

*Section 8. Disputes, Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity, Governing Law and Venue, (4) This Agreement shall be interpreted, governed by, and construed under Arizona State law; (5) Any action between the State of Arizona and the CRIT to interpret or enforce the terms of this Agreement shall be in Arizona state court and the CRIT shall waive its right to remove it to federal court.*

So, ask yourself, where was our Tribal Leadership in applying our Sovereignty in this Agreement. Was it so urgent to enter this Agreement that we would sacrifice our Tribal Sovereignty? And where was our Attorney General in protecting CRIT and its membership.

In a press release made by the CRIT Executive Office after the April 26, 2024, “3-Way Agreement”, at the Blue-Water Resort and Casino:

*The “Agreement” between the U.S. Government, State of Arizona, and Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) was signed and finalized in April at our Blue Water Resort and Casino. That Agreement will help the CRIT in its water negotiations and significant impact on its sovereignty.*

Add to this, our current rise of violent crimes, unsolved homicides, introduction/use of fentanyl and the lack of sufficient law enforcement staffing which have had a significant adverse impact on the community. Which has not been effectively addressed or remedied by Tribal Council. We cannot continue in this direction, we must change direction by changing our Leadership!

As we enter another Tribal election year, I subscribe to the fact, as a CRIT Elder, we have come to a “Turning Point” for the Tribes' future and our existence as a functioning “Sovereign Tribal Government.

If we continue our current political direction, we potentially are going to lose our Decreed Water Allocation, or a good portion of it. We have already diminished our Tribal Sovereignty by entering into the “3-Way Water Agreement”.