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Arbin Mitchell sworn in as District 6 Council Delegate



Arbin Mitchell (second from left) is joined by his family as he is sworn in by Navajo Nation Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Today, Arbin Mitchell was officially sworn in as the elected Council Delegate for District 6 by Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne at the Navajo Nation Supreme Court. His term begins immediately, representing the communities of Houck, Klagetoh, Nahata Dziil, Tsé Si Ani, and Wide Ruins.

A native of Wide Ruins, Mitchell assumes the position following the resignation of former Council Delegate Lomardo Aseret on September 30, 2024. As the newly elected delegate, Mitchell brings a wealth of leadership experience to the role.

"On behalf of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, I would like to congratulate Arbin Mitchell on winning the District 6 seat for Council Delegate," said Speaker Crystalyne Curley. "The Council looks forward to the guidance he will provide to the chapters he represents."

Mitchell's public service career spans decades, with key roles in both executive and legislative leadership. He previously served as Chief of Staff under Presidents Russell Begaye, Ben Shelly, and Speaker LoRenzo Bates. His experience also includes working as a staff assistant during the presidential administrations of Albert Hale, Kelsey Begaye, Joe Shirley Jr., and Jonathan Nez.

Mitchell supports the Council's focus on strengthening its relationship with the federal government, especially as the new administration takes office in January.

"I am excited to serve in the legislative branch," Mitchell said. "It's about advocating for our people and securing funding for chapter projects that have long been waiting for attention."

During the swearing-in ceremony, Mitchell expressed his gratitude to District 6 voters and reaffirmed his commitment to serving their needs. He emphasized the importance of collaboration and pledged to use his experience to advance initiatives that will benefit both his constituents and the broader Navajo Nation.

Mitchell is Tódích'íi'nii, born for Áshįįhi. His maternal grandfathers are Kinyaa'áanii, and his paternal grandfathers are Honágháahnii.

As a new delegate, Mitchell is preparing to engage with chapter officials, community members, and other leaders to address the pressing issues facing his constituency.

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