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New Mexico Indian Affairs Department issues statement on PaaWee Rivera being Appointed as the Senior Advisor to the White House Office Intergovernmental Affairs and Director of Tribal Affairs for the Biden-Harris Administration

Santa Fe – The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) on Friday issued the following statement supporting PaaWee Rivera's (Pueblo of Pojoaque) appointment to the Biden-Harris Administration as a Senior Advisor to the White House Office Intergovernmental Affairs and Director of Tribal Affairs.

“Congratulations to PaaWee Rivera for being appointed to serve as the Director of Tribal Affairs and Senior Advisor to the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs,” said Indian Affairs Cabinet Secretary Lynn Trujillo. “It brings me immense pride to see President Biden place his trust in a tribal member from New Mexico to represent his White House to Native Americans across our country.”

Prior to his appointment, Rivera served as the Western Coalitions Director for the Biden-Harris campaign. Before the Biden campaign, Rivera served as Senator Elizabeth Warren’s Western Political Director. Before that, as a Special Advisor for her 2018 Senate re-election campaign and as Colorado State Director for her 2020 presidential campaign.

PaaWee graduated from Dartmouth College with a major in Government and a minor in Native American Studies.

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