



## 23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

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### **Olin Kieyoomia sworn-in as a member of the Navajo Nation Council**



**PHOTO:** Navajo Nation Chief Justice JoAnn B. Jayne (right) administers the oath of office to Olin Kieyoomia (left) at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber in Window Rock, Ariz. on Oct. 25, 2018.

**WINDOW ROCK** – On Thursday, Olin Kieyoomia was administered the oath of office at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber in Window Rock, to begin his term as a member of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council representing the communities of Coyote Canyon, Mexican Springs, Naschitti, Tohatchi, and Bahastl’a’a’.

Council Delegate Olin Kieyoomia is originally from Naschitti and has two children with his wife. He is Tábaqahá (Water’s Edge Clan) and born for Bit’ahnii (*His Sheaves... Leaf Clan... Under His*

*Cover Clan*). His maternal grandfather is Kinyaa'áanii (Towering House Clan), and his paternal grandfather is Tsé Nabahíńii (Sleep Rock People Clan).

Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland) officially appointed Delegate Kieyoomia to serve out the remainder of the current term, which will end in January. Speaker's appointment was based on a majority of resolutions passed by the five chapters, which recommended Kieyoomia to fill the vacancy of the late Council Delegate Steven Begay who passed away on Oct. 4.

Kieyoomia previously served as the Legislative District Assistant for Honorable Steven Begay, and assisted with a wide array of issues for the District 14 communities. He is also a strong advocate for Navajo veterans throughout the Navajo Nation. As a member of the United States Army, Delegate Kieyoomia served in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Speaker Bates said he is confident that Delegate Kieyoomia will serve his communities well considering his knowledge and experience as a former Legislative District Assistant.

"On behalf of my colleagues of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council, I welcome Mr. Kieyoomia and look forward to working with him," stated Speaker Bates.

Council Delegate Olin Kieyoomia will assume all duties and responsibilities immediately.

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