

Although there has been some opposition to the transfer, citing a loss of property tax revenue, most people support the application, realizing that Ak-Chin has proven itself to be supportive of city and county interests like education and jobs growth. Ak-Chin is one of Pinal County's largest employers and 98% of its workforce comes from off reservation—purchasing goods and services off reservation, and paying taxes in the cities in which they reside. In 2010, Ak-Chin donated \$3.2 million to the Maricopa Unified School District.

“Our goal is to be good neighbors and good citizens,” said Terry Enos, a member of both the Ak-Chin Industrial Park Board and Community Council. “We hope by fostering communication and goodwill we can provide opportunities not only for our Community, but for the larger community as well. Not because we have to, but because it is the right thing to do.”

About the Ak-Chin Industrial Park Board

The Ak-Chin Indian Community Council established the Ak-Chin Industrial Park Board to develop, operate and manage the Community properties known as the Santa Cruz Commerce Center, Santa Cruz Office Center and Ak-Chin Regional Airport. Charles Carlyle is chairman of the four-member board, which includes two additional Community Members—Maria Hernandez and Terry Enos—and one at-large member—Leonard Gold. The mission of the Ak-Chin Industrial Park Board is to create a business environment that offers significant advantages to its tenants and encourages business innovation and jobs growth for both the Ak-Chin Indian Community and the surrounding communities at large.

About Ak-Chin Indian Community

The Ak-Chin Indian Community is located in the Santa Cruz Valley of Southern Arizona. The Community lies 58 miles south of Phoenix in the northwestern part of Pinal County. The Community is comprised of more than 900 tribal members and is governed by a five-member Community Council—Louis Manuel Jr., Chairman; William J. Antone, Vice Chairman; Delia M. Carlyle; Terry Enos; and Gabriel L. Lopez—which oversees the governmental operations and departments that service the Community. For more information, visit www.ak-chin.nsn.us.

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