



25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

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Steven R. Arviso steps down as a member of the 25th Navajo Nation Council

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Steven R. Arviso resigned as a member of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, effective Jan. 9, 2026, to focus on his family and personal endeavors.

Arviso served as an elected member of the Council since January 2023, representing the communities of Churchrock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, and Thoreau.

“I am grateful to have served the people of my delegate region and thank everyone who supported me throughout my service,” said Arviso. “Together, we worked to advance important initiatives that will continue beyond my time on the Council.”

Arviso served as a member of the Law and Order Committee and as the Vice Chair of the Eastern Navajo Land Commission.

“We are grateful for Delegate Arviso’s service and commitment to the Navajo people,” said Speaker Crystalyne Curley. “His leadership and dedication have made a positive impact, and we wish him and his family well moving forward.”

In accordance with the Navajo Election Code, once the Navajo Election Administration (NEA) declares a vacancy, the Speaker has the authority to appoint an individual on an interim basis to fill the vacant seat, with the recommendation of the affected chapters.

The deadline for the affected chapters to submit a recommendation through an official resolution is Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Along with a chapter recommendation resolution, each recommended individual is required to file a candidate application and ethics clearance with the NEA. The NEA will review candidate applications and certify eligible candidates.

If no grievances are filed within 10 days after certification by the NEA, resolutions and candidate applications will be forwarded to the Speaker for review and appointment.



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