

Robert Miguel, Chairman

Ak-Chin Indian Community

Robert Miguel, Ak-Chin Indian Community, was the first elected Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community under its new Constitution which allowed members of the community to officially vote for their Chairman. Raised by his paternal grandparents, the late Jonas and Mathilda Miguel, Chairman Miguel at an early age was taught the importance of respect, dedication, tradition, culture, diplomacy, and leadership. His grandfather Jonas was Chairman of the Ak-Chin Community in the early 70's.

An advocate of Education, Health, Water, Economic Development, Elder, and Youth, Chairman Miguel has developed his leadership skills through hard work, dedication and guidance with the support of Ak-Chin elders.

After graduating from Maricopa High School in Maricopa, Arizona in 1986, Chairman Miguel attended Mesa Community College where he enrolled in General Studies courses.

Robert began his employment career in his community as a farm labor, which followed with stints at various departments which included; the Community Center, Preschool, Recreation, and Newspaper. He was a photojournalist for the Ak-Chin O'odham Runner for 20 years before being elected by his people to serve on its Tribal Council.

Chairman Miguel has represented his community on various committees and boards, in particular; President of the Ak-Chin Preschool Parent Committee, Industrial Park Board Vice-Chairman, and Recreation Board Vice-President just to name a few.

He is currently serving in his second year of his first term as Chairman. Overall, Robert has served on Tribal Council for 5 years.

Chairman Miguel and his wife Connie have seven children which include; Robert, Jasmine, Yasmin, Jordyn, Joe, Yvonne, and Stella. The Miguel family have instilled a family motto that they currently live by on a daily basis, which is "how can I help you."