

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0079-18

**DATE:** February 20, 2018

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. NONA BASHONE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DINÉ URANIUM REMEDIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

**PURPOSE:** This resolution will confirm the appointment of Ms. Nona Bashone as Executive Director of the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission.

**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.**

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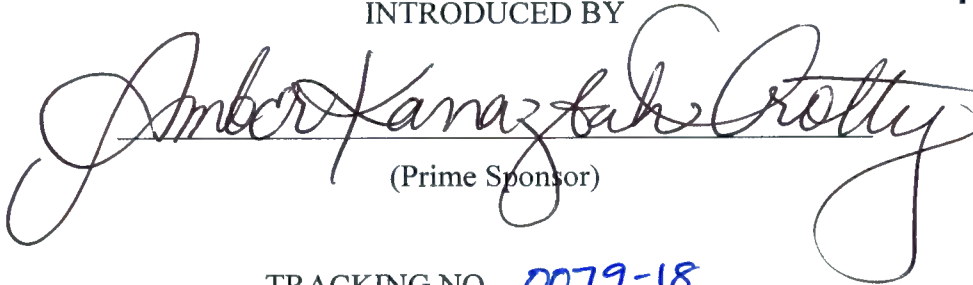
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1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
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15 BE IT ENACTED:

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17 **Section One. Authorities**

18 A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council.  
19 2 N.N.C. § 700. Among other duties and responsibilities, the committee oversees the Diné  
20 Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission. 2 N.N.C. § 3585.

21 B. The Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission was established to study the  
22 impact of uranium mining on the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 3581.

23 C. Pursuant to the Plan of Operation for the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory  
24 Commission, the Executive Director of the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory  
25 Commission is appointed by the President of the Navajo Nation and confirmed by the  
26 Navajo Nation Council, upon recommendation of the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the  
27 Navajo Nation Council. Section VI, *Master Plan of Operation for Diné Uranium*  
28 *Remediation Advisory Commission*, CJA-14-17, incorporated herein by this reference.

29 D. The responsibilities of the Executive Director of the Diné Uranium Remediation  
30 Advisory Commission include overseeing "the daily operations of the Commission,

1 coordinat[ing] hearings, analy[ing] data, writ[ing] reports, and submit[ting]" such findings  
2 to the Commission, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. and the Navajo Nation Council." Section  
3 VI, *Master Plan of Operation for Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission*. The  
4 director is employed in accordance with the *Navajo Nation Personnel Policies and*  
5 *Procedures Manual*. *Id.*

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7 **Section Two. Findings**

8 Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye has appointed Ms. Nona Bashone as  
9 Executive Director for the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission. See Exhibit "A"  
10 (appointment letter, letter of interest and resume). Ms. Bashone meets the qualifications for the  
11 position.

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13 **Section Three. Confirmation**

14 The Navajo Nation hereby confirms the appointment of Ms. Nona Bashone as  
15 Executive Director for the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission.

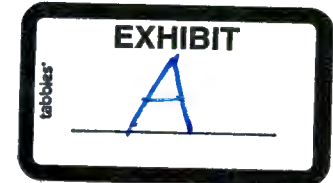


# THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE **PRESIDENT**  
JONATHAN NEZ **VICE PRESIDENT**

November 4, 2017

Nona Bashone



**RE: Offer for the Executive Director of the Uranium Commission**

Ms. Bashone.

The Begaye Nez administration is building a cabinet of educated and experienced professionals who can carry out the four (4) pillars of their administration: 1) jobs; 2) veterans; 3) infrastructure; and 4) elders. After review of your resume and based on our interview, we strongly believe you possess the qualifications and capability to carry out the job effectively and be a part of this Administration. As such, it is our pleasure to extend the following offer of employment for the position as Executive Director for the Uranium Commission.

We offer the following terms: an annual base salary of \$75,000.00; medical benefits; deferred compensation; quarterly bonus incentive plan and 401K Savings and Investment. This position is subject to confirmation by the Naa`bik`iyati` Committee. In addition, confirmation is subject to a successful background and Navajo Nation ethics clearance.

We look forward to your response and joining the Begaye Nez administration. Please contact Karis N. Begaye, Legal Counsel, Office of the President and Vice President at (928) 551-2383 or [knbegaye@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:knbegaye@navajo-nsn.gov).

Respectfully,

**THE NAVAJO NATION**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Russell Begaye".

Russell Begaye, *President*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan M. Nez".

Jonathan M. Nez, *Vice President*

November 9, 2017

Honorable Russell Begaye  
President  
The Navajo Nation  
P.O. Box 7440  
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

RE: Acceptance Letter for the Executive Director of the Uranium Commission

Dear Honorable President Begaye,

It is with great pleasure and honor that I accept your offer to join the Navajo Nation as the Executive Director of the Uranium Commission. The goals outlined in the Uranium Commission Plan of Operation and job announcement for the position are well-matched to my abilities, and I consider it a privilege to join your team to address the impacts of uranium mining and processing on the Navajo Nation.

I understand from the job offer letter, the position is subject to confirmation by the Naa'bik'iyati' Committee, and a successful background and Navajo Nation ethics clearance. It is my understanding my annual salary will be \$75,000.00 with medical benefits, deferred compensations, quarterly bonus incentive plan and 401K savings and investment which will commence on my start date. It is also my understanding employee housing will be available in January 2018.

Thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to working with Uranium Commission and the Navajo Nation. Please feel free to call me at \_\_\_\_\_ or email at \_\_\_\_\_ for any questions. Thank you

Sincerely yours,



Nona Baheshone

# NONA BAHESHONE

## **OBJECTIVE**

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Motivated master's-degree achiever seeking to obtain a professional project management position with an indigenous community.

## **EXPERIENCE**

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### **GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY, Sacaton, AZ**

**06/2015 to Present**

*Project Manager*

Perform professional project management duties for current, short and long range projects for the Community. Prepare Land Use Action Review Reports and Tribal Resolutions for development of housing, commercial, industrial, land acquisition, and community facilities. Manage staff to provide project clearance for development. Attend and make presentations on project review and approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission, Natural Resource Standing Committee and Community Council. Manage the project team to assess sites, research and analyze issues, and provide clearances for land assignment for development projects. Amend and implement outdated tribal ordinances, policies and regulations pertaining to land development. Assist developers and tribal departments with proposed development review. Perform site plan reviews. Conduct field reviews to ensure projects are not in compliance with tribal environmental codes. Attend public meetings to present project findings and recommendations for planning and development projects. Conduct speaking engagements at civic organizations pertaining to Indian land development and environmental planning.

### **BAHOZHONI DEVELOPMENT LLC, Mesa, AZ**

**10/2004 to Present**

*Principal*

Provide professional consulting services in planning, design, environmental compliance, and public participation for Indian Tribes, Federal Agencies, ADOT and engineering firms. Prepare project proposals in response to Request for Proposals by developing scopes of work, budgets, schedules, and Statement of Qualifications. Negotiate agreements with clients and engineering and environmental subcontractors. Manage projects throughout the planning and design process to ensure quality control and client satisfaction. Coordinate and direct project interdisciplinary teams, monitor and evaluate progress, schedules and budgets, identify and resolve issues. Attend and facilitate team meetings, client meetings, public meetings and workshops. Conduct research, data collection & analysis, and develop plan documents and studies, such tribal projects as, Va Shly'ay Akimel Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project (Project), Bishop Paiute Master Plan, Kaibab Paiute Strategic Plan, Ak-Chin Master Plan, Grand Canyon West Master Plan, ADOT N20 Feasibility Study, ADOT and Navajo Transportation Studies, Environmental Assessments, Drainage Studies, Biological Evaluations, Archaeological Surveys for 19 transportation projects; USCOE Salt River Ecosystem Restoration; Navajo Nation Twin Arrows and Pinta Road Casino and Resort Land Use Analysis, Shonto Land Use Plan, Tonto Police Station Site Plan, Huavasupai Integrated Resource Management Plan. Responsible for project management, procurement, contracting, and financial management.

### **U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, Phoenix, AZ**

**10/2006 to 5/2007**

*Project Manager*

Managed right of way projects for transmission, natural gas pipeline, fiber optics and renewable energy development (wind and solar projects) through implementation of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 on BLM. Reviewed and approved projects for permits, grants and licenses for companies to

explore, develop, and produce electric generation, distribution, transmission, fiber optic, and wind and solar resources on Federal under the Federal Land Policy Management Act and the Mineral Leasing Act. Coordinated with energy companies, Federal agencies, Indian Tribes, consultants, and other organizations to process right of way applications. Managed third party contract work, provided scope of work, schedule, standards for acceptable work, and monitoring progress. Served as team leader for interdisciplinary team by organizing and directing the team to produce results. Prepared Cost Recovery Agreements, budgets, schedules, Plan of Development for energy companies. Worked with environmental consultants on development of NEPA documents in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Water Act, Threatened and Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, Native American Religious Freedom Act. Served as primary point of contact for assigned projects with the public and other agencies. Facilitated public involvement program for energy right-of-way projects.

**CITY OF PHOENIX PLANNING DEPARTMENT, Phoenix, AZ**

**08/2002 to 10/2004**

*Planning Team Leader*

Supervised eight professional village planners by providing technical advice and making analyses, recommendations, and presentations of planning related matters in eight peripheral urban villages. Conducted due diligence for land development proposals. Reviewed and approved preliminary and final plats, site plans, master plans, use permits, and maintain entitlement schedule on daily basis. Edited and approved staff reports for rezoning, general plan amendments, annexations, and equivalent zoning projects. Supervised planned community development (PCD) projects between village planners and developers. Conducted public hearings at village planning committees, planning commission, board of adjustment, and council meetings on planning and design projects. Presented plans and design concepts at public meetings. Attended development review meetings, preliminary and appeal project meetings with city staff and developers. Processed land acquisitions and zoning entitlements, and developed master plans for nearly 60,000 acres of State Trust lands (recently annexed) in preparation for new development along the northern boundary of the city. Served as environmental liaison with other departments and agencies.

**CORNOYER HEDRICK, INC., Phoenix, AZ**

**02/2001 to 10/2001**

*Director of Native Design*

Performed marketing, proposal development, procurement, and contracting duties and responsibilities. Promoted growth of the company by enhancing capabilities, revenues, client confidence, and market recognition. Attended team meetings, client meetings and public design workshops for projects. Responsible for the development of the new studio for the firm to expand its professional architectural and planning services to native markets. Assist with development of site plans, master plans, and specific area plans for projects such as (not limited to) Agua Fria River Master Plan, a 41-mile watercourse from the Lake Pleasant Dam to the confluence of the Salt and Gila Rivers, *City of Chandler General Plan* project for land use, circulation, conservation, public services and facilities, public buildings, housing, conservation, rehabilitation and redevelopment, safety, bicycling, recreation, open space, growth area, environmental, cost of development, and water resources elements.

**SALT RIVER-PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY, Scottsdale, AZ**

**10/1994 to 02/2001**

*Director of Community Development Department*

Managed a staff of 70 working in land management, planning and development. Supervised, trained, and mentored 5 Department Managers and other Senior Project Managers in Planning Services, Economic Development, Real Property Management, Cultural and Environmental Services, Management Information System. Conducted performance appraisals, initiated recognition, special awards, and occasionally disciplinary action. Prepared department strategic

plan, annual budget and work plans, policies, procedures, and regulations. Prepared annual reports for the Tribal Council and Federal agencies. Provided oversight of the Environmental Protection and Natural Resources programs to ensure regulatory compliance with all tribal and Federal laws. Prepared and processed environmental assessments and environmental impact statements. Prepared Federal EPA grant applications and conducted grant administration duties for environmental programs and projects. Wrote numerous Federal grants and contracts for environmental quality programs. Recruited professional scientists and environmental engineers to design and implement air, land, and water quality programs. Worked with the U.S. EPA on implementing the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act at the local level. Environmental planning included development of natural resource plans, mitigation programs, conservation plans, and integrating in the land use planning process to develop sustainable comprehensive land use plans. Ensured NEPA compliance through CE, EA, and EIS documentation and NAGPRA and SHPO consultation as certifying officer. Developed Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638) and amendments P.L. 100-472 and P.L. 103-413 contracts for essential program services such as realty, environmental services, housing, commercial leasing from the Federal government. Served as certifying officer with fiduciary responsibility to insure project compliance with tribal and federal regulations on allotted and tribal lands. Ensured sustainable stewardship for environmental and natural resources preservation. Served on national committees to conduct policy review regarding environmental compliance on trust lands. Managed development of master plans, site plans, and long range plans for the community. Conducted public hearings at planning commission, development review committee, and council meetings on development projects. Managed economic development programs and integrated in the land use planning process to develop sustainable comprehensive land use plans. Recommended, implemented, enforced and managed land use planning, development, leasing and business licensing requirements including zoning enforcement, protection, and preservation of the environment and natural resources. Facilitated negotiations between Indian allottees and lessees of land involving complex development schedules, plans, and rental proposals. Implemented a process for executing and managing legal documents, development agreements and contracts, executive business letters and communications, and intergovernmental agreements. Managed the commercial leasing and compliance process to maximize efficiencies and resources. Worked with staff on due diligence of land leases, contracts and agreements, RFPs, business plans, and marketing plans. Developed and monitored land development budgets, contracts and agreements with consultants and contractors. Liaison with multi-jurisdictions on land planning and development issues. Managed and supervised realty functions including surface and subsurface leasing, lease compliance, natural resources, rights of way, probate, titles and records, land consolidation, acquisition & disposal of trust lands. Assisted in preparation of the annual Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, and amendments, contracts for essential Realty program services. Coordinated implementation of the Indian Land Consolidation Act (ILCA) and other Realty related tribal ordinances and Federal laws. Responsible for land title records automation for landownership and leasing databases which allowed for disbursement of land lease and per capita payments to landowners and tribal members, quick access to land information including maps, vital information in determining land interests for assisting landowners prepare legal documents. Assisted tribal leaders prepare for lobbying efforts and congressional hearings for effective Federal policy on Community trust lands.

#### **SALT RIVER-PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY, Scottsdale, AZ**

**06/1990 to 10/1994**

##### *Manager, Planning and Engineering Services*

Managed land planning and engineering services including land surveying, rights of way, water resources, design, and building services. Recruited professional civil engineers, land surveyors, building inspectors, land planners, and GIS specialists. Conducted performance appraisals, initiated recognition, special awards, and occasional disciplinary action. Prepared department annual budget and work plans, policies, procedures, and regulations. Prepared department strategic plan, annual budget and work plans, policies, procedures, and regulations. Prepared annual reports for the Tribal Council and Federal agencies. Organized a professional planning, development review, and building services to support major land development projects. Developed and updated project schedules, budgets, and progress status reports. Developed



consultant selection criteria and participated in the consultant selection, contract negotiations process, and resolved project problems, challenges, and difficulties. Issued permits & managed building inspection services. Managed design of public works projects such as preparation of PL 93-638 contract for CAP water delivery system environmental assessment, Closure and Relocation of the Salt River Commercial Landfill, Salt River Channelization & Bank Protection, and coordinated with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), and neighboring municipalities the construction of new freeways and roadways. Prepared road and utility rights of way applications and easements and assisted landowners negotiate just compensation for rights of way. Managed the NEPA environmental review process, NAGPRA, NARFA, and SHPO consultation with applicable lead agency for residential, commercial, and public works projects including roads and flood control projects. Prepared grants and contracts to fund essential community development programs and projects and environmental protection.

### **SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY, Scottsdale, AZ 04/1988 to 06/1990**

#### *Senior Planner*

Managed the development of the 160-acre The Pavilions Shopping Center by coordinating the project with the developers, contractors, consultants, property owners, other departments and agencies. Completed the environmental assessment and coordinated site plan reviews in compliance with the zoning code development standards and ordinances. Assisted in the preparation of the PL 93-638 contract with US Bureau of Reclamation for planning and design of the CAP Water Distribution System as a result of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Rights Settlement Act of 1988. Updated the *Salt River General Development Plan* to guide growth and development of a historical farming community experiencing development pressure. Planning elements included land use, circulation, economic development, housing, public facilities and services, open space, and implementation. Facilitated the community involvement process. Prepared numerous road and utility rights of way applications and easements. Prepared and processed zoning cases and made presentations at public hearings regarding land planning and development projects. Worked with the General Counsel on drafting new laws and regulations supporting new commercial development. Received Employee of the Quarter.

### **EDUCATION**

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- B.S., Biology, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
- M.E.P., Environmental Planning, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona

### **OTHER TRAINING**

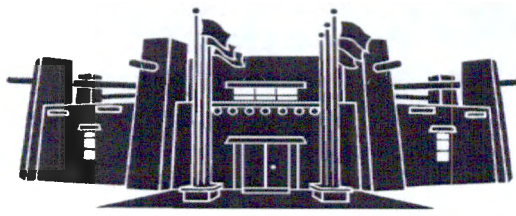
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- On-going professional training courses in project management, planning, design, environmental compliance, public facilitation. Computer training on numerous program applications including Windows and MAC, MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook}, Internet, MS Project, MS Publisher, Quick Books Pro, and Adobe Products.
- Training courses taken on numerous topics including Environmental Compliance on Air, Land and Water programs, Land Valuation, Planning & Zoning Law, Real Estate Development, Property Rights and Eminent Domain, Rights of Way, Land Survey, Contracts and Procurement Law, Federal Indian Trust Laws, and Supervisory and Management.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**


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Member, National Association of Environmental Professionals  
Member, Urban Land Institute  
Member, Project Management Institute  
Member, American Planning Association



## MEMORANDUM

To : Hon. Amber Crotty, Council Delegate  
Navajo Nation Council

From :   
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Ron Haven, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

Date : February 20, 2018

Re : AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION  
COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. NONA  
BASHONE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DINÉ URANIUM  
REMEDATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. The resolution drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with any legislation, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Also, understand that the Speaker is authorized to refer this proposed resolution to other committees than those stated in the title.

You are advised and encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction. If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign it as "sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where it will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment.

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution. Ahéhee'.

**OLC # 18-108-1**

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Office of Legislative Services  
P.O. Box 3390  
Window Rock, AZ 86515  
(928) 871-7590**

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