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Family Dollar withdrew liquor license application.

St. Michaels, Navajo Nation (ARIZ) – The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission (“Commission”) is pleased to announce the Family Dollar in St. Michaels, AZ has withdrew their application for a liquor license with Arizona Department of liquor.

According to the Apache County supervisors' clerk. “The St. Michaels Family Dollar Store officially withdrew its application to sell liquor at its store. The store withdrew its application with the Arizona Department of Liquor. Therefore, Apache County supervisors will not be conducting a public hearing on the matter on July 28, 2020.”

“The Navajo people appreciate the business owner’s willingness to withdraw their application to sell liquor. Navajo communities prevailed, but how many times do we have to tell them No? They should get better acquainted with the people who make their business and know that it is not acceptable to sell liquor in close premises to the neighborhoods and near the capital of the Navajo Nation,” said Jennifer Denetdale, Chair of Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission.

“The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission along with the Navajo Nation Council opposed the Family Dollar’s application to get a liquor license. It is important for Navajo citizens to know that when businesses seek liquor licenses, only people that live or own businesses within 1-mile radius of the store have a say in the process. When a place is designated to sell liquor, it is very difficult to change the status. Arizona liquor department is not in the business to close liquor stores, except when the store violates the liquor laws,” said Leonard Gorman, Executive Director of Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission.

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