



Statement From the Indigenous Peoples' Initiative Introducing New Board Member Clara Pratte

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ARIZONA- The Indigenous Peoples' Initiative is excited to announce the newest member of our governing board, Ms. Clara Pratte. Ms. Pratte has advocated for tribal communities nationwide on economic development and sustainable growth. She grew up on the Navajo reservation and has committed her work to poverty alleviation, economic empowerment, and advancing tribal sovereignty. Today she assists and advises tribes nationwide on economic development matters. She founded Strongbow Strategies, a government services firm, in 2013 and joined the Navajo Power leadership team in 2018 to implement new energy development models on the Navajo Nation.

Her experience includes serving as the Tribal Engagements Director for the Biden / Harris Campaign and transition, Navajo Nation Chief of Staff, the Navajo Nation Executive Director of the Washington DC office, the National Director of the Office of Native American Affairs of the U.S. Small Business Administration and as a trade specialist/business analyst with the U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration Foreign and Commercial Service. She has had the privilege of working for 2 U.S. Presidential Administrations, 4 Navajo Presidential Administrations, and for a member of the United States Congress. She was named the Tim Wapato Public Advocate of the Year in 2009 (NCAIED), a 40 under 40 in Indian Country in 2010 (NCAIED), a top 50 business leader in Indian Country in 2019 (Native Business Magazine), 2020 Pritzker Emerging Environmental Genius Award (UCLA) and 2020 Native Disruptor Award (Native Business Magazine).

President Baca stated, “ I am delighted to have the opportunity to work alongside Ms. Clara Pratte. Ms. Pratte brings years of business tribal, state, and federal experience that will be consequential to move Indian Country forward. 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.”