LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0361-19

DATE: November 21, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LARRY RODGERS TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS AS THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is confirm the appointment of Larry Rodgers to the Commission on Navajo Government Development.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

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SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee has legislative oversight authority over the Commission on Navajo Government Development and the Office of Navajo Government Development. 2 N.N.C. § 970.

B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to recommend all resolutions to the Navajo Nation Council on matters within the Committee's jurisdiction pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(3).

C. One member shall be nominated by the Legislative Branch through the [Naabik'íyáti' Committee] to serve a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(3).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Commission on Navajo Government Development is an "entity created by the Navajo Nation Council with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the Council's

project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government." 2 N.N.C. § 970.

B. The Commission shall be responsible directly to the Navajo Nation Council with respect to overall activities. 2 N.N.C. § 970.

C. The purpose of the Commission on Navajo Government Development shall be as follows:

1. To review and evaluate all aspects of the existing government structure of the Navajo Nation including laws, rules and regulations, practices, functions, goals and objectives of the Navajo Nation government, which includes the central government, Chapters, townships and local communities.
2. To develop recommendations and proposals for government reform and alternative forms of Navajo Nation government.

2 N.N.C. § 971(A) and (B).

D. The Commission shall consist of twelve (12) members confirmed by and serving at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972(A).

E. Commission members shall be chosen from among individuals who have demonstrated scholarship, strong sense of public interest, knowledge of Navajo history and cultural heritage, spiritual leadership, leadership in the Navajo government and abilities likely to contribute to the fulfillment of the duties of the Commission. 2 N.N.C. § 972(D).

F. Larry Rodgers, the Executive Director of the Eastern Navajo Land Commission, has expressed an interest in serving on the Navajo Government Development Commission. His letter of interest and résumé are attached as **Exhibit A**.

G. Memoranda from the Executive Director of the Office of Navajo Government Development are attached as **Exhibit B**.

H. Two resolution approved by the Commission on Navajo Government Development, CNDG-1202-17 and CNDG-0201-19, are attached as **Exhibits C** and **D**, respectively.

SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT

The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the appointment of Larry Rodgers as the Legislative Branch representative to the Commission on Navajo Government Development, for a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.

MEMORANDUM

For : Seth Damon, Honorable Speaker
24th Navajo Nation Council

From : Larry Rodgers, Executive Director
Eastern Navajo Land Commission

Date : April 02, 2019

Subject : Expressing Interest to Serve on the
Navajo Government Development Commission

I have been aware of the Navajo Government {Reform} activity since it's in early stages of the 1980s, then under the leadership of Tom Watchman, Sr. The entity has since undergone numerous changes, directions, and viability often viewed political. I understand the direction it needs to go in creating a fundamental basis for a truly new form of Navajo governance.

Attached is my resume', I have done a great deal of research throughout the numerous positions I've had with the Navajo Nation Government. Most closest to "governance" has been my work with reapportionment activities. This particular segment of Navajo law direly needs revamping. Overall Navajo "governance" must relate not only to people, but as well to geography (land), population distribution, sub-regional community commonality, and re-construct of Navajo law for grander Navajo progress. The duality of Navajo tradition and modern way of life must be treated respectfully to have Navajo keep its identity.

I would be pleased to serve on the NGDCommission as the Legislative Branch representative. I have been with the Branch 14 years and familiar with the legislative processes and law-making. I think I can bring new life the Commission with varying thought processes, deliberate strategies, and advocating of bringing about optional governmental modules.

Thank you.

xc: ENLC

Résumé

LARRY S. RODGERS Spring 2010

EDUCATION

NOTE ON CONTINUED EDUCATION: Participated in training sessions and courses, involving, but not limited to: Program Management, Fundamentals of Finance and Accounting, Computer Concepts and Capabilities, Desktop Publication (Applied computer use for manipulating text, data, and graphics), Ethics in Government, Single Audit Act Requirements, Census Data and Use, Tribal Enrollment, Economic Seminars, Geographic Information System at Salem State College (MA) and with ESRI, Tribal Land Consolidation, Overviews of Navajo Water Rights and Indian Land Laws, Navajo Nation Fiscal Management System, etc.

09/72-06/76	STANFORD UNIVERSITY Palo Alto, California	B. A. Degree in Social Sciences (with Honors). Concentrations in Sociology, Research, Anthropology, Edu., & Art (Design & Photography).
09/71-06/72	INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS Santa Fe, New Mexico	High School Diploma (Fulfilled high school requirements and graduated Junior year; Class Salutatorian)
09/69-05/71	NAVAJO METHODIST MISSION SCH Farmington, New Mexico	High School (Freshmen and Sophomore)

WORK EXPERIENCE

10/05 to Present — EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Eastern Navajo Land Commission
NTC Campus
Crownpoint, New Mexico

Responsible for administration and operation of support services to Eastern Navajo Land Commission. Provide supervision to support staff for programmatic activities; conduct research into Eastern Navajo Agency land issues to determine options for resolving differences; examine options of land title and ownership statuses in attempt to convey lands for Navajo residents by properly gaining ownership of land titles through coordination with federal, state, and local agencies. Conduct studies to ascertain the current use, proposed and planned uses of lands and determining the types, the quantity, and location of such lands. Obtained funding for and directed study on public utility underserved homes. Study impacts of energy development and related activities to mitigate adverse effects or to promote positive benefits on local residents and communities. Advocate for the betterment of Eastern Navajo residents through improved access to land use and minimization of regulatory constraints. Coordinate with entities and organizations that have responsibilities in land use and regulatory compliance. Advocate for Navajo land consolidation through land exchanges, purchases, or administrative conversions. Prepare comments and position statements on behalf the Commission on land, energy, water, utility, and programmatic activities impacting Eastern Navajo.

Continuous since 01/02	PROPRIETOR LSR Innovations, LLC 74 Juniper Ridge Rd Gamerco, New Mexico	Created a consulting firm primarily to conduct research and planning activities. More specifically, LSR Innovations provides specific project - level inquiries, collect needed information to make determinations, provide solutions, and prepare

implementation plans. Prepared community land use plans for seven Navajo Chapters (communities). Conducted community assessments involving population and demographic information, including current and projection figures. Information on public facilities, land uses, infrastructure with statistical explanations, supported with appropriate and accurate measures, housing or any physical locations are measured by use of GIS applications and original GPS data collected in the field. These data elements are interpreted for analyzing spatial composition or distribution; the information is then depicted in spatial data and illustrated in graphs and maps. LSR Innovations was set up to deal with population statistics, social and community research, and project-packaging. Periodic meetings held with community officials, planning boards, and the public to ascertain input into the planning process and enhancement of practical plans. Presented at workshops and public meetings.

12/97 to 12/01	ADMINISTRATOR Utah Navajo Trust Fund STATE OF UTAH 151 East 500 North Blanding, Utah	Under State of Utah statute, carried out trust responsibility for the management, administration, and operation of programs, facilities, and assets of the trust fund enacted by Congress in 1933 and as amended in 1968. Overall functions also included supervision and oversight of personnel

of the Administration Office. Was responsible for drafting and recommending statutory amendments; creating policies and procedures for the proper facilitation of trust fund program activities, Dineh Committee role and responsibilities, and packaging of program and project recommendations to the Board of Trustees. Served as staff to the Dineh Committee and the Board of Trustees. Generally coordinated with different entities and organizations for joint funding or development activities beneficial to the Navajo residents of San Juan County, Utah. Served as a resource agent on behalf the UNTF organization. Prepared annually for a $2 million-budget for implementation of UNTF programs and project development activities. Built up permanent trust fund from $10 million to $20 million under tenure in four years. Associated with organizations and entities to advance and improve the services delivery structure pertaining to the Navajo residents of San Juan County in the areas of Education, Health, and General Welfare. Co-founded and prepared funding application for initiating the Four Corners Enterprise Community – a federally sanctioned activity under USDA. Served as Chairman of the Board of Directors while in the subject position.

01/89-11/97	ASO IV/ STATISTICIAN Administration Office Division of Community Development Window Rock, Arizona	Devised research for, compiled, generated, and maintained Navajo Nation demographic data. Estimated, analyzed, and projected population data; drafted reapportionment and legislative redistricting plans; Compiled and prepared

project information on Capital Improvement Projects; Assist with budgetary and organizational analysis; Assist with proposals; Produced a Navajo Nation Chapter profile series – "Chapter Images" (three editions produced); Prepared plans, documents, and coordinated a mini-conference on Navajo Nation planning activities. Organized and coordinated a Navajo support group and five census committees; Drafted legislation, budgets, plan of operation, and work plans for the 1990 Census Complete Count Commission of Navajo Nation Council – served as the legislative advisor to the Commission; Produced promotional materials, including a 27-minute Navajo educational video, for the 1990 Census; Publicized, educated, and mobilized interest in carrying out promotional activities of the 1990 Census; Compiled, analyzed, and prepared 1990 Census data for publication and distribution.

08/87-12/88 ECONOMIC DEV SPECIALIST
Technical Support Department
Division of Economic Development
St. Michaels, Arizona

Researched, planned, organized and supervised economic development program activities, including economic development management (EDA Planning Grant), and public relations. Coordinated with EDA, State, Tribal, local and private entities on business development research and formulation of proposals and agreements. Prepared applications for funding and monitored grants received. Evaluated programs. Evaluated, analyzed, interpreted, prepared, and published collected socioeconomic data. Created the first Navajo Nation statistical abstract entitled "Navajo Nation FAX 88". Made presentations on Navajo economic development to requesting institutions and Navajo Nation standing committees. Analyzed Navajo Nation governmental entities that had certain planning functions. Report was provided at Planning Forum.

04/86-08/87 FIELD MANAGER
National Medical Expenditure Survey
Council of Energy Resource Tribes
Denver, Colorado

Assisted with survey instruments revisions; Supervised test-site interviewers in Lame Deer, Montana and Ponca, Oklahoma; Presented project support resolutions to twelve (12) American Indian tribes in the western and mid-western states; Recruited, interviewed, and selected field interviewers for the project; Assisted with the training of interviewers; Provided regional supervision of interviewers in the Navajo Nation area; Maintained administrative and performance records and channeled completed interviews and reports to Denver on a weekly basis; Monitored field work to ensure validity of collected data, problem solving, and general support. Assisted the CERT project staff with planning and entity contacts regarding field work preparations. Attended meetings with WESTAT, primary contractor of the study, in eastern US locations, including Rockville, MD.

06/83-04/86 PLANNING DIRECTOR
Planning Department
Navajo Division of Labor
Window Rock, Arizona

Directed and supervised an office of nine staff in program planning and division fiscal functions. Prepared job training plans and grant agreements with JTPA funding entities at the Federal and State levels for employment and job training activities. Implemented programs in coordination with NDOL agency and field offices, reviewed and evaluated actual program activities against planned projections. Monitored programs for compliance with funding guidelines and for quality assurance. Provided technical assistance to non-NDOL entities in exploring, designing, and implementing employment and job training programs. Redesigned, standardized, and designed standard contractual agreement instruments and negotiated contracts. Provided input on resolving various employment and training issues at the State and Federal levels. Designed and implemented a survey regarding employment, wages and salaries, and employment skills needed – an activity later assumed by Navajo Nation's Division of Economic Development. Delegated as Executive Director periodically. Produced funding required quarterly and annual reports and internal programmatic annual reports.

05/81-06/83 ADMIN SERVICE OFFICER
AND PLANNER
Planning Department/DCD
Window Rock, Arizona

Administered a research/planning grant from the New Mexico Planning Division. This grant was made available under the FmHA's Section 601 Program: *"Energy Impacted Area Development Assistance Program"* for a period of one year. The contract with NMPD was programmatically fulfilled and concluded in May 1982. The entire project was designed, implemented, and finalized in the required time frame. A series of interviews were conducted with the public, community officials, employers, and energy companies to obtain data for analyzing energy impact assessments and growth projections for four selected Navajo communities. The study identified top community needs for Shiprock, Burnham, Crownpoint, and Church Rock due to the influx of population for jobs created by uranium, petroleum, and coal development. Produced a 167-page findings report with recommended community desired projects and facilities, as list in "Publications" section of this résumé.

06/77-04/81 ECONOMIC DEV. PLANNER
Office of Program Development
Window Rock, Arizona

Continued oversight / supervision of NALAFORS Project (see previous job) until completion of field work. Solicited, reviewed, and evaluated economic development project proposals and made part of the overall Navajo development objectives. Coordinated work activities with Navajo government regulating and other development planning entities; Compiled economic data. Edited, wrote, and published economic development plans and documents. Prepared audio/visual materials from conceptualization to publication - - including scripting, editing, graphics work, photography, and lay-out work. Served as a liaison for the Tribe with KM Productions in the production of a 17-minute, 16-mm color movie for the Navajo economic and industrial development promotion. Assisted in monitoring physical development projects, including correspondence and periodic reporting.

12/76-05/77 FIELD SUPERVISOR
Navajo Labor Force Survey
BBER/UNM
Window Rock, Arizona

Reviewed and maintained project controls; Recruited, selected and supervised 31 interviewers and five (5) monitors; Programmed field work organization; and Designed administrative materials for participant and statistical reporting. Traveled and observed work conduct by interviewers. Personally conducted some interviews to keep project on schedule. Kept statistical accounts of participants weekly. Compiled for and channeled reports, time sheets, mileage claims, and completed interviews to UNM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research in Albuquerque. The field survey involved approximately eleven months and a total of 4,133 people were interviewed throughout the Navajo Nation and bordertowns.

AFFILIATIONS

Navajo Nation Employees Advisory Board, Chairman; 1991 & 1992
New Mexico Navajo Private Industry Council, Member; 1991 to 1996
Population Technical Advisory Committee, State of Arizona, Member; 1991 to 1997
Census Advisory Committee on American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, Member 1995 to 2002
Navajo Nation Census 2000 Complete Count Commission, Member, 1999 to 2000
Stanford American Indian Alumni Association Board of Directors, Member, 1996 to 1999
College of Eastern Utah Board of Trustees, Member, 1999 to 2001
College of Eastern Utah Presidential Search Committee, member, Spring 2001
Four Corners Enterprise Community Board of Directors, Chairman, 1998 to 2001
Juniper Hill Home Owners Association, Member, 2008 to 2011
Navajo Nation Energy Policy Development Work Group, 2010
New Mexico Humanities Council, Member, pending (2011 +)

REFERENCES

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PUBLICATIONS

Document Title; Date(s)	Pages
1978, 80, 81, & 87 Overall Economic Development Program editions (Co-Author)	60 (Avg)
Navajo Planning Identification; 1981	42
New Mexico/Navajo Energy Impacted Communities; 1982	167
DCD Planning Dept./ Annual Report; 1982	48
Navajo Annual JTPA Report; 1984	58
Comprehensive Annual Job Training Plans; 1984, 1985, and 1986	36 (avg)
Revised editions of SYETP Supervisor & Student Handbook; 1984 & 1985	32 (avg)
Navajo Development Problems: A Perspective (Prepared for an International Symposium held in New York City); July, 1984	19
Navajo Nation Development: Policies and Strategies (Co-Author); Sprg 1988	30
Navajo Nation Fax 88; Fall 1988	115
Chapter Images: 1989; May 1990	170
1990 (Navajo) Census Complete Count Commission Final Report; Oct 1990	120
1990 Census Population and Housing Characteristics of the Navajo Nation; Spring 1993	150
CIP: Building the Navajo Nation; Summer 1993	28
Chapter Images: 1992; Summer 1993	230
Navajo Nation: 1990 Census (Educational poster - 2,500 printed)	
Nahata 94: Post-Forum Report; Fall 1994	148
Navajo Nation/USA Navajo Profiles; Spring 1995	6
Community Assessment Support Team (CASTeam) Activities Report; May 1996	44
Chapter Images: 1996; August 1997 (3,000 in Print)	268
Revision of the UNTF Plan of Operation; Spring 1998 and Fall 2001	80 & 90
Guidelines on Manufactured Housing Program, Spring 2001	28
Community Land Use Plan(s) for Klagetoh, Red Valley, & Tsayatoh Chapters (2004)	250 (Avg)
Chapter Images: 2004; April 2004	517
Navajo Area IHS Service Units Map (Poster and publication sizes – 5,000 in print) (2004)	
Community Land Use Plan(s) for Littlewater, Lupton, & Teec Nos Pos Chapters (2005)	250 (Avg)
Community Land Use Plan Amendment for Sheep Springs Chapter (2005)	96
Albuquerque Area IHS Service Units (Poster size – 2005)	
Dine College: Tomorrow's Enrollment (400 in print) (Sept 2006)	82
Dine College: Stepping Up to Four (200 in print) (Dec 2008)	107
Red Rock: Nahata for Selected Lands (in the works) (2011)	

FILM & MEDIA

Title; Date(s)	Duration
Eastern Navajo Land in Transition; Annual DNR Conference; PowerPoint (April 2010)	54 Slides
A Visual Tour (of Eastern Navajo Lands): Education to NHLC and Resources Committee; PowerPoint (Feb 2010)	48 Slides
The Dawn of a New Force; Application visual supplement for USDA Enterprise Community funding; Script and Filming Advisement (2000)	20 Min
Navajo Nation Complete Count; TV Script, Narration, Production Direction (1989)	25 Min
NTUA Power Plant and Consol Rail Line, Slide Presentation; Script & Shooting (1982)	30 Slides
A Navajo Nation Industrial Promotion Film; Production Liaison (1980)	27 Min

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September 25, 2019

Jamie Henio, Council Delegate
24th Navajo Nation Council
PO Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Dear Honorable Delegate Henio,

Yá'át'ééh! I hope this letter finds you in good spirit and health. On two separate occasions, the Commission on Navajo Government Development passed Resolution No's. CNGD-1202-17 and CNGD-0201-19, December 17, 2017 and February 16, 2019 (*attached*), respectively. Both of the aforementioned resolutions specifically addressed and strongly recommended a Legislative Branch representative to the Commission on Navajo Government Development be nominated without any additional delay.

The Legislative Branch representative to the "Commission" has now been vacant since June 19, 2013 under the then 22nd Navajo Nation Council, which is approximately 6 years and 3 months (exactly 75 monthly commission meetings in which a Legislative Branch representative to the Commission has been absent). This is simply unacceptable in the period of the need to seriously address government reform across the Navajo Nation civic landscape.

Recently, two requests for proposal were issued in a form of Public Notice in *Navajo Times* newspaper on June 27, 2019 and August 15, 2019, requesting for interested person to submit a letter of interest and resume. There were no inquiries or any application submitted after this public notice. Accordingly and you will notice, Mr. Larry Rogers letter of interest and resume predates both public notice date and essentially, this is the only applicant that is now being forwarded as a nominee.

In your collaboration with the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, the Office of Navajo Government Development faithfully requests that either you or the Speaker be the primary sponsor for this legislation. Additionally, the Commission politely request this be introduced right away in time for the upcoming Navajo Nation Council Fall Session.

Attached to this letter are the following:

1. Mr. Larry Roger's Letter of Interest and Resume
2. Resolution No: CNGD-1202-17 and CNGD-0201-19

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edward K. Dee, Executive Director
Office of Navajo Government Development

xc: Hon. Seth Damon, Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
NAVAJO NATION

HONORABLE SETH DAMON
Speaker 24TH Navajo Nation Council

February 25, 2019

Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker
The 24th Navajo Nation Council
P. O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Honorable Speaker Seth Damon,

Please refer to the memorandum dated February 4, 2019, with the subject: "Legislative Branch Representative to the Commission on Navajo Government Development" as a precursor to Resolution No. CNGD-0201-19 (*attached*), which the "Commission" passed on February 16, 2019.

For the better part of 2018 calendar year, the Legislative Branch representative to the Commission on Navajo Government Development was the lone vacancy despite the Commission and Office's repeated effort to have former Speaker LoRenzo Bates submit a nominee to our office. It is the Commission's aspiration to have all twelve (12) members filled, so to have a full representation from within all 3 branches and from the other respective entities.

Please nominate a member from within the Legislative Branch via a letter to our office. Our office will then promptly work with the nominee in terms of securing a letter of interest and resume to be submitted in preparation for legislation.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at .

Respectfully,

Edward Dee, Executive Director
Office of Navajo Government Development

Encloses: Resolution No. CNGD-0202-19
Memorandum Dated 4 February, 2019

cc: JoAnn Dedman, Chairperson, Commission on Navajo Government Development
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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
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HONORABLE SETH DAMON
Speaker 24TH Navajo Nation Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: Seth Damon, Speaker
Office of the Speaker, Navajo Nation Council

FROM: Edward K. Dee, Executive Director
Office of Navajo Government Development

DATE: February 4, 2019

SUBJECT: **Legislative Branch Representative to the Commission on Navajo Government Development**

The FY2019 First Quarter Report submitted to your office and the 24th Navajo Nation Council states the following under X. Major Issues and Recommendations (1) Vacancies on the Commission on Navajo Government Development: The VACANT representative from the Legislative Branch to the Commission on Navajo Government Development remains unfilled.

The Legislative Branch representative to the Commission under the 23rd Navajo Nation Council has never been filled despite numerous attempts by the office, commission, and concerned council delegates. In fact, the vacancy goes as far back as June 2013 under then Speaker Laurence T. Morgan of the 22nd Navajo Nation Council. For five and half (5 ½) years the Legislative Branch representative to the Commission on Navajo Government Development has been ignored and left unfilled.

Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972 (A)(3) (1994 as amended), One member shall be nominated by the Legislative Branch through the Intergovernmental Relations Committee (now Naabik'íyáti' Committee) of the Navajo Nation Council to serve a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council, the nominee shall have prior experience as an official or employee of a state government or any subdivision thereof.

Members of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council regularly queried about the effectiveness and productivity of the Office and Commission on Navajo Government Development, in light of then Speaker LoRenzo C. Bates legislative silence and responsibility to nominate a representative. The long-overdue vacancy and the lack of representation from Legislative Branch directly contributes to the assumed inaction that affect not only the Office but the Commission on Navajo Government Development and the Navajo Peoples aspiration for "government reform."

The Commission and this Office looks to your leadership to nominate a Legislative Branch representative to serve on the Commission of Navajo Government Development. Thank you.

cc: JoAnn Dedman, Chairperson, Commission on Navajo Government Development
Jamie Henio, Council Delegate, 24th Navajo Nation Council
Vince James, Council Delegate, 24th Navajo Nation Council
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EXHIBIT C

RESOLUTION OF THE
COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDING THE SPEAKER OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO UPHOLD 2 N.N.C. § 972(3) TO NOMINATE A LEGISLATIVE BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT, A LONG OVERDUE VACANCY SINCE JUNE 2013 THAT HAS BEEN DISREGARDED AND IT MUST BE FILLED ABSENT OF POLITICAL AMBIANCE

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to CD-68-89, the Navajo Nation Council established the Commission ("Commission") on Navajo Government Development including the Office of Navajo Government Development with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the Navajo Nation Council's project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government; and,

2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 971 (1994 as amended), the purpose of the Commission on Navajo Government Development shall be as follow: (A) To review and evaluate all aspects of the existing government structure of the Navajo Nation including laws, rules and regulations, practices, functions, goals and objectives of the central government as it relates to Chapters, and local communities and the relationship of Chapters and local communities and the relationship of Chapters and local communities to the central government; and,

3. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972 (1994 as amended), A. The Commission shall consist of 12 Navajo members to be confirmed by and serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council as follow; and,

4. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972 (A)(3) (1994 as amended), One member shall be nominated by the Legislative Branch through the Intergovernmental Relations Committee (now *Naabik'iyáti' Committee*) of the Navajo Nation Council to serve a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council, the nominee shall have prior experience as an official or employee of a state government or any subdivision thereof; and,

5. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972 (D) (1994 as amended), Commission members shall be chosen from among individuals who have demonstrated scholarship, a strong sense of public interest, knowledge of Navajo history and cultural heritage, spiritual leadership, leadership in Navajo government and abilities likely to contribute to the fulfillment of the duties of the Commission; and,

6. The Legislative Branch representative to the "Commission" has been vacant since June 19, 2013, under the then 22nd Navajo Nation Council Speakership; and,

7. For approximately four and a half (4 ½) years, the Legislative Branch representative to the Commission on Navajo Government Development has been disregarded and left unfilled; and,

8. Members of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee in the 23rd Navajo Nation Council have frequently queried the effectiveness and productivity of both the Office and Commission on Navajo Government Development, in light of its own legislative silence in leadership and responsibility to nominate a Legislative Branch representative; and,

9. The long-overdue vacancy and the lack of representation from Legislative Branch directly contributes to the questionable and postulated inaction, affecting not only the Office of Navajo Government Development but also the Commission on Navajo Government Development and more importantly, the Navajo Peoples aspiration for "government reform."

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Commission on Navajo Government Development hereby approves the recommendation for the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council to uphold 2 N.N.C. § 972(3) to nominate a Legislative Branch representative, absent of political ambiance, through the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development, for a term of two years from the date of confirmation.

CERTIFICATION

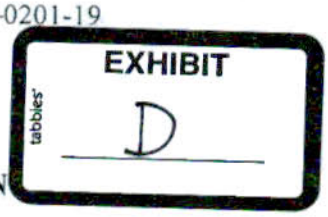
I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Commission on Navajo Government Development at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained, this 17th day of December, 2017.

JoAnn Dedman, Chairperson
Commission on Navajo Government Development

Motion: Anselm Morgan

Second: Herman Farley

CNGD–0201-19



RESOLUTION OF THE
COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMEN

AN ACTION TO RECOMMEND THE SPEAKER OF THE 24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO UPHOLD 2 N.N.C. § 972(3) TO NOMINATE A LEGISLATIVE BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT, A LONG OVERDUE VACANCY SINCE JUNE 2013 THAT HAS BEEN IGNORED AND IT MUST BE FILLED ABSENT OF POLITICAL IMPLICATION.

WHEREAS:

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2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 971 (1994 as amended), the purpose of the Commission on Navajo Government Development shall be as follow: (A) To review and evaluate all aspects of the existing government structure of the Navajo Nation including laws, rules and regulations, practices, functions, goals and objectives of the central government as it relates to Chapters, and local communities and the relationship of Chapters and local communities and the relationship of Chapters and local communities to the central government; and

3. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972 (1994 as amended), A. The Commission shall consist of 12 Navajo members to be confirmed by and serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council as follow; and

4. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972 (A)(3) (1994 as amended), One member shall be nominated by the Legislative Branch through the Intergovernmental Relations Committee (now Naabik'íyáti' Committee) of the Navajo Nation Council to serve a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council, the nominee shall have prior experience as an official or employee of a state government or any subdivision thereof; and

5. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972 (D) (1994 as amended), Commission members shall be chosen from among individuals who have demonstrated scholarship, a strong sense of public interest, knowledge of Navajo history and cultural heritage, spiritual leadership, leadership in Navajo government and abilities likely to contribute to the fulfillment of the duties of the Commission; and

6. The Legislative Branch representative to the "Commission" has been vacant since June 19, 2013, under the then 22nd Navajo Nation Council Speaker; and

7. For approximately five and a half (5 ½) years, the Legislative Branch representative to the Commission on Navajo Government Development has been disregarded and left unfilled; and

8. Members of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee in the 23rd Navajo Nation Council have frequently queried the effectiveness and productivity of both the Office and Commission on Navajo Government Development, in light of its own legislative silence in leadership and responsibility to nominate a Legislative Branch representative; and

9. The long-overdue vacancy and the lack of representation from Legislative Branch directly contributes to the questionable and postulated inaction, affecting not only the Office of Navajo Government Development but also the Commission on Navajo Government Development and more importantly, the Navajo Peoples aspiration for "government reform."

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Commission on Navajo Government Development hereby approves an action to recommend to the Speaker of the 24th Navajo Nation Council to uphold 2 N.N.C. § 972(3) by nominating a Legislative Branch representative, absent of political dispute, through the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development, for a term of two years from the date of confirmation.

CERTIFICATION

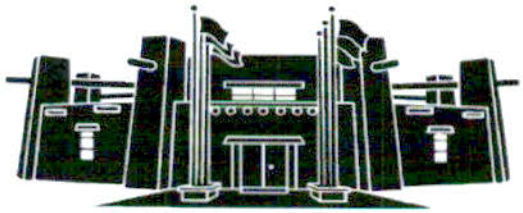
I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Commission on Navajo Government Development at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained, this 16th day of February 2019.

JoAnn Dedman, Chair
Commission on Navajo Government Development

Motion: Crystal Cree

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Honorable Seth Damon
Speaker
24th Navajo Nation Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Jamie Henio
24th Navajo Nation Council

FROM: Kristen Lowell
Kristen Lowell, Principal Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: November 21, 2019

SUBJECT: **AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LARRY RODGERS TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS AS THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE**

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge.

Please ensure that this particular resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution.

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LEGISLATION NO: _0361-19_____ SPONSOR: Jamie Henio

TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'íyáti Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; confirming the appointment of Larry Rodgers to the Commission on Navajo Government Development for a term of two years as the Legislative Branch Representative

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