

Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Tim Walz will safeguard and strengthen the bonds between our nations, uphold our trust and treaty obligations, honor Tribal sovereignty, promote robust Tribal consultation, and ensure Tribal self-determination.

Vice President Harris will expand access to health care for Native American families.

- Vice President Harris will uphold our nation's trust and treaty responsibilities to Tribal nations by ensuring the Indian Health Service (IHS) is fully funded.
- She is committed to improving health care for Native Americans by expanding funding for the IHS and fighting to make the funding for the IHS mandatory—closing long standing service and facility shortfalls—so that all Native Americans can receive reliable, high-quality, affordable healthcare in their communities.
- She will expand loan repayment programs like the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program so that Tribal communities can recruit and train more medical professionals.
- She will support reauthorization and increase funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, which has been critical in lowering the prevalence of diabetes in Indian Country.
- She will cut the number of rural ambulance deserts in half, so that more Native Americans in Tribal communities can be reached quickly by an ambulance.
- She will also double funding for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program for Rural Communities to \$120 million, which will give Tribal communities more resources for telehealth equipment—including at health clinics, hospitals, and schools—and support innovative new technologies like tele-medically equipped ambulances
- These commitments will build on the progress she has made as Vice President—she helped secure an advance appropriation for the IHS in 2024, a historic step toward the goal of ensuring sufficient and reliable funding for Native American health care, and requested \$8 billion in additional Native health care resources for 2025, the largest budget request ever for Native health care needs.
- She will support initiatives at the Departments of Health and Human Services and the Interior that uplift the well-being of Native American communities—including grant programs that address mental health and treat substance abuse in Tribal communities.

Donald Trump Wants To Sabotage the Indian Health Service

- Trump would imperil health coverage for millions of Native Americans by stripping the Indian Health Service of the authority to provide health care services in Indian country.
- Trump proposed cuts to IHS funding and tried to cancel funding for the CDC's health and wellness initiative.

Vice President Harris will lower costs for Native American families.

- She'll expand the Child Tax Credit to provide tax cuts of up to \$6,000 for Native American families with children, building on policies that cut Native American child poverty to record lows.
- She'll lower housing costs by providing first-time homebuyers with up to \$25,000 of down payment assistance, going after price-fixing by corporate landlords and big firms that buy up homes in bulk, and increasing funding for the Indian Housing Block Grant Program, the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program, and other government housing programs focused on Native Americans.
- She will lower prescription drug costs for Native American families by capping the cost of insulin and out-of-pocket spending for all Americans, and accelerating Medicare price negotiations to cover more drugs and lower prices for Native Americans.
- She will lower food costs by enacting the first-ever federal ban on corporate price-gouging for food and groceries.

Vice President Harris will build an opportunity economy for Native American communities.

- She will expand funding for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program and speed up broadband infrastructure deployment to connect more Tribal communities to high-speed internet, helping businesses better connect to customers and compete in a globally connected economy. This builds on the \$2 billion that Vice President Harris has already helped invest in Tribal broadband under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

- Under Vice President Harris, the Small Business Administration will work directly with Native American Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to provide fully forgivable loans of up to \$20,000 to Native entrepreneurs and others who have historically faced barriers to starting a new business as well as no-interest loans for tribal small business owners seeking to scale their existing businesses.
- This builds on the record \$234 million to Native American CDFIs and Native-led Depository Institutions that was provided because of her legislation as a Senator and her leadership as Vice President.
- Vice President Harris will make it easier for Native-owned businesses and controlled businesses to obtain federal contracts under the Buy Indian Act, including by cutting red tape and providing additional technical assistance to Native-owned and controlled businesses to help them access these opportunities.
- She will increase the small business deduction from \$5,000 to \$50,000 to support Native American entrepreneurs.
- She will also build on her leadership in securing \$500 million in federal funding for Native American small businesses through the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), which is expected to unlock as much as \$5 billion in additional funding to support Native entrepreneurs and small businesses.
- She has helped make more investments in Tribal communities than any other Administration in American history, casting the tie-breaking vote that led to the single largest Tribal investment in history—\$32 billion—to help Tribal economies devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic, and securing the largest investment ever in Tribal infrastructure—providing \$13 billion to Tribal communities for high-speed internet, roads, bridges, clean water, and improved sanitation.

Donald Trump Abandoned, Insulted, and Disrespected Tribal Nations

- Trump excluded many Tribal businesses from applying for COVID-19 emergency relief funds, instead favoring well-connected big businesses.
- Trump limited Tribal input on harmful projects on their land.
- While speaking to Congress, Trump opposed expanding Native American casinos, claiming that some of the Native American tribes weren't truly Native American. He said of one tribe, "They don't look like Indians to me."
- He later claimed in an interview that he had "more Indian blood than a lot of the so-called Indians" who were opening up reservations at the time.

Vice President Harris will protect Native land and water.

- Vice President Harris has helped create, restore, or expand 10 National Monuments and signed more than 200 co-stewardship agreements with Tribal communities.
 - *She helped restore protections for the Bear Ears National Monument which Trump—in an unprecedented move—removed.*

- *As a Senator, Kamala Harris championed the San Gabriel National Monument expansion, and this year celebrated the protection of an additional 106,000 acres.*

- Vice President Harris helped to settle Indian water rights claims, helping to right the wrongs of past federal policies.
- Vice President Harris has pledged to conserve 30 percent of America's lands and waters by 2030 and has restored protections to Arctic waters and the Bering Sea, the Tongass National Forest, and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
- She will streamline and create a standardized process for co-stewardship agreements in the future, building on the more than 200 co-stewardship agreements that she has helped enact as Vice President.

Donald Trump Attacked Tribal Land Rights and Desecrated Sacred Lands

- Trump ignored Tribal recommendations and took the unprecedented step of removing 85% of land from the first Tribally sponsored national monument protecting Bears Ears.
- Trump reduced the amount of land placed into trust by the Interior Department from 560,000 acres under the Obama administration to 75,000 acres.
- Trump made it harder for Tribes to regain ancestral lands and even sought to disestablish the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's reservation.
- Trump didn't care about Tribal input—he never convened a White House Tribal Nations Conference, nor did he actively use the Obama-Biden Administration's White House Council on Native American Affairs to drive policy for Native Americans.

Vice President Harris will fight to end the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples.

- She will increase funding for the Department of Interior's public safety initiatives and the Department of Justice's Tribal law enforcement programs to combat crime, building on executive action the Biden-Harris Administration took to protect Native American communities.
- As Vice President, Kamala Harris established a Missing and Murdered Unit within the Department of the Interior to solve missing and murdered cases involving American Indians and Alaska Natives.
- As President, she will increase funding for the Missing and Murdered Unit and commit to improving federal coordination with tribal governments to solve these crimes—improving data collection, supporting tribal law enforcement, and funding victim support services.

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