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Naize steps down from the Navajo Nation Council

WINDOW ROCK – In a written letter, Johnny Naize today resigned from his position as speaker and council delegate of the Navajo Nation Council.

“I have been privileged to represent the communities of Tselani/Cottonwood, Nazlini, Many Farms, Tachee/Blue Gap, Low Mountain,” stated Naize. “The progress made in my sixteen years of service as an elected official fills me with the utmost thanks for the projects and improvements made for my communities.”

Naize, who began serving in 1999 as a member of the 19th Navajo Nation Council, also thanked members of the Council, legislative staff, and President Ben Shelly for their service and assistance in helping the Navajo people.

“I wish him and his family the best as they move forward,” said Speaker Pro Tem LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse’Daa’Kaan, Upper Fruitland).

According to 11 N.N.C. §140, upon written notice to the Navajo Election Administration, the resignation shall be effective and the Navajo Election Administration shall be authorized to declare a vacancy.

Edison Wauneka, executive director of the Navajo Election Administration, said a vacancy declaration is expected to be issued today. Following the declaration, each of the impacted chapters will have 45 days to recommend an individual to fulfill the vacant position.

Appointment of an individual to fill the vacancy will be at the discretion of the speaker or speaker pro tem of the Council, in accordance with Navajo Nation law.

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