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Visions By Vice Chairman David Reede

Greetings San Carlos! I would like to thank the Bylas community for the opportunity to take part in this weekend's Mt. Turnbull festivities. I was extremely impressed by the weekend agenda. Furthermore, I was inspired by the focus on family oriented events. I would like to acknowledge the organizing committee for all their hard work on behalf of the people of Bylas. I look forward to participating again next year.

As many of you may recall, in the month of February, my office conducted *Taking Action Community Listening Sessions* in each district of San Carlos. Over the past month, my staff has worked to compile and organize the comments presented by the people. After revisiting the data collected, it is clear that within all districts, health care, law enforcement and government reform relating to the tribal committees is a concern. I am pleased to announce that on Friday, April 13th, a report on the comments provided at these sessions will be available for public distribution. To obtain a copy of this report, please contact the Office of the Vice Chairman. This plan will be of great assistance as we move forward to address the needs of the people.

This past week a special Council meeting was held to address issues relating to the Farm Board and other topics. During this meeting, the Council took the initiative to regenerate and assign new committee appointments. I would like to applaud the Council's efforts in reorganizing and preparing to get down to business on committee issues. This action was an important step considering many decisions are dependant upon committee work. Although Chairman Nosie and I will no longer serve on any committees, I will continue to actively participate as an ex-officio member of each committee and I will remain committed to keeping the public informed of committee business. For a new listing of the tribal committees, please contact the Tribal Administration Office.

Mark your calendar, my office in conjunction with the Chairman will host a series of public information sessions titled, For Your Information (FYI). Our first session is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 23rd between 6-7 pm. The topic of discussion will be housing. The Housing Authority staff will also be on hand to present information on the types of programs that are available to qualified tribal members.

I would like to remind you that a community comment line has been created to provide an avenue for tribal members to share their comments and concerns regarding tribal affairs. I want to thank those of you that have utilized this line and have shared your insight and recommendations. I sincerely appreciate your input. However, I want to stress that this line was intended to serve an important purpose in our community and should not be considered a prank line. To prevent the abuse of this community input line, we will be working with SCATUI to take some safety precautions to protect the integrity behind this service.

The Community Stronghold Newsletter is seeking a guest writer for next month's issue. If you are interested in sharing information or writing about some of the issues we face in our community, please contact my staff for more information on how to become a guest writer. I sincerely hope that you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to let your voice be heard.

Finally, this week I will be out of the office attending to family obligations, thank you for your prayers, support and good intentions. I look forward to returning to the office to serve you on Tuesday, April 17th. As always, be the change you want to see in your world.