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All Pueblo Council of Governors Endorses Vice President Kamala Harris for President and Governor Tim Walz for Vice President

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Albuquerque, NM – The All Pueblo Council of Governors (APCG), representing the 20 Pueblos of New Mexico and Texas, formally endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris for President and Governor Tim Walz for Vice President of the United States. The endorsement by the Pueblo Governors is the first endorsement of Vice President Harris by any New Mexico tribal organization. The endorsement was made by Resolution on August 22, 2024, at the monthly APCG meeting. The Pueblo Governors believe a Harris-Walz administration will put forth a responsive, equitable approach that recognizes tribal sovereignty, addresses tribal administrative needs, sustains, and supports self-determination and preserves Indigenous languages and cultures, all vital to the future of Pueblo Nations and Indigenous communities across the country.

“Our cultural heritage, our traditions, and our languages must be preserved, along with protecting our tribal homelands and sacred sites. These contribute to our unique place in American history.” Governor Arden Kucate of Zuni Pueblo and Secretary of APCG said. “Vice President Harris has consistently supported our vision for the future—one which upholds our rights as sovereign nations. Her leadership will ensure that the voices of our people will be heard and respected at the highest levels of government.”

The Pueblo Governors believe the Biden-Harris Administration has established a commitment for significant, milestone decisions including promoting Indigenous rights, safeguarding sacred lands, such as the protection of Chaco Canyon, and supporting the inclusion of traditional ecological knowledge in federal policy. The Pueblo Governors believe that this commitment will continue in a Harris-Walz administration.



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“Both Vice President Harris and Governor Walz respect and understand the importance of cultural preservation,” added Governor Randall Vicente, Pueblo of Acoma, “Preserving our languages and cultural practices is directly tied to the strength of our survival as America’s First People. We believe that under a Harris-Walz administration our vision for the future will be one where our children grow up speaking their ancestral languages and practicing their cultural beliefs and traditions, free from the threat of assimilation.”

In contrast, the APCG expresses grave concerns over Project 2025 and its link to former President and Republican Nominee Donald J. Trump. The Pueblo Governors believe that the policy proposals contained in Project 2025 threaten the cultural and environmental integrity of Pueblo lands and undermine the sovereignty and governance exercised by all Tribal Nations.

Pueblo of Jemez Governor, Peter Madalena urged tribal communities to make their voices heard: “Our identity as Pueblo People and our connection to the land will be severely threatened if Vice President Harris and Governor Walz do not get elected. We need our Pueblo People and all tribal citizens to vote in this coming General Election. It is critical that we exercise this important right because it’s not just about preserving the past, but it’s also about securing our future so our cultural way of life will continue to thrive for generations to come.”

APCG has issued a formal invitation to Vice President Harris, Governor Walz, and the campaign to engage with leadership, and meet with Pueblo elders, parents, and children ahead of Election Day, November 5, 2024, and beyond.

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