

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — To address upcoming issues that could impact Navajos living on the New Mexico side of the Navajo Nation, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren held a meeting with New Mexico State Rep. Patty Lundstrom.

The discussion, on Dec. 19, primarily revolved around the opposition to planned gun bills that were expected to be introduced during an upcoming 30-day special session.

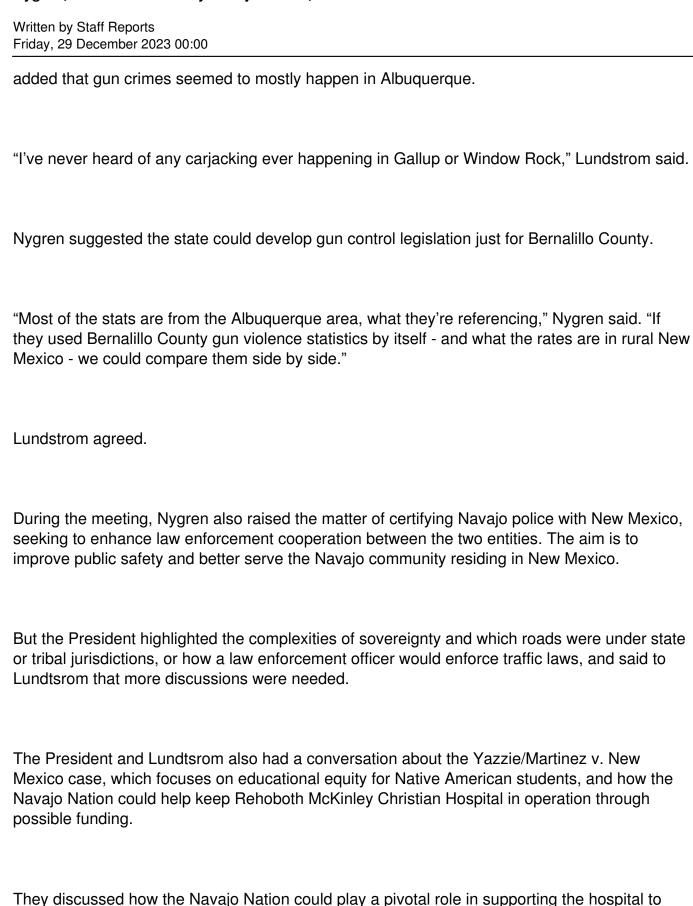
Nygren heard Lundstrom voice potential concerns over proposed gun legislation. Both leaders emphasized the importance of preserving the rights of Navajo citizens while maintaining public safety.

Lundstrom said for citizens living in rural New Mexico, making gun laws that control guns was "a bad thing."

"People don't want their guns to be messed with," Lundstrom said.

The representative said she's gotten chapter resolutions opposing gun bills in the past. She

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"Our hospital is ready to belly up, the RMCH. They just barely made the payroll. They're ready to just shut the whole thing down," Lundstrom said.

Nygren said the hospital could work with the Navajo Nation Council and introduce funding legislation.

As the meeting concluded, both Nygren and Lundstrom agreed their collaborative efforts exemplify a commitment to bridging gaps that foster partnerships between the Navajo Nation and the state of New Mexico.

"I am pleased with the meaningful dialogue we had with Representative Lundstrom. By working together, we can make significant strides in improving healthcare access and quality for the Navajo Nation and surrounding areas. I look forward to continued cooperation in advancing these important initiatives," Nygren said.

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