



**SAN XAVIER DISTRICT  
OF THE  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE SAN XAVIER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

(Supporting Barrio Kroeger Lane Neighborhood regarding their possible change for the site of their proposed Rancho S-cuk Son development project, and supporting the annual "Danza de Tonantzin" held in November)

**Resolution No. SXDC 01-18-01**

- WHEREAS,** Wa:k O'odham are the descents of the Hohokam people; the Hohokam lived in central and southern Arizona, and northern Mexico, from approximately 300 B.C. to around 1400 A.D. and have left evidence of their prior occupation in these areas; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Wa:k O'odham village of "S-cuk Son" was inhabited well before the arrival of the Spaniards; prior to the first non-O'odham resident of Mexico in 1822; prior to the Gadson Purchase in 1853, and prior to Arizona Statehood in 1912, leading up to present day Tucson; and,
- WHEREAS,** present day Wa:k O'odham (now established as the San Xavier Indian Reservation/District of the Tohono O'odham Nation) have lived from time immemorial along the banks of the Santa Cruz River in what is now known as Pima county in the State of Arizona; and
- WHEREAS,** Pima County has undertaken a project known as Paseo de las Iglesias; the City of Tucson has undertaken the Westside Development, and the Arizona State Legislator through their Tucson Taxing District Board, known as Rio Nuevo Board, have undertaken a redevelopment project known as Rio Nuevo, that are all in the proximity of Barrio Kroeger Lane Neighborhood; and
- WHEREAS,** Barrio Kroeger Lane Neighborhood will be heavily impacted by the aforementioned developments; families in this neighborhood have lived on these lands for six generations with a rich history in a rural setting; this barrio has many unmet needs and is near the claimed Tucson's Original Birthplace at the base of Sentinel Peak ("A" Mountain) has been inhabited and farmed for more than 4000 year; and now Tucson has been proclaimed and designated as a World City of Gastronomy by UNESCO; and
- WHEREAS,** Barrio Kroeger Lane residents have been strongly organizing for the past 27 years for the betterment of their neighborhood, having recently formed a nonprofit organization, Favor Celestial Community Economic Development Initiative, with the intent of providing opportunities to its residents, including residents of San Xavier District, Tohono O'odham Nation, to provide spaces for sales of food, and arts and crafts within the proposed development site of Rancho S-cuk Son (SXDC Resolution No. 11-07-08) that includes the development of a Capilla (Chapel) and Ceremonial Circle (Lienzo Charro); and
- WHEREAS,** the San Xavier District also supported Barrio Kroeger Lane Neighborhood in the development of the O'odham Family Monument located at the intersection of Mission Road and Starr Pass Boulevard (SXDC Resolution No. 09-11-04) resulting in the initiation of the "Danza de Tonantzin" ceremony, held annually on the last Sunday of November, that includes a Sunrise prayer by a San Xavier representative at the monument below Sentinel Peak ("A" Mountain) a procession to the "Virgin Mary de Guadalupe" shrine to replace/renew the flower arch, led by Danza de Cuahoteomec Mexico, San Xavier District Basket Dancers; Sra, Amalia Reyes with a flower arch; Ms. Sarah Vetault, flute player; and with site preparations completed by Ms. Cecelia Trujillo; artists Mr. Marco and Ms. Nicky Cardenas; Ms. Shirley R. Ramon to oversee lighting for O'odham Family Monument; and a yearly "compromiso" (commitment) from Sra. Josefina Cardenas; and



WHEREAS San Xavier District Council is being asked for their support participation and consent to: 1. If needed, support moving Rancho Chuk Son development into Barrio Kroeger Lane Neighborhood due to political circumstances; and, 2. Support the annual "Danza de Tonatzin on the last Sunday of November, with a Sunrise Prayer at the O'odham Family Monument.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Xavier District Council hereby provides its support on the following:

1. IF, political circumstances dictate, to relocate the proposed Rancho Chuk Son development into Barrio Kroeger Lane Neighborhood.
2. Support the annual "Danza de Tonantzin" held on the last Sunday of November, that includes a Sunrise Prayer at the O'odham Family Monument, and San Xavier District Community's participation.

### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was passed by the San Xavier District Council at a meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018, at which time a quorum was present with a vote of 4 FOR; 0 AGAINST; 0 NOT VOTING; 1 ABSENT. Pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by the Tohono O'odham Constitution, Article IX, Section 5, as adopted and approved on 6 March 1986.

San Xavier District

  
Austin G. Nunez, Chairman

ATTEST

  
Ernie Reyes, Secretary  
San Xavier District Council

MOTION: Dennis Ramon  
SECOND: Tony Burrell