

Biden campaign: “Build Back Better” racial equity plan praised by Wisconsin Hmong and Native leaders

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Today, leaders from the Hmong HoChunk and Ojibwe communities praised the [fourth plank of his “Build Back Better” agenda](#) centered on racial equity. Vice President Biden announced bold investments in infrastructure, innovation, manufacturing, education, housing, clean energy, federal procurement, and small businesses to advance racial equity as part of our nation’s economic recovery. See what they’re saying below:

“For the past three years, Donald Trump has stoked fear and hate about minority communities — and has altogether turned a blind eye to the plight of Native American,” said **HoChunk Nation Tribal Leader Sarah LeMieux**. “We need a president who will stand up for all of us — and respect the sovereignty and treaty rights of Hock and native peoples. Joe Biden will mobilize the full force of the federal government to help us recover, with a plan centered on racial equity and justice.”

“Affordable housing has been out of reach for Native Americans for far too long,” said **Ojibwe Leader Paul DeMain (Skabewis)**. “And the federal government has failed to support Native communities with quality choices and opportunities to be a household owner, or enjoy decent public housing for those with lower incomes. Joe Biden’s commitment to investing in public housing would be life changing for our families in need, and he’ll work to eliminate discrimination we often see in the housing market. We need to make housing affordable for all Americans — including our Indigenous brothers and sisters — not just the wealthy few.”

“Joe Biden understands that we can’t fully live up to the promise of this country

unless we dismantle the systems of oppression that hold minority communities back,” said **May yer Thao**. “His plan would help AAPI small business owners get ahead with a restart package after this pandemic, and give us access to resources that will help us grow and create more jobs. Joe has the experience and empathy to lend a helping hand and move our country forward.”

“Asian-Americans have watched in horror as Donald Trump used the pandemic to incite hate against our community,” said **Hmong Community Leader Zongcheng Moua**. “We need a leader in the White House who will unite our country and help all communities recover — including communities of color. Joe Biden knows that we have to invest in minority-owned small businesses — and that every entrepreneur, no matter where they come from, deserves a fair shot at success. That’s why he’ll work to close the racial wealth gap, ensure fair pay, and increase access to capital for small business owners and entrepreneurs. This is the vision and leadership we need to recover and bring everyone along.”