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District Court Judge Allen Sloan denies President Shirley's application for preliminary injunction on referendum to elect judges and justices

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Judge Allen Sloan of the Window Rock District Court issued an order today denying President Joe Shirley Jr.'s application for a preliminary injunction on a referendum to elect Navajo Nation Judges and Justices.

Judge Sloan heard over five hours of oral arguments on Friday, Oct. 8 in *Shirley vs. Navajo Nation Council and Navajo Board of Election Supervisors*. "Having considered the evidence presented at the hearing and being otherwise fully advised in the matter, the Court enters its Order denying the application," said Sloan.

The case went before the district court after President Shirley requested for a temporary restraining order and a preliminary injunction Sept. 28, days after the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors approved the ballot language for the referendum measure.

Kee Allen Begay Jr., chair for the Judiciary Committee, applauded Judge Sloan for his decision.

"I applaud Judge Sloan for making a sound, reasonable decision for the best interest of the Navajo Nation," said Begay. "This decision affords the Navajo people the opportunity to shape their government and also the chance for the Navajo courts to make some progress."

The court's full explanation of its decision will follow shortly. For more information, please contact the Window Rock District Court at (928) 871-6962.

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