

RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Third Year, 2025

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE DELEGATION OF BUSINESS SITE LEASING AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE SHONTO COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE; AND AUTHORIZING THE WESTERN REGIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND THE SHONTO COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENTER INTO A TWO-YEAR BUSINESS SITE LEASE WITH THE NAVAJO HOSPITALITY ENTERPRISE FOR THE SHONTO HOTEL

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 500(A).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee has oversight authority over, including but not limited to, water, land, Chapter activities, economic and community development. 2 N.N.C. § 500(C).
- C. The Resources and Development Committee has the enumerated power to delegate business site leasing authority to governance certified Chapters and to rescind such delegation in accordance with established rules and regulations. 2 N.N.C. §501(B)(2) and (3).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Navajo Nation Council enacted the Local Governance Act (LGA) and codified it under Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code.
- B. Shonto Chapter, also known as Shonto Community Governance, is an LGA Certified Chapter that was delegated approval for business site leases by the Economic Development Committee (predecessor to the Resources and Development Committee-RDC) in 2008 through Resolution EDCY-40-08.

- C. Chapters with delegated business site leasing authority are required to comply with the Navajo Nation's Uniform Business Leasing Regulations of 2008.
- D. The Business Site Lease Regulations approved by Resolution EDCF-11-08 at Section 203 (3.1) states: "The EDC [now RDC] may, at any time, based upon reasonable findings of adverse actions to an interested party may rescind its delegation of approval authority to the Local Government Unit, DED, Shopping Centers, or an Entity."
- E. The Resources and Development Committee through Legislation 0086-25 voted not to rescind Shonto Community Governance business site leasing authority.
- F. The Resources and Development Committee finds that five months have passed since Legislation 0086-25 was voted down; however, the RDC is aware that Shonto Community Governance is not ready to fully implement its business site leasing delegated authority.
- G. The Resources and Development Committee finds a temporary suspension of Shonto Community Governance delegation of business site leasing authority for a period of two years will give the Chapter the time to complete its construction of the business site lease office and to obtain the staff for the office.
- H. The Resources and Development Committee finds that temporary suspension is necessary because the Shonto hotel is completely constructed and ready to be leased to a hotel operator. The longer the Shonto hotel remains without a business site lessee, the greater the chance of vandalism occurring to the building.

SECTION THREE. TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE DELEGATION OF BUSINESS SITE LEASING AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE SHONTO COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE

- A. The Resources and Development Committee hereby temporarily suspends the delegation of business site leasing authority granted to the Shonto Community Governance for a period of two years starting from the certification of this resolution.
- B. The Resources and Development Committee hereby authorizes that the two-year suspension will end in less than two years if the Shonto Community Governance establishes its business site office and staffs the office in less than two years.

SECTION FOUR. AUTHORIZING THE WESTERN REGIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND SHONTO COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE TO WORK TOGETHER TO NEGOTIATE THE BUSINESS SITE LEASE WITH THE NAVAJO HOSPITALITY ENTERPRISE FOR THE SHONTO HOTEL

- A. The Resources and Development Committee hereby authorizes the Western Regional Business Development Office to work with the Shonto Community Governance in negotiating with Navajo Hospitality Enterprise for a business site lease for the Shonto hotel.
- B. This business site lease will be issued by the Western Regional Business Development Office. If at the end of two years the Shonto Community Governance has established its business site office and has hired its staff, then the Shonto hotel lease shall be novated to the Shonto Community Governance.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting held at Tse Bonito, Navajo Nation (New Mexico) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed, this 1st day of December 2025.



Honorable Casey Allen Johnson, Vice Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee

Motion: Honorable Otto Tso
Second: Honorable Rickie Nez

RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

December 1, 2025

Regular Meeting

VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Legislation No. 0258-25: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Temporarily Suspending the Delegation of Business Site Leasing Authority Granted to the Shonto Community Governance; and Authorizing the Western Regional Business Development Office and the Shonto Community Governance to Work Together to Enter into a Two-Year Business Site Lease with the Navajo Hospitality Enterprise for the Shonto Hotel

Sponsor: Brenda Jesus, Council Delegate

Motion: Otto Tso

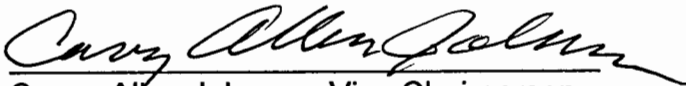
Second: Rick Nez

Vote: 4-0, Vice Chairperson not voting

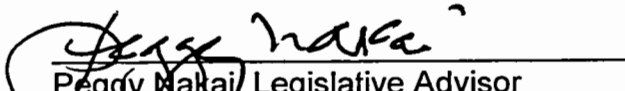
Final Vote Tally:

Shawna A. Claw		
Brenda Jesus	y	
Casey Allen Johnson		
Rickie Nez	y	
Danny Simpson	y	
Otto Tso	y	

Absent: Shawna Ann Claw



Casey Allen Johnson, Vice Chairperson
Resources & Development Committee


Peggy Nakai, Legislative Advisor
Resources & Development Committee