



Statement From the Indigenous Peoples' Initiative Introducing New Board Member Ginger Sykes Torres

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ARIZONA- The Indigenous Peoples' Initiative is excited to announce the newest member of our governing board, Mrs. Ginger Sykes Torres. Ginger brings years of experience and has advocated for tribal communities nationwide on economic development and sustainable growth. Ginger is Diné (Navajo), Tódich'ii'nii (Bitter Water Clan) born for Bilagáana. She was born on the Navajo Nation in Tuba City, raised in Mesa, and now lives in central Phoenix. As a high school student, Ginger was the first female to win a world title at the Heard Museum's World Championship Hoop Dance Contest in 1997.

Ginger graduated from Stanford University with a degree in the Earth Systems Science Program. She is now a certified environmental consultant for tribal and environmental issues, such as renewable energy and climate change. She helps government agencies and utilities develop strategic, efficient, and common-sense solutions to environmental issues and implement sound environmental policies, with a focus on land use, renewable energy, sustainability, and climate resilience. Ginger has recently started her own small business, Shikeyah LLC, for her environmental consulting work.

President Baca stated, "In addition to her climate change work Ginger holds an extraordinary résumé that shows her breadth of knowledge in grassroots organizations, non-profits, and the arts. Ginger's many experiences will offer a new perspective that we believe will be consequential in contributing to the growth of Indigenous Americans and other marginalized populations and communities within the state of Arizona and across our nation. Through her expertise, partnership, and passion we will be able to forge a better future not only for our Indigenous communities, but also our minority communities within the state of Arizona and across the United States."