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**The 21st Navajo Nation Council Confirms Arbin Mitchell as the Division of
Community Development Director along with appointments to Navajo
Government Development Commission**

WINDOW ROCK Ariz. – The 21st Navajo Nation Council confirmed Arbin Mitchell as the Director of Community Development Thursday evening, July 19, during the Council's Summer Session.

The vote is 38-11.

Mitchell, the son of Wide Ruins-Klagetoh, Ariz. residents Fannie and Robert Mitchell, belongs to the Tódich'íí'nii born for Ashiihi, his maternal grandparents are Kinyaa'áánii and his paternal grandparents are Honágháahnii. Mitchell served as an Executive Staff Assistant to Navajo Nation President Albert Hale, Kelsey Begaye and Joe Shirley, Jr. During 2000 Mitchell served as the Navajo Nation Census 2000 Manager that is an initiative that had its first Local Census Office headquartered with a sub-office in Tuba City, Ariz.

Special recognition for his efforts of a successful Census was received from the Navajo Nation Council and the United States Department of Commerce. Mr. Mitchell's efforts were also seen in the national publication of *USA Today*.

Mitchell currently serves on the Navajo Nation Investment Committee, Retirement Committee, Ex-Officio Member of the Navajo Engineering & Construction Authority Board of Directors and elected Board President of the Wide Ruins Community School. He has served and continues to serve as an integral part of the national Bureau of Indian Affairs task force where strategies are devised and discussed on monies for all Native Americans in the United States.

In honor of his late uncle Johnny Hale, Mr. Mitchell attributes his leadership practices to honesty, integrity and unconditional commitment to the Navajo people.

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The Navajo Nation Council also confirmed Jerry L. Frank as a Legislative Branch Representative to the Commission on Navajo Government Development. Frank's term is for two years.

Appointments made by the Navajo Nation Council include the appointment of Robert Yazzie, Toh Nanees Dizi Chapter Vice-President, to the Western Navajo Agency Representative on the Navajo Government Development Commission; Sam Begay to the Commission on Navajo Government Development and Mae Horseson to the Commission on Navajo Government Development.