

Patti Solis Doyle

Patti Solis Doyle is a nationally recognized political organizer, campaign strategist and CNN political commentator. She speaks regularly on the rise of women and minorities in politics, presidential campaigns and issues affecting Hispanic Americans.

She is president of Solis Strategies, a communications firm serving non-profits, NGOs and corporations.

Solis Doyle also co-founded Vendor Assistance Program, LLC (VAP), a Chicago-based financial services firm. VAP helps state governments finance and accelerate payments to their vendors, so those vendors can fund their operations, manage their cash flow, recognize revenue earlier, expand their businesses and create more local jobs. VAP recently raised \$340 million for its program with the state of Illinois.

Her work with VAP, governors and other state officials follows more than 20 years in politics, presidential campaigns and public service. She began her career working on Richard Daley's campaign for mayor of Chicago and later worked at Chicago City Hall. In 1991, she was among the first to join then-Governor Bill Clinton's presidential campaign. She served as a senior advisor to Hillary Clinton throughout that campaign and two terms in the White House. In 2000, Solis Doyle served as chief of staff to Clinton's first Senate campaign. She later managed Senator Clinton's political operations, PAC and 2006 re-election campaign. As campaign manager of Clinton's presidential bid (from January 2007 through February 2008), Solis Doyle was the first Hispanic woman to lead a presidential campaign.

During the 2008 general election, Solis Doyle joined the Obama for America campaign as chief of staff for vice presidential operations. In this role, she built a national team of policy, communications, political and field operatives in advance of the nominee's selection. She later managed day-to-day operations for vice presidential nominee Joe Biden. During the 2012 presidential election, Solis Doyle served as an advisor to the Obama-Biden campaign.

In addition to her work with VAP, Solis Doyle works with Hispanic service organizations and student organizations across the U.S.

Hispanic magazine honored Solis Doyle with the Latinas of Excellence Award for her accomplishments in the area of government, politics and civil leadership. She also received the "Siempre Inspiran Award" from *Siempre Mujer* magazine, honoring remarkable Latinas whose achievements and contributions to their communities are helping shape the future of Hispanic women in this country. *Hispanic Business* magazine named her one of America's "100 Most Influential Hispanics."

Solis Doyle received her Bachelor of Arts degree in communication from Northwestern University. She currently resides in Washington, DC, with her husband and two children.