



Chairman Melvin J. Baker

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Biography

Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin J. Baker was elected to lead the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in December 2020. Baker previously served 4 terms, totaling nine years on Tribal Council. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Baker has served as Acting Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Council Member.

Baker was born and raised on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and graduated from Ignacio High School. In 1985, Council Member Baker graduated from the Haskell Indian Junior College with his certificate in Auto Body Repair.

Throughout his years of service, Chairman Baker worked on the development and implementation of the new Sky Ute Casino & Resort and the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum. While serving on Council, Mr. Baker also represented the Tribe on the following committees: Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, National Congress of American Indians, Southern Ute Elders Committee, Ten Tribes Partnership, and the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority Board. As Chairman, Baker has prioritized restoring the teamwork within the tribal organization.

Chairman Baker enjoys spending his time away from work with his significant other, three children, and five grandchildren.