



## Press Release

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## **MAJOR EXPANSION ANNOUNCED FOR WEST VALLEY CASINO *\$400 million Desert Diamond Casino West Valley to Break Ground Before End of Year***

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The Tohono O’odham Gaming Enterprise (TOGE) announced today that it will break ground before the end of the year on a major expansion to its Desert Diamond Casino – West Valley near Glendale. Construction is expected to last 20 months. Once it is complete, the facility will have expanded into a full-scale casino and resort with a larger gaming floor, five restaurants, bars, Class III games, table games and other amenities. The existing casino will remain open throughout the construction.

TOGE first opened the doors of Desert Diamond Casino – West Valley in December 2015 and has experienced strong success. That interim facility employs nearly 600 people and currently offers guests 1,089 Class II gaming devices on a 35,000 square-foot gaming floor.

The expansion will offer a multitude of new entertainment options to guests. The full-scale property will occupy over one million square-feet, including five restaurants and 75,000 square-feet of casino floor with 1,089 Class III slots, live poker, blackjack, and bingo. Once completed, the fully built-out casino will create over 3,000 new jobs in the West Valley.

Andy Asselin, CEO of the Tohono O’odham Gaming Enterprise said *“We are very excited to be moving forward with a world-class resort and casino that will offer a wide range of new amenities to our guests and create opportunity for the West Valley. This has been a long time coming, and we will continue to work with the community to ensure that construction proceeds smoothly.”*

Edward Manuel, Chairman of the Tohono O’odham Nation said, *“With this announcement we are moving forward with our promise to create new jobs and positive economic opportunity for members of the Tohono O’odham Nation, the West Valley and the citizens of Arizona. This beautiful new facility will be a positive economic engine for decades to come.”*

Desert Diamond Casinos & Entertainment, with three locations in Southern Arizona (Tucson, Sahuarita, and Why) and one in the West Valley, is owned and operated by the Tohono O’odham Gaming Enterprise, an enterprise of the Tohono O’odham Nation. Additional information can be found at [www.ddcaz.com](http://www.ddcaz.com) or by calling 866-DDC-WINS. Follow Desert Diamond Casino – West Valley on Twitter (@DDCWestValley), Facebook (/WestValleyOpportunity), and Instagram (@DiamondCasinos).

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