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**Visions  
By  
Vice Chairman David Reede**

Greetings San Carlos! Last Tuesday's special election marked an important progression in the renewal of our tribal government. I look forward to working together with the incoming Council Members to make our reservation a safe and happy place that inspires change and growth.

I am pleased to officially announce my appointment of Mr. Aaron Begay as the Staff Assistant within my office. Mr. Begay hails from the Peridot District. He is a recent graduate of Arizona State University with degrees in Political Science and Religious Studies. Aaron's experience in government includes participation in the prestigious Kaiser Family Foundation Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program, where he was placed as support staff within the Office of Senator Edward Kennedy. Most recently, he was selected as one of 12 Indian students from around the country to participate in the Morris K. Udall Congressional Internship Program. Through this program he was placed within the Office of Arizona Senator John McCain. I am extremely impressed by Mr. Begay's drive and ambition as a young Apache man. I am honored to have him as a member of my staff.

To make my office more accessible to the public, I would like to share the roles and responsibilities of my staff. Ms. Beverly Russell currently serves as my Chief of Staff. Her position serves as the project manager for the initiatives of my office. Beverly acts as a liaison among Tribal officials and staff, private businesses, community and political officials, and the public to foster tribal development. Beverly is responsible for carrying out the priorities established by my office, with a primary focus on education, health care, culture, law enforcement, community affairs and sovereignty. She is also responsible for updating me on any issues that need my attention. Ms. Russell serves as the editor in chief of my newsletter the "Community Stronghold."

Mr. Begay serves as my Staff Assistant. His responsibilities include responding to walk-in visitors, phone calls, emails and letters that come into my office. He is also responsible for receiving and responding to questions and complaints from the general public. Mr. Begay conducts research and evaluates issues in the areas of housing, gaming, natural resources and transportation. Aaron maintains my calendar and appointments and manages all meeting requests. He serves as the managing editor of my newsletter.

Both of my staff members are responsible for responding to constituent concerns. Recently, my office adopted an internal policy that requires my staff to respond to constituent inquiries within a 48 hour period. This means that if you call to my office or submit a letter regarding a specific issue and/or request you will receive an update response within a 48 hour period. This is a part of my desire to make government more responsive to the public.

Finally, it is my pleasure to invite you to come have breakfast with me and my staff on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 -8:00 a.m. The location is tentatively set for the Tribal Council Hall. This free continental breakfast will provide you with an opportunity to find out what is happening in my office, ask questions, and meet others from the community.

“Breakfast with the Vice Chairman”, will be a monthly event. I look forward to seeing you there!