OPVP corrects misinformation about government reform, advises Speaker’s office special election hasn’t happened yet

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Office of the President and Vice President is pleased to correct misinformation issued by the Navajo Nation Council’s Speaker’s office regarding the government reform initiative to reduce the Navajo Nation Council to 24 delegates.

On Wednesday, the Speaker’s office reported that Navajo Nation Council Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan was notified that Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., missed a deadline to produce a reapportionment plan for a Council of 24 delegates.

According to the original initiative language to reduce the Council, “Upon approval of this initiative to reduce the number of Council delegates, the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors will immediately begin reapportionment planning consistent with the Council reduction.”

The Board of Election Supervisors has not begun the task of developing a reapportionment plan because approval of the initiative has not occurred because a special election has not taken place.

OPVP staff stand willing to assist the Speaker’s office should it feel the need to notify the Speaker about other aspects of the government reform initiatives.

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