



## Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community - A history of “firsts”

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- 1970:** SRPMIC is one of first Native American Communities to become a self-governance tribe. The Community made this decision in 1970 at the same time that President Richard Nixon launched self-determination by entering into its first contract to establish a Community Police Department. Since that time, SRPMIC has become a model for the nation in self-determination and self-governance.
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- 1982:** SRPMIC was the first Native American Community to establish a department of public relations.
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- 1980s:** SRPMIC was the first tribe to develop a major power center on Native American land. The Community put together more than 300 landowners with a developer to develop the land needed for this project.
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- 1996:** SRPMIC becomes the first tribe in the nation to run a successful statewide ballot campaign: Proposition 201, The Fairness Initiative. This initiative enabled tribes that did not have a gaming pact with the State to have a compact and therefore operate gaming on their tribal land.
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- 2007:** SRPMIC is the first in Indian Country to develop a comprehensive financial education program as part of its CDFI. Salt River Financial Services Institution has won national recognition for its innovative Salt River University program.
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- 2008:** SRPMIC is the first Community in Indian Country to operate a Boys & Girls Club on the campus of the new Adult & Juvenile Detention Center.
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- 2011:** SRPMIC is the first Native American tribe to build a spring training complex for Major League baseball on tribal land.