Pascua Yaqui Chairman Peter Yucupicio



Peter S. Yucupicio currently serves as the Chairman of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. Yucupicio started his career in Politics in 2000 when he first ran for Tribal Council. Since 2000, Yucupicio has served as Treasurer, Vice Chairman, and four terms as Chairman of the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council.

Chairman Yucupicio is one of twelve children; he was born to Pedro and Ignacia Yucupicio. He attended Ritchie Elementary school, John Springs Middle School, and Tucson High School. He later continued his education at Pima Community College. He is married to Donna Yucupicio and they have four children; Laura, Nadia, Peter, and Cruz.

One of his greatest accomplishments includes the entertainment that he shares with the Tucson Community and his passion for music. Musically talented, his family's band, Los Hermanos Cuarto, are archived in the Smithsonian Museum. The band later went on to win the 1990 Norteño Festival and Chairman Yucupicio was recently inducted into the Tejano Roots Hall of Fame, for his decades of playing the bajo sexto.

Chairman Yucupicio has spent his life serving the Pascua Yaqui Cultural Societies. He has served in many different cultural roles for his community in Old Pascua at San Ignacio Church. Chairman Yucupicio is not only an active participant, but also a mentor and supporter of the tribe's ceremonial participants.

Chairman Yucupicio has a strong talent for creating and building relationships with all surrounding jurisdictions, tribes, political leaders in Arizona, and at our Nation's Capital in Washington, D.C. He also serves on the Pima Association of Governments Regional Transportation Authority and is the 2022 Chair of the Regional Transportation Authority Board. He accredits his accomplishments to our Yaqui people, "if it wasn't for them, we would not be where we are today."