

THE NAVAJO NATION



JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT

April 19, 2020

Honorable members of the 24th Navajo Nation Council,

With this letter I would like to inform you that the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council (NNYAC) has not held a meeting this past month due to the arrival of COVID-19 onto the Navajo Nation.

As you aware, the first (1st) cohort of NNYAC members ended in March of 2020. Our efforts, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, were focused on the placement of new members on NNYAC.

Specifically, the inaugural youth council completed their appointments March 2020. Since that time, we have advertised for new council members and have received a number of applications to fill these vacancies. We were in the middle of conducting interviews when the prevention and mitigations efforts increased for COVID-19. As a result, our work has been interrupted and our quarterly report has been adversely impacted. The placement of youth on NNYAC will continue and positions should be filled by April 30, 2020. We thank your office and the office of Chief Justice for assigning, Ms. Hope McDonald-Lonetree and Ms. Raquel Chee, to assist in this process. The following is a brief summary.

AGENCY	APPLICANT	APPLICANT2
	<i>MALE</i>	<i>FEMALE</i>
CENTRAL	Applicants Interviewed	Applicants Interviewed
EASTERN	Applicants Interviewed	Applicants Interviewed
FORT DEFIANCE	Applicants Interviewed	Applicants Interviewed
NORTHERN	Vacant/No Applicants	Applicants Interviewed
WESTERN	Vacant/No Applicants	Applicants Interviewed
AT-LARGE	Applicants Interviewed	Applicants Interviewed

We ask for your understanding for the delay of our work and we will move forward with placement of the new NNYAC members as soon as possible. Be assured we are anxious to resume our work for our Nation's youth, but these are challenging times.

Thank you for your support. If you have questions, please contact me at yvonnekeebillison@navajonnsn.gov or (928) 871-7000.

Sincerely,



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