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Signing of resolution annexing Lower Highway 89 Land into Cameron Chapter



The signing of Resolution CAP-15-25 marks a step toward opportunities for growth and infrastructure for Western Navajo Agency communities.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Friday, the signing of Resolution CAP-15-25 was held at the Office of the President and Vice President (OPVP), annexing 13.79 acres of land into the Cameron Chapter, clearing the way for a major economic development initiative near Flagstaff. The milestone marks a step towards empowering Western Navajo Agency communities with long-overdue opportunities for growth and infrastructure.

The land, purchased by Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise and transitioned into trust through the Navajo Land Commission using the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act, lies along U.S. Route 89, a high-traffic corridor. The location is seen as ideal for gaming, hospitality, and healthcare facilities that could support both local employment and tourism-driven revenue.

The signing brought together Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren, members of the Navajo Nation Council, Cameron Chapter officials, and project stakeholders. The signing symbolized the collaboration and perseverance of multiple entities, with several leaders reflecting on the project's long journey through legal, regulatory, and logistical challenges.

Council delegates also voiced the importance of strategic oversight. Delegate Otto Tso emphasized the need to remain focused on community benefit.

"This is a learning curve. We're creating jobs and revenue, but we must protect the original intent of the land trust and ensure that our relocated families and communities are truly the ones to benefit", said Tso.

President Nygren said the annexation marks a major step forward for the Navajo Nation, opening economic opportunities near Flagstaff and laying the groundwork for future growth.

Council Delegate Casey Allen Johnson, sponsor of the annexation legislation, added, "For years, Cameron has endured a lack of infrastructure and opportunity. This project can help reverse that, but we must ensure Navajo workers are prioritized and that we control our own narrative."

Speaker Crystalyne Curley commended the collective effort behind the annexation and affirmed the Council's role in guiding future development.

"This land annexation is a strategic investment in our economic sovereignty," said Speaker Curley. "It creates a foundation for sustainable jobs and revenue streams while reinforcing our government's responsibility to the people. The Council will continue to provide oversight and advocacy throughout this process."

Finalization of the business site lease is currently underway, with the project expected to generate immediate construction jobs and long-term employment opportunities in hospitality, gaming, and medical services. The Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise, which spearheaded the initial land acquisition, confirmed that once lease approvals are complete, ground activity will begin promptly.

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