Exhibit C – Resolution of the San Xavier District Council



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RESOLUTION OF THE SAN XAVIER DISTRICT COUNCIL (Supporting the Request and Awareness of the San Rafael Valley)

## Resolution No. SXDC 08-08-06

- WHEREAS, the San Xavier District Council of the Tohono O'odham Nation recognizes the importance of raising the public's awareness that the San Rafael Valley is a model of sustainable land management, maintaining a balance among ecological, economic and community systems; and,
- WHEREAS, the headwaters of the Santa Cruz River begin in the San Rafael Valley, flowing south into Mexico, and then turning northward to flow back into Arizona and through the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation; and,
- WHEREAS, open-pit mining in the San Rafael would spoil and deplete the pristine condition of the Santa Cruz River water, fragment the ecosystem, upset the existing sustainable balance, and violate a cherished landscape; and,
- WHEREAS, the San Xavier District Council wishes to join the other local governments, organizations, land owners, residents, and concerned citizens who value the existing balance and integrity of the San Rafael Valley and wish to protect the area from harm.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Xavier District Council hereby supports the efforts of the organization called San Rafael Valley: A Land in Balance, as they work to prevent open-pit mining and protect the San Rafael Valley.
- BE IT FINALLY RESOVLED, that the San Xavier District Council also supports the above referenced organization's request to the Tohono O'odham Council for gaming revenue funds intended for non-O'odham, non-profit charitable organizations.

## CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was passed by the San Xavier District Council at a meeting held on the <u>19<sup>th</sup></u> day of 2008 August, at which time a quorum was present with a vote of <u>5</u> FOR; <u>0</u> AGAINST; <u>0</u> NOT VOTING; <u>0</u> 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

Ernie Reyes, Secretary

San Xavier District Council

MOTION: Janice Felix SECOND: Philbert Bailey