

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Housing Issues and Concerns on the Navajo Nation in Relation to Legislation No. 0232-16

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Navajo Nation Museum Auditorium • Window Rock, AZ



Background Information: In December 2003, the Navajo Nation Council passed Resolution CD-82-03, which designated the Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) as the Navajo Nation's "Tribally Designated Housing Entity" (TDHE), in accordance with the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA).

Congress enacted NAHASDA in 1996 for the purpose of providing housing funds for Native American tribes through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). NHA is the designated entity for the Navajo Nation that receives the federal funding and conducts housing activities in accordance with applicable Navajo Nation and federal laws and regulations.

In recent years, the Navajo Housing Authority has had compliance issues related to guidelines set forth in the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act.

Legislation No. 0232-16 was introduced in July 2016, which seeks to rescind Resolution CD-82-03. If the legislation is approved by the Navajo Nation Council and signed into law by the President, it would remove the Navajo Housing Authority as the Navajo Nation's "Tribally Designated Housing Entity" (TDHE) and designate the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development's Community Housing and Infrastructure Department as the Navajo Nation's TDHE. To view the legislation, please visit navajonationcouncil.org.

On November 17, 2016, Navajo Nation Council members issued a directive to the Office of the Speaker to hold a public hearing to gain insight from the public regarding housing issues and concerns. All public comments will be summarized in a report prior to Council's consideration of Legislation No. 0232-16. Your input is greatly appreciated.

You may also submit comments online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/navajonationhosingsurvey>

**If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Speaker at (928) 871-7160
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