



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

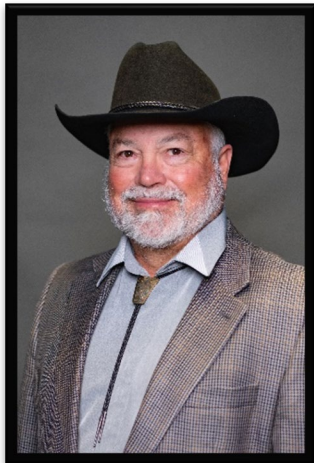
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Melvin J. Baker, Chairman – 970.563.2320

Summer Begay, Communication Specialist– 970.563.2313

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 4, 2024

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Welcomes New Justice and Regulatory Director



Southern Ute Indian Reservation - The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Elliott Salazar as the temporary Justice and Regulatory Director. Salazar, a retired Special Agent with the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, Salazar having worked closely with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and other federal agencies, brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this critical role.

“We are excited to welcome Mr. Salazar to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe,” said Chairman Melvin J. Baker. “His extensive background in law enforcement, particularly within Indian Country, makes him uniquely qualified to lead our Justice and Regulatory Department.”

Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud added, "Mr. Salazar's vast law enforcement experience is warmly welcomed, along with his objective knowledge and willingness to build trust and foster positive relationships with our Tribal Members. He brings a fresh perspective to the Justice and Regulatory Department, and we look forward to his contributions."

Salazar's deep understanding of Tribal sovereignty as well as complex jurisdictional and legal issues will be invaluable as the Tribe navigates this period of transition.

The Tribe is confident that Mr. Salazar's leadership will ensure the continued smooth operation of the Justice and Regulatory Department and its commitment to protecting the rights and interests of the Tribal Membership.

Photo Credit: Jeremy Wade Shockley | The Southern Ute Drum

###