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Herman Daniels, Jr. elected to fill vacant seat on Council

WINDOW ROCK – Unofficial results from a special election held on June 30, show that Herman Daniels, Jr. has been elected to serve as Council Delegate, representing the communities of Shonto, Naa'tsis'Áán, Oljato, and Ts'ah Bii Kin on the 23rd Navajo Nation Council.

The seat has been vacant since former delegate Jonathan Nez resigned from the position on May 12, the same day he was sworn in as Vice President of the Navajo Nation.

Daniels is originally from Monument Pass, Utah. He is Bit'ahnii (Folded Arms People), born for T'ízi Łání (Many Goats Clan), his maternal grandfather is Tó'aheedlínii (Water Flows Together Clan), and his paternal grandfather is Hashk'ąą Hadzohí (Yucca Fruit Strung Out in a Line Clan).

Daniels previously served as a delegate from April 2010 to January 2011, taking the place of his late father Herman Daniels, Sr. on the 21st Navajo Nation Council.

As a member of the Council, he served on the former Ethics and Rules Committee and the Navajo Utah Commission. In addition, he previously served as a grazing official for eight years and has served as the President of Oljato Chapter since 2013.

On Wednesday, Daniels said he is very thankful to the four chapters for electing him to serve their communities and also thanked the seven other candidates who ran for the position.

"I'm looking forward to working with the chapters, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council members, and the three branches of government," said Daniels, adding that his campaign platform was based on effective communication between all levels of government.

Director of the Navajo Election Administration Edison Wauneka, said the results of the election will be certified following the 10-day grievance filing period. Upon certification of the election results, Daniels will then be eligible to take the oath of office.

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