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## **Resources and Development Committee honors Aneva J. Yazzie for 13 Years of Exemplary Service**



**PHOTO: (L to R) Council Delegate Rickie Nez, Council Delegate Otto Tso, RDC Chair Brenda Jesus, NHA CEO Aneva J. Yazzie, Council Delegate Shawna Claw, RDC Vice Chair Casey Allen Johnson, and Council Delegate Danny Simpson**

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Wednesday, the Resources and Development Committee (RDC) bid farewell to Aneva J. Yazzie, who has dedicated over 13 years of service to the Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) improving the lives of the Navajo people.

Throughout her tenure as NHA CEO, Yazzie has tirelessly advocated for affordable housing solutions on the Navajo Reservation. Her unwavering commitment and dedication have left an indelible mark on the community.

RDC member, Council Delegate Rickie Nez, expressed his admiration and gratitude to Yazzie and remarked, “Congratulations, Aneva. You’ve done an excellent job and I’m sure you’ve left the baton in capable hands. You’re that shining star we will miss.”

Yazzie’s journey has been characterized by her pursuit of justice and equity for the Navajo people. Under her leadership, the Navajo Housing Authority has made significant strides in addressing the housing crisis facing Indian Country, securing crucial funding from Congress, and implementing innovative programs to improve housing conditions on the reservation.

In recognition of her service, RDC Vice Chair Casey Allen Johnson presented Yazzie with a plaque that read, "Aneva J. Yazzie: Thank you for your sincere dedication, commitment, and advocacy to the Navajo Housing Authority. 13 years of service in the Navajo Nation."

Reflecting on Yazzie's impact, Council Delegate Otto Tso stated, "You have achieved operatives, and you apply this moving forward to try to find a way to loosen up some of the policies at the federal level, because Indian housing is something that is very important."

Yazzie's dedication to her work and connection to the community have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and constituents alike. Council Delegate Shawna Ann Claw shared her gratitude, saying, "I want to say thank you, and I have the most respect for you. You had a vision for our community, not just here in Chinle, but across the Navajo Nation."

Throughout her tenure, Aneva has demonstrated exemplary leadership, compassion, and integrity, earning the trust of many who have had the privilege of working with her. RDC Chair Brenda Jesus praised Aneva's advocacy efforts, stating, "She's given her all to try to meet the substandard living condition needs of our people across the Navajo Nation."

Delegate Johnson echoed these sentiments, expressing his appreciation for Yazzie's dedication and professionalism.

"Anything that needed to be addressed or needed attention, the NHA and Aneva would make sure that it was taken care of," he said.

As Yazzie embarks on a new chapter in her life, the Navajo Housing Authority extends its heartfelt thanks and best wishes for her future endeavors. Despite her retirement, Yazzie's expertise and passion for serving her community remain invaluable assets that will continue to shape the future of housing on the Navajo Reservation.

Yazzie expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Navajo people, saying, "I appreciate the recognition, the time here. I didn't realize that I would be recognized. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart."

Aneva J. Yazzie's legacy of service and advocacy will continue to inspire and guide the Navajo Housing Authority as it strives to fulfill its mission of providing safe, affordable housing for all members of the Navajo Nation.

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