

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD Navajo Nation Council - Third Year, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. KRIS BEECHER, TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS A TENANT AND HOMEBUYER REPRESENTATIVE

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. §606 (A), [t]he Board Members shall be appointed, and may be reappointed, by the Nominations Committee composed of the Navajo Nation President, Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, Resources and Development Committee designee, and confirmed by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.
- B. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. §606 (A), A resolution of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council as to the appointment or reappointment of any Commissioner shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper appointment of the Commissioner.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 602 (A), The Navajo Nation established a public body of the Navajo Nation known as the Navajo Housing Authority (Authority) to: remedy unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions that are injurious to the public health, safety and morals; alleviate the acute shortage of decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings for persons of low income; provide employment opportunities through the construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, alteration or repair operation of low income dwellings; and promote economic growth and development activities within and near the Navajo Nation. See 6 N.N.C. § 604 (A) - (D).
- B. The affairs of the Authority shall be managed by a Board of Commissioners composed of five persons. 6 N.N.C. § 605 (2017); CJA-13-17.

- C. A majority of the Commissioners shall be a member of the Navajo Nation; Mr. Kris Beecher's Navajo Nation Certificate of Indian Blood is attached as an **Exhibit A**. 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B) (2017); CJA-13-17.
- D. Two Commissioners of the five shall represent the tenants and homebuyers participating in programs administered by the Navajo Housing Authority; Mr. Kris Beecher is a homebuyer in a program administered by the Navajo Housing Authority. 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B) (2017); CJA-13-17.
- E. All Commissioners at a minimum, shall have post-high school education and employment experience in at least one of the areas of business operations, architecture, construction management, finance, accounting, investing, or in other specialized areas of construction or business that correspond to the activities or anticipated activities of the Authority, and at least three years of management or leadership experience in business or a local unit of government.
- F. Mr. Kris Beecher's resume is attached as **Exhibit B**, letter of interest is attached as **Exhibit C** and Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science from Arizona State University is attached as **Exhibit D**. 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B) (2017); CJA-13-17.
- G. The term of office shall be four years and staggered. When a Board is first established, one member's term shall be designated to expire in one year, another to expire in two years, a third to expire in three years, and the last two in four years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for four years. 6 N.N.C. § 607.
- H. The term of years for the appointment of Mr. Kris Beecher shall be in accordance with 6 N.N.C. § 607.
- I. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 606, the Nominations Committee has appointed Mr. Kris Beecher, the appointment letter is forthcoming and will be attached as an **Exhibit E**.

SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. 606 (B) and 6 N.N.C. § 607, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee hereby confirms the appointment of Mr. Kris Beecher to serve on the Navajo Housing Authority

Board of Commissioners as a tenant and homebuyer representative.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 15 in favor and 0 oppose, this 25th day of May, 2017.

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Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairperson
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Otto Tso
Second: Honorable Steven Begay

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**23rd Navajo Nation Council
Naabik'iyati' Committee**

Date: May 25, 2017

Legislation No. 078-17

Motion: Otto Tso

Second: Steven Begay

ALL DELEGATES:

	Yea	Nay
BATES, LoRenzo		
BEGAY, Kee Allen Jr.	✓	
BEGAY, Norman M.	✓	
BEGAY, Steven	✓	
BEGAYE, Nelson	✓	
BENNETT, Benjamin L.		
BROWN, Nathaniel		
CHEE, Tom T.	✓	
CROTTY, Amber K.		
DAMON, Seth		
DANIELS, Herman	✓	
FILFRED, Davis		
HALE, Jonathan L.	✓	
JACK, Lee Sr.	✓	
PERRY, Jonathan	✓	
PETE, Leonard H.	✓	
PHELPS, Walter		
SHEPHERD, Alton Joe	✓	
SLIM, Tuchoney Jr.	✓	
SMITH, Raymond Jr.		
TSO, Otto	✓	
TSOSIE, Leonard	✓	
WITHERSPOON, Dwight		
YAZZIE, Edmund	✓	

BY COMMITTEE:

	Yea	Nay	TOTAL
BFC:			
CHEE, Tom T.			
DAMON, Seth			
JACK, Lee Sr.			
SLIM, Tuchoney Jr.			
WITHERSPOON, Dwight			
TSOSIE, Leonard			
HEHSC:			
BEGAY, Norman M.			
BEGAY, Steven			
BEGAYE, Nelson			
BROWN, Nathaniel			
CROTTY, Amber K.			
HALE, Jonathan L.			
LOC:			
BEGAY, Kee Allen Jr.			
DANIELS, Herman			
SMITH, Raymond Jr.			
TSO, Otto			
YAZZIE, Edmund			
RDC:			
BENNETT, Benjamin L.			
FILFRED, Davis			
PERRY, Jonathan			
PETE, Leonard H.			
PHELPS, Walter			
SHEPHERD, Alton Joe			
SPEAKER:			
BATES, LoRenzo			
(Votes only in a tie)			

GRAND TOTAL

15 0

CERTIFICATION:



Honorable LoRenzo Bates
Speaker



THE NAVAJO NATION

LEONARD HASKIE, INTERIM CHAIRMAN
THE NAVAJO TRIBAL COUNCIL

IRVING BILLY, INTERIM VICE-CHAIRMAN
THE NAVAJO TRIBAL COUNCIL

EXHIBIT

A

UNACCEPTABLE IF ALTERED

CERTIFICATE OF NAVAJO INDIAN BLOOD

Part A

(To be used if applicant is enrolled)

Western Navajo Agency
Agency

August 01, 1989
Date

I certify that Kris Olin Beecher is listed on the Navajo Indian Census Roll, dated March 30, 1988, which is an official record of this office as being of 1/2 (half) degree of Navajo Indian blood, and with Roll Number _____, date of birth _____.

RECORD: 56 Western Navajo Census Rolls, Arizona

Bertha Lohu
Vital Statistic Technician I



Kris Beecher

1000 N. P.O. Box Tuba City, AZ 86045
Chandler, AZ 85225 | 480-370-0001 |

Education

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at ASU, Tempe, AZ

J.D. | Fall 2016 – Spring 2019

- Admitted as an O'Connor Merit Scholar
- Indian Legal Program student

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

B.A. | May 2016

- Political Science Major/ Communication Minor
- Political Entrepreneurship through Internships: Local to Global Certificate
- Cumulative GPA 4.0, Summa Cum Laude

Mesa Community College, Mesa, AZ

A.A. with Distinction | May 2014

- Political Science Transfer Degree
- Cumulative GPA 3.81

AGEC-A with High Distinction | May 2014

Eastern Arizona College

General Studies | 1994-1995

Honors/Scholarships

Navajo Nation Bar Association Member

March 2017

- Passed March 25th, 2017 Navajo Nation Bar Exam-to be sworn in June 9th, 2017

O'Connor Merit Scholar – Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at ASU

2016-2019

- Binding Admission and generous merit scholarship to start in Fall 2016 school year

Cobell Scholarship | AIGC Fellowship | Rosette LLP Scholarship

2016-2017

- Merit Scholarship for Indigenous students

Navajo Nation - Chief Manuelito Scholarship

2013-2016

- Three-time recipient selected by the Office of the Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance
- Recognized as a high achieving undergraduate student and member of the Navajo Nation

Arizona State Legislature Internship

Spring 2016

- House of Representatives-Commerce Committee
- House Majority Research Staff Intern (Research, Analysis, and Presentation)

ASU Dean's List

Fall 2014 - Spring 2016

- 4 consecutive semesters on the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List
- Fall 2015 Term GPA 4.33; Cumulative GPA 4.0

Professional Experience

Dec 2016-January 2017

Law Clerk Intern | Office of the Chief Prosecutor | Navajo Nation | Tuba City, AZ (40 hrs per wk/Paid)

- Created 228-page internal document of Navajo Nation Criminal Code Title 17 with annotation for use by all Prosecutors and staff of the Office of the Chief Prosecutor.
- Attended Court proceedings with Prosecutor, communicated with community and other agencies, attended training sessions, and gave presentation to staff regarding N.N.C. Title 17.

June 2016-August 2016

Intern | Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs | Dept. of the Interior | Phoenix, AZ (40 hours per week/Paid)

- Management Analyst Intern stationed at the Western Regional Office in Tribal Government Services

- Researched and analyzed current tribal constitutional law, Bureau of Indian Affairs policies, and presented analysis to leaders in Tribal and Federal Government at various meetings in the U.S.

January 2016-May 2016

Intern | Arizona State Legislature House of Representatives | Phoenix, AZ (40+ hours per week/Paid)

- House Majority Non-Partisan Research Staff Intern for the Commerce Committee.
- Researched, analyzed, and presented current law, policy, and proposed legislation to members of the Arizona House of Representatives in committee meetings.
- Attended in-depth stakeholder meetings, performed outreach to government entities and lobbying firms

August 2015-December 2015

Indian Legal Program Office Aide | Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at ASU| Tempe, AZ (PT)

- Focus on Special Projects regarding Arizona Tribal Court Information, SSRN, and Conferences.
- Research potential conference and workshop attendees and sponsors for events at the Law School.

March 2011-October 2015

Property Manager | Reasonable Rentals | Chandler, AZ (40 hours per week)

- Oversee \$7.9 million dollars in real estate assets for company in various parts of the East Valley.
- Possess comprehensive understanding of relevant State, County, and City building compliance codes.
- Deployed strong project management skills in order to coordinate all property remodel/repair projects.

January 2015-May 2015

Intern | City of Chandler Economic Development Division | Chandler, AZ (150 hours total)

- Reviewed contracts of Development Agreements and summarized all pertinent information for department review of critical deadlines.
- Updated brochures for Chandler developments.

October 2003-March 2011

Vice President & General Manager | Krank Amplification | Chandler, AZ (40+ hours per week)

- As Vice President and General Manager of a guitar amplifier manufacturer, I was responsible for all day-to-day operations and overall direction of the company.
- Management areas included marketing, worldwide sales, national and international code compliance, and customer service.

Additional work history and references available upon request.

Volunteer Experience & Community Engagement

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| • Vice President, 1L Rep, Native American Law Student Association | September 2016-Present |
| • Volunteer, Pipeline to Law Initiative | December 2015-Present |
| • Volunteer, City of Chandler Economic Development Division | May 2015-August 2015 |
| • Volunteer, East Valley Partnership (multiple events) | 2014-2015 |
| • Election Observer, Arizona Democratic Party | November 2014 |
| • Volunteer, Native Vote Election Protection | November 2014, 2016 |

Other Skills and Interests

- Excellent Multi-Tasking Abilities including Attention to Detail, Research, and Analytical Process
- Effective Communicator; Experience Engaging Diverse Communities and Stakeholder Groups
- Vast Experience Working with Native American Communities
- Strong Written and Interpersonal Communication Skills, Organizational Skills, and Leadership Skills
- Outstanding Networking Skills and Phone Experience
- Ability to work in an Independent or Team Environment
- Navajo Culture and Language Preservation; Read, write, speak and sing in Navajo

Kris Beecher

, P.O. Box , Tuba City, AZ 86045
, Chandler, AZ 85225 | 1 |

May 11th, 2017

Attn: Karis Begaye
Office of the President and Vice President
PO Box 7440
Window Rock, Navajo Nation, AZ, 86515

Dear Office of the President and Vice President,

I would like to express my strong desire to be a member of the Navajo Housing Authority's Board of Directors. The advertised position's stated requirements and qualifications run parallel with my current education and career and I believe my background makes me an ideal candidate for the position. My 8 years of experience as Vice President & General Manager of a manufacturing company, which distributed in 22 countries, has given me the needed business operations skills required for the position. Guiding a company through the recession was very difficult, but in the end it strengthened my leadership skills and my ability to work in stressful situations. I also have 4½ years of experience as a Property Manager in which I oversaw 40 single-family homes in various stages of buying and selling, as well as renting, remodeling, and repair maintenance.

I will be starting my 2L year at Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law this Fall and I am pursuing an Indian Legal Certificate. This past March I passed the Navajo Nation Bar Exam, and will be sworn in next month in June. I have recently been a Law Clerk Intern for the Office of the Chief Prosecutor of the Navajo Nation, and will continue this role this Summer working out of Tuba City. This past Summer I was a Management Analyst Intern for the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs and spent most of the Summer researching Tribal constitutions and statutes, writing memos, and meeting with Tribal and Federal government officials at the Bureau of Indian Affairs-Western Regional Office. My past high profile internship at the Arizona State Legislature required me to study, research, and analyze proposed and current legislation and create presentations, technical documents, and briefing materials for members of the Arizona House of Representatives based on my direct analysis. I believe that my career and skills in conjunction with understanding the policy behind legislation and statutes and my law school experience will enable me to give valuable input to the NHA and its Board of Directors.

As an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, a person who grew up in NHA housing, and a current resident of a house that was purchased through NHA, I understand the urgent need for quality housing for our people. Additionally, over the last three years I have tried to pick internships and experiences that would directly affect my abilities to become a leader for the Navajo Nation. I believe that serving as a Board member for the Navajo Housing Authority would be a perfect fit with my background and I look forward to serving the people of the Navajo Nation. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kris Beecher



Arizona State University

The Arizona Board of Regents
by virtue of the authority vested in it by law and
on recommendation of the University Faculty does hereby confer on

Kris Olin Beecher

who has satisfactorily completed the Studies prescribed therefor
the Degree of

Bachelor of Arts
Political Science
Summa Cum Laude

in the
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
with all the Rights, Privileges and Honors thereunto appertaining
this ninth day of May, two thousand and sixteen.

Wayne A. Young
Governor of Arizona

James J. Heiler
Chair of the Board



Michael Crow
President of the University





May 15, 2017

Kris Beecher
P.O. Box
Tuba City, Arizona 86045

RE: Official Appointment to the Navajo Housing Authority ("NHA")

Mr. Beecher,

It is our distinct pleasure to appoint you to the Board of Directors for NHA. You have extensive experience in business operations, real estate, and possess a Bachelor Degree from Arizona State University and a homebuyer that participates in the programs administered by NHA. After review of your resume and interview, we strongly believe you have the background and experience to competently represent on this Board. In addition, as a homebuyer that participates in the programs administered by NHA, will be a tenant and homebuyer representative. **You are hereby appointed for a term of three (3) years.** This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

Thank you for your desire to serve as a Board member with NHA. If you have any questions relating to your appointment, please contact Karis N. Begaye, Legal Counsel, Office of the President and Vice President at (928) 871-7812 or Sophina Tyler, Legislative Staff Assistant, Office of the Speaker at (928) 871-7166.

Sincerely,

THE NAVAJO NATION

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Russell Begaye, *President*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "LoRenzo Bates".

LoRenzo Bates, *Speaker*
23rd Navajo Nation Council

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Alton Joe Shepherd, *Chair*
Resources and Development Committee