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Speaker Morgan announces work session to prepare for upcoming session of Arizona Legislature

Navajo Council to strategize, set priorities

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Council Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan has called for a work session to prepare for the upcoming 2009 Arizona State Legislative Session at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Navajo Nation Council chamber.

Speaker Morgan has called the work session so council delegates can convene and discuss the upcoming 2009 Legislative Session. The session will work as a forum for delegates to re-identify what the priorities are for the Navajo Nation in regards to Arizona's legislature and to address specific priorities stemming from six overarching priority issues identified by the Council. An overview of the priorities will be presented and there will be discussion on how the strategy can be implemented.

The strategy will take into consideration the incoming new governor and current Secretary of State Jan Brewer. Delegates will also discuss how an especially conservative incoming legislature could affect the Navajo Nation.

The session will also be an opportunity to discuss the Nation's strategy in response to the \$1.2 billion deficit for the state of Arizona's 2009 fiscal year. Lawmakers are attempting to reach a consensus on a plan to close the fiscal gap and the budget shortfall is something the Council is going to have to respond to.

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