



23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

HONORABLE LORENZO C. BATES
SPEAKER, 23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

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STATEMENT FROM SPEAKER LORENZO BATES REGARDING U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

The Navajo Nation Council directed the Office of the Speaker to seek meetings with each of the presidential candidates to allow our leadership to have an open dialogue over issues impacting the Navajo Nation and to learn more about their plans for the Navajo Nation and Indian Country as a whole.

The Office of the Speaker is in communication with Hillary Clinton's campaign and we have extended an invitation to her to visit the Navajo Nation and to meet with the Council.

The Office of the Speaker has received numerous inquiries regarding a possible meeting with U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump. At a meeting of the Naabik'iyáti' Committee on June 9, it was publicly announced that the Donald Trump campaign is open to meeting with Navajo Nation leadership on June 18, however, a meeting has not been confirmed. If a meeting is confirmed, the meeting will likely take place off of the Navajo Nation.

These potential meetings should not be mistaken as an endorsement or a sign of support for any candidate. The Navajo Nation Council has not officially endorsed any candidate and there has been no discussion of doing so.

Thank you,

LoRenzo Bates, Speaker
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