike virtually every other major development project in the Valley, the Nation is not asking for a penny in incentives from local governments.

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