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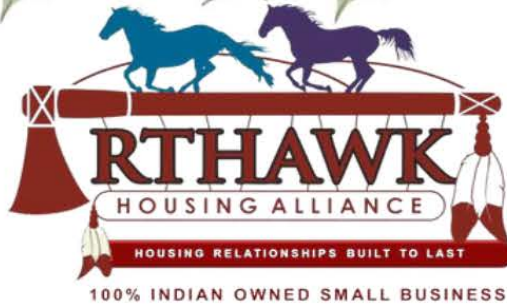
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

9:00 am - 4:00 pm
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Registration
Elders Lounge
Regional Caucus Meetings
Exhibitors and Arts & Crafts Vendors Move-in
Indigenous Community of Practice,
Sponsored by EDA, NAIHC, Big Water Consulting,
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NAIHC Members Listening Session
Legislative Committee Meeting



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

7:00 am - 9:00 am
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
9:00 am - 11:30 am
11:45 pm - 1:00 pm
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
2:40 pm - 4:10 pm
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Continental Breakfast
Registration
Elders Lounge
Exhibits - Arts & Crafts Open
Opening Plenary Session
Luncheon Panel
Concurrent Sessions Block I
Concurrent Sessions Block II
Welcome Reception

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

6:30 am - 7:15 am
7:00 am - 9:00 am
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
9:00 am - 10:30 am
10:30 am - 10:45 am
10:45am - 12:15 pm
12:30 pm - 1:45 pm
1:45 pm - 2:00 pm
2:00 pm - 3:30pm
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Fitness Activity
Continental Breakfast
Registration
Elders Lounge
Leadership Institute
Exhibits - Arts & Crafts Open
Concurrent Sessions Block III
Break with Exhibitors
Concurrent Sessions - Block IV
Lunch
Meet with Exhibitors
Concurrent Sessions V
Break with Exhibitors
Concurrent Session VI

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

7:00 am - 9:00 am
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
9:00 am - 10:30 am
10:30 am - 10:45 am
10:45 am - 12:00 pm
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Continental Breakfast
Registration
Elders Lounge
Leadership Institute
Exhibits - Arts & Crafts Open
Concurrent Sessions VII
Break with Exhibitors
Closing Plenary
Exhibitors and Arts & Crafts Move Out





Halito!

On behalf of the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) Board of Directors, thank you for joining us in Las Vegas for this year's Legal Symposium. This event offers a unique opportunity for our members to connect, share stories, and celebrate successes. Across Indian Country, tribal housing professionals are bringing creative solutions to their communities, strengthening coalitions, and continuing to fight for quality, safe, and affordable housing.

This symposium marks a period of significant progress and innovation for tribal housing programs. Over the past year, we've seen remarkable projects leveraging a variety of funding sources, elevating homeownership opportunities for Native families, and incorporating climate-resilient solutions. We were thrilled to see over \$300 million in new funding allocated to Tribes and TDHEs through the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) in 2024. Together, we are making meaningful progress, and NAIHC is committed to building on this momentum. Please share your success stories with us, as they are crucial for our advocacy work and collaborations with federal, corporate, and philanthropic partners.

Our achievements this past year are a testament to your advocacy and outreach as well. It is critical that you continue working with and educating our partners on how they can best support Tribes and TDHEs, distribute funding, and improve access to essential programs. We encourage you to take full advantage of the networking opportunities, breakout sessions, and panel discussions in the coming days.

The 2024 Legal Symposium is not only a celebration of our accomplishments but also a starting point for our advocacy efforts moving forward. As we gather here, we find ourselves in a period of transition for the United States government. In 2025, this country will welcome a new administration to the White House and a new session of the U.S. Congress. We are optimistic about the potential for continued collaboration and support from our federal partners, as well as new opportunities that may emerge under a unified government.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work in creating and maintaining housing opportunities for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities.

Enjoy the symposium and make the most of your time in Las Vegas!

Bobby Yandell
NAIHC Board Chairman
National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC)



Tá'c méeywi!

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 2024 National American Indian Housing Council Legal Symposium, held this year at the magnificent MGM in Las Vegas, Nevada. We are thrilled to have such a distinguished group of attendees, including leaders, experts, and advocates from across the nation.

This symposium is a unique opportunity for us to come together, share insights, and collaborate on the critical issues facing American Indian housing today. We have an incredible agenda lined up, featuring keynote addresses from some of the most influential voices in our community, as well as moderated panel discussions with the leadership of the National American Indian Housing Council.

Additionally, we will have over 40 breakout sessions, providing a platform for in-depth discussions and specialized learning on a wide range of topics. These sessions are designed to foster meaningful dialogue, explore innovative solutions, and strengthen the partnerships that are essential to advancing our mission.

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank our generous sponsors. Their support has been instrumental in making this event possible. We are deeply grateful for their commitment to our cause and their dedication to improving housing conditions for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities.

We are honored to have some of Indian Country's best legal representatives with us, who will be discussing current legal precedents that can govern our activities and general welfare. Their expertise and insights are invaluable, and we look forward to the robust discussions that will take place.

Our goal over the next few days is to foster meaningful dialogue, explore innovative solutions, and strengthen the partnerships that are essential to advancing our mission. Your participation and contributions are invaluable, and we are excited to see the ideas and strategies that will emerge from our discussions.

Thank you for being here and for your commitment to improving housing conditions and opportunities for American Indian communities. Let's make this symposium a memorable and impactful event.

Enjoy the symposium!

Douglas R. Maconi Sr.
NAIHC Executive Director
National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC)

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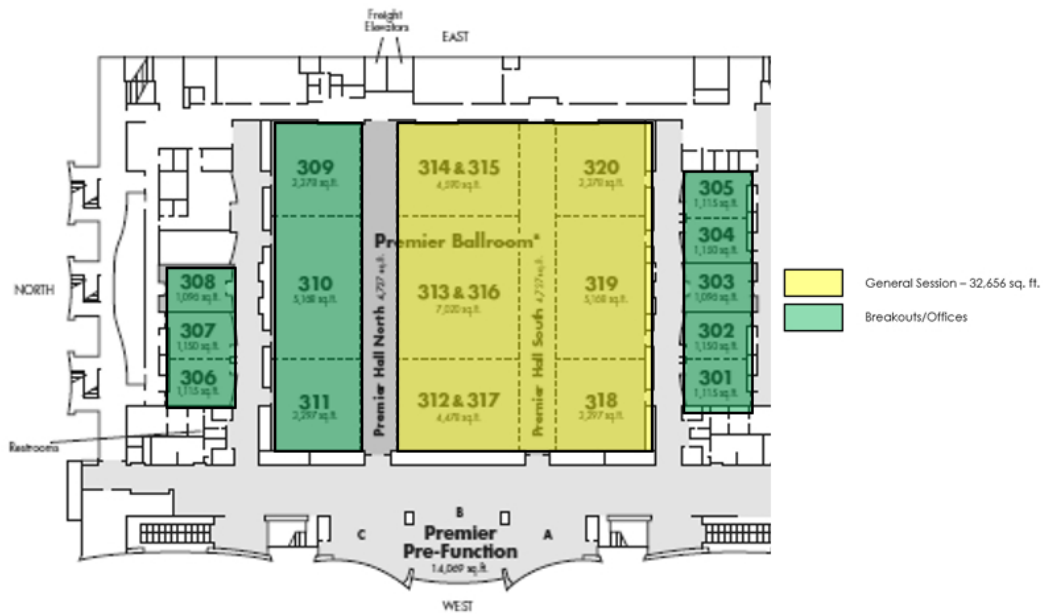


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NAIHC consists of nine regions – covering thirty-five states. NAIHC works with these regions to bring a strong unified voice to advance a national agenda on tribal housing. Whether it is advocating for increased funding or forming intertribal partnerships to build the tribal capacity to operate housing programs, NAIHC's membership is deeply rooted in the traditional native concepts of serving their people and communities in a culturally-relevant way.



NAIHC's membership is available in three categories: voting members, associate members, and individual members. The voting membership of NAIHC consists of 250+ members representing 450+ American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities. NAIHC associate membership is made up of tribal housing affiliates, such as businesses, organizations, and other entities that partner with tribes and tribal housing programs. Individuals who are supportive of tribal housing and NAIHC's mission may become non voting individual members.

NAIHC continually seeks ways to enhance and expand its membership services. In addition, NAIHC provides the communities it serves with up-to-date information on grants, program funding and other opportunities for additional resources

Our mission is to effectively and efficiently promote and support American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians in their self-determined goal to provide culturally relevant and quality affordable housing for native people.

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ABOUT NAIHC

NAIHC supports and serves tribal housing organizations and professionals throughout Indian country. NAIHC fights for tribal self-determination and improving housing conditions in tribal communities by working with tribes, tribal housing authorities and Tribally-Designated Housing Entities (TDHE). NAIHC achieves its goals through legislative advocacy, training & technical assistance, and membership support.

As a nationally-recognized nonprofit organization, NAIHC represents the sole, unified voice for tribal housing programs.

Working closely with its industry partners and both Federal and state government agencies, NAIHC advocates for culturally-relevant, quality affordable housing for Native Americans and their families.



Since 1974, NAIHC has built a strong presence in Washington, DC; spearheaded enactment of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA); established key policy positions that support housing programs and increases resources for its members; developed the most comprehensive and extensive training and technical assistance program in existence; and annually stages three events – including a national conference, a legislative conference and a legal symposium.

NAIHC is a Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

STRENGTH

TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

NAIHC provides tribes, tribal housing departments, TDHEs, and Indian housing professionals with capacity building delivered through comprehensive trainings and specialized technical assistance that meets the self-determined needs of Indian Country.

Through an agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Native American Programs, NAIHC delivers on-demand technical assistance and regional trainings for grantees of the Indian Housing Block Grant program ensuring effective program management and grant compliance.

NAIHC is also a grantee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Community Development Initiative and is carrying out a training program to meet the program mission.

NAIHC's hallmark training program is the Leadership Institute where thousands of housing professionals have been served with timely, informative, and relevant courses customized specifically for the Indian housing industry and led by experienced industry professionals. Upon completing a sequence of courses, students are eligible for specialist certifications in General Housing, Finance, Occupancy and/or Development Management. Each course and certification track successfully completed counts toward NAIHC's premier certification – the Professional Indian Housing Manager. As the leader in providing training and technical assistance to tribal housing professionals, NAIHC strives to continually update its training programs with modern and innovative techniques that will continue for years to come.

Since 2004, NAIHC has been the lead training organization for Pathways Home: A Native Guide to Homeownership, a train-the-trainer certification program that affords tribal housing and financial education professionals the ability to effectively teach the tools for tribal homeownership opportunities.

Also included in NAIHC's diverse training options is a training and certification course for tribal housing professionals developing and managing Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects.

TRADITION

ADVOCACY

NAIHC works with our federal partners and Congressional leaders in Washington, D.C. to ensure that the United States fulfills its responsibilities to tribes and native peoples. NAIHC promotes successful tribal housing programs and advocates for additional federal resources to address the substantial unmet housing needs across Indian Country.



NAIHC staff works directly with Congressional offices to address legislative issues affecting tribal housing. This includes identifying sponsors of tribal bills including the reauthorization of NAHASDA. NAIHC also submits funding recommendations as part of the annual appropriations process.

Additionally, NAIHC hosts an annual Legislative Conference in Washington, DC to allow our members a direct line of communication to members of Congress. NAIHC also conducts monthly legislative teleconferences to share information with tribal housing advocates and hear directly from our members regarding their legislative priorities.





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Membership of the National American Indian Housing Council shall be Indian housing authorities, tribally designated housing entities, housing committees, tribes, public interest groups and other entities involved in Indian housing.

NAIHC's membership is available in three categories: voting members, associate membership, and individual members. The voting membership of NAIHC consists of over 280 members representing about 500 American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities. NAIHC's associate membership comprises tribal housing affiliates, such as businesses, organizations, and other entities that partner with tribes and tribal housing. Individuals interested in supporting tribal housing and NAIHC's mission may become non-voting individual members.

NAIHC continually seeks ways to enhance and expand its membership services. NAIHC provides its members with up-to-date information on grants, program funding, and other opportunities for additional resources.

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Haliwa-Saponi Housing Department
Maliseet Indian Housing Authority
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Oneida Indian Nation - Housing Department
Poarch Creek Housing Department
Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina
Chickahominy Indian Tribe
Shinnecock Indian Nation

REGION TWO

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians - Housing Department
Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community - Housing Department
Prairie Island Indian Community
Red Lake Reservation Housing Authority
Bad River Housing Authority
Fond du Lac Housing Authority
Forest County Potawatomi Community Housing Authority
Grand Portage Housing Authority
Hannahville Indian Community - Housing
Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority
Lac du Flambeau Chippewa Housing Authority
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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Lower Sioux Indian Community Housing Authority
Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi - Housing Department
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Housing Department
Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority
Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department
Sault Tribe Housing Authority
Sokaogon Housing Department
Stockbridge-Munsee Community - Housing Department
Upper Sioux Community Indian Housing Authority
White Earth Indian Housing Authority
Oneida Housing Authority
St. Croix Chippewa Housing Authority
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority

REGION THREE

Cheyenne River Housing Authority
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REGION FOUR

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Wichita Housing Authority
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Ponca Tribal Housing Authority
Wyandotte Nation - Housing Department
The Chickasaw Nation - Housing Department
Seneca-Cayuga Nation - Housing Department

REGION FIVE

Blackfeet Indian Housing Authority
Crow Tribal Housing Authority
Ute Mountain Housing Authority
Eastern Shoshone Housing Authority
Fort Belknap Tribal Housing Authority
Goshute Housing Authority
Northern Arapaho Tribal Housing
Northern Cheyenne Tribal Housing Authority
Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation
Rocky Boy Chippewa Cree Housing Authority
Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority
Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority
Utah Paiute Tribal Housing Authority
Ute Indian Tribal Designated Housing Entity
Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians

REGION SIX

Coquille Indian Housing Authority
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians
Kalispel Tribe of Indians
Muckleshoot Housing Authority
Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority
Port Gamble S'Klallam Housing Authority
Quinalt Housing Authority
Shoalwater Bay Tribal Housing
Snoqualmie Tribe
Warm Springs Housing Authority
Chehalis Housing Authority
Colville Indian Housing Authority
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation - Housing Department
Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing
Fort Hall Housing Authority
Hoh Indian Tribe
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Klamath Tribe Housing Department
Lummi Housing Authority
Makah Tribal Council - Housing Division
Nisqually Indian Tribe - Housing Program
Nooksack Indian Tribe - Housing Department
Puyallup Tribal Housing Authority
Quileute Housing Authority
Siletz Tribal Housing Department
Spokane Indian Housing Authority
Squaxin Island Tribe - Housing Department
Swinomish Housing Authority
Yakama Nation Housing Authority
Suquamish Indian Tribe - Housing Department
The Tulalip Tribes of Washington - Housing Department
Metlakatla Housing Authority
Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority
Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

REGION SEVEN

All Mission Indian Housing Authority
Lower Lake Rancheria
Quechan Tribally Designated Housing Entity
Rincon Band of Mission Indians
Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Susanville Indian Rancheria Housing Authority
Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
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Bishop Paiute Tribal Council - Community Development Division
Cedarville Rancheria of Northern Paiute Indians
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Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians
Duckwater Shoshone Tribal Housing Authority
Duck Valley Indian Housing Authority
Elk Valley Rancheria
Ely Shoshone Tribe - Housing Department
Enterprise Rancheria Indian Housing Authority
Fallon Reservation - Paiute Shoshone Tribe
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Round Valley Indian Housing Authority
Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
Te-Moak Housing Authority
The Cahto Tribe
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Washoe Housing Authority
Wiyot Tribe
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REGION EIGHT

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Hopi Tribal Housing Authority
Kaibab Paiute Tribal Housing Department
Aha Macav Housing Entity
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Havasupai Tribe
Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority
Jicarilla Apache Housing Authority
Laguna Housing Development and Management Enterprise
Mescalero Apache Housing Authority
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Navajo Housing Authority
Ohkay Owingeh Housing Authority
Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority
Pueblo of Pojoaque Housing Corporation
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REGION NINE

Cook Inlet Housing Authority
AVCP Regional Housing Authority
Copper River Basin Regional Housing Authority
Interior Regional Housing Authority
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Native Village of Eyak
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Northwest Inupiat Housing Authority
Tagiugmiullu Nunamiullu Housing Authority
Akiachak Native Community
Aleutian Housing Authority
Baranof Island Housing Authority
Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority
Bristol Bay Regional Housing Authority
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Native Village of Karluk
Native Village of Ouzinkie
Native Village of Tanana
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Jeremiah Powless, Tyler Baker, and Sharon Vogel speak at the opening panel discussion for the 2024 HUD ONAP Native Homeownership and Asset Building Summit. (Photo by Thomas Hibben)

NAIHC provides Tribal housing professionals and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) with training and specialized technical assistance to build internal capacity to meet the housing needs in Indian Country. Through an agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Native American Programs (HUD ONAP), NAIHC delivers on-demand Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) for grantees of the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program, ensuring effective program management and grant compliance.

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In 2023, NAIHC successfully delivered HUD ONAP's 2023 National Tribal Housing Summit in St. Paul, Minnesota. This three-day learning and networking opportunity included 60 breakout sessions, a tradeshow, and community engagement with Little Earth housing development.

This year, NAIHC delivered the Tribal Nations Housing Development Assistance (TNHDA) program for Michigan State Housing Development Authority to help address the housing shortage and to assist with developing affordable housing solutions for Tribal communities. The TNHDA program is comprised of three training sessions with a combination of direct training, peer-to-peer learning, and case studies. Topics include affordable housing models, permanent support housing, development and financing programs, operational budgeting, and property management.



Image 1 - Program manuals at the registration desk for the 2024 HUD ONAP Native Homeownership and Asset Building Summit. *Image 2* - NAIHC Chairman Bobby Yandell speaking with HUD staff at the 2024 HUD ONAP Native Homeownership and Asset Building Summit. *Image 3* - Lavar Curley, NAIHC TTA Program Manager, assisting participants with registration at the 2024 HUD ONAP Native Homeownership and Asset Building Summit. *Image 4* - Participants wait for the opening of the 2024 HUD ONAP Native Homeownership and Asset Building Summit. (Photos by Thomas Hibben)

In November 2024, NAIHC delivered a 2024 HUD ONAP National Native Homeownership and Asset Building (NHABS) Summit: A Pathway to Economic Self-Determination in Oklahoma City. NNHABS provided Tribal leaders, housing professionals, and partners an opportunity to exchange ideas on asset-building innovations in Indian Country and strategies for advancing economic opportunity around people and places. Attendees heard and learned about strategies that support residents as they move on their path toward self-sufficiency and economic empowerment. This event featured 25 breakout sessions on tracks that focused on Tribal families and youth, partners, development, and cultural assets.

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HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) provides tuition-free trainings and workshops for Tribal Leaders, Tribal housing staff, and Tribal housing board members.

To request training and technical assistance on a particular need, please contact your respective ONAP Area Office. Technical assistance and training topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

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- Tax Credit & Title VI
- Program Income
- Financial and Fiscal Management
- NAHASDA Essentials
- Home Buyer Education
- Renewable Energy

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Monday, December 09, 2024

Time	Event	Location
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	UNAHA Membership Meeting	Room 304
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration Open	Pre-Function
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Elders Lounge	Room 301
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Regional Caucus Meetings	
	Region 3: ND, SD, NE, IA	Room 302
	Region 4: OK, LA, KS, East TX	Room 307
	Region 5: MT, WY, CO, UT	Room 303
	Region 6: WA, OR, ID	Room 318
	Region 7: CA, NV	Room 306
	Region 8: AZ, NM, West TX	Room 320
	Region 9: AK, HI	Room 309
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Exhibitors - Arts & Crafts Move-in	Room 311
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Indigenous Community of Practice - Sponsored by EDA in partnership with NAIHC, Big Water Consulting, and Urban Institute	Room 319
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<p>NAIHC Listening Session</p> <p>NAIHC wants to hear from members and partners! Meet with staff to discuss our advocacy efforts, member benefits, and Training and Technical Assistance Programs.</p> <p>Blythe McWhirter, Legislative and Program Aide Brendon Spann, Membership Coordinator Ryan Edwards, Finance and Operations Manager Erla Sagg, TTA Program Director</p>	Room 320
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	NAIHC Legislative Committee Meeting	Room 318

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Time	Event	Location
7:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast	Pre-Function
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Open	Pre-Function
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Elders Lounge	Room 301
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Exhibitor - Arts & Crafts Open	Room 311
9:00 am – 11:30 am	Opening Plenary Session	Plenary Room 312 & 317

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LEGAL SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

	<p>Posting of Flags Diné Sáanii Siláoltsooi Color Guard, Navajo Nation</p>	
	<p>Blessing Patrick Goggles, Region V NAIHC Board Member, Executive Director - Northern Arapaho Tribal Housing</p>	
	<p>Welcome from NAIHC Bobby Yandell, Board of Directors Chairman, NAIHC Doug Marconi, Sr., Executive Director, NAIHC</p>	
	<p>Local Welcome Rulon Pete, Director, Las Vegas Indian Center</p>	
	<p>HUD Office of Native American Programs Update Jad Atallah, Director of the Office of Performance and Planning, HUD-ONAP</p>	
	<p>Awards Attorney of the Year, J. Frank Wolf III Lifetime Achievement, Cate Stetson & Jim Wagenlander Honoring Patrick Goggles, Region V NAIHC Board Member</p>	
	<p>Land Back Panel Moderated by Sami Jo Difuntorum, Executive Director, Siletz Tribal Housing Department Chairman Mark Fox, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation Anecita Agustinez, Tribal Policy Advisor, California Water Resources Governor Stephen Lewis, Gila River Indian Community, invited</p>	
11:30 am -11:45 am	Break	
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	<p>Luncheon Legislative Priorities for the 119th U.S. Congress Panel Moderated by Matt Vogel, Policy Lead - Community Development and Infrastructure, National Congress of American Indians Bobby Yandell, NAIHC Board Chairman, Executive Director, Choctaw Nation Housing Authority Brandi Liberty, CEO, The Luak Group Jad Atallah, Director, Office of Performance and Planning, HUD-ONAP</p>	Rooms 312 & 317
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Block 1 – Concurrent Breakout Sessions	Various Rooms
Legal & Advocacy Updates	<p>Honoring Tribal Veterans: Updates from VA Homeless Programs Madolyn Gingell, National Coordinator, VA Legal Services for Veterans, Veterans Health Administration/Homeless Programs Office Merideth Malpass, National HUD-VASH Regional Coordinator, Veterans Health Administration/Homeless Programs Office Hilary Atkin, Director of Grants Management, Headquarters ONAP</p>	Room 309
Crime Prevention	<p>Best Practices for Evictions for Drug Use Mike Andrews, Sr. Vice President, McGuireWoods, LLC.</p>	Room 302
Federal Updates & Resources:	<p>Monitoring: Through the Lens of the Reviewer Amber Hunter (GE Director, Headquarters ONAP).</p>	Room 320

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LEGAL SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

Homelessness in Tribal Communities	Supportive Housing: A Solution to Ending Homelessness in Tribal Communities Zoe LeBeau, CEO, BeauxSimone Consulting Katie Symons, CFO, BeauxSimone Consulting	Room 304
	Native Wellness Institute: Workplace Wellness Theda NewBreast, MPH (Founder/Master Trainer/Facilitator).	Room 306
Federal Updates & Resources	184 Update: Handbook Drafting and Implementation of New Regulations Tonya Plummer, Director, Office of Loan Guarantee, Headquarters ONAP Chung-yiu "Andrew" Lee, Senior Advisor, Headquarters ONAP Diana Houston, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Loan Guarantee, Headquarters ONAP	Room 318
	LIHTC to Homeownership: Part I Jason Adams, Owner, ACE Housing & Development Robin Thorne, Vice President, RT Hawk Housing Alliance Juel Burnette, HUD 184 Tribal Outreach, 1st Tribal Lending	Room 319
2:40 pm – 4:10 pm	Block 2 – Concurrent Breakout Sessions	Various Rooms
Legal & Advocacy Updates	Build America Buy America: Principles and Standards for Compliance Cari Baermann, Attorney, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP Edmund Goodman, Partner, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP	Room 306
Federal Updates & Resources	Achieving Efficiencies by Integrating Housing Management & Accounting Software Doug Chapiewsky, CEO, Kanso Software Joseph Diehl, Managing Director, Diehl & Co. LLC Jessica Fleming, Strategic Account Executive, National Nonprofits, Sage	Room 304
Homelessness in Tribal Communities	California Tribes Housing Unhoused Relatives Evelyn Immonen, Senior Program Officer, Enterprise Community Partners Jeremiah Powless, Program Officer, Enterprise Community Partners	Room 309
Lending in Indian Country	HUD 184 With Tribe as Borrower: Leveraging Your Fund Nancy Bainbridge, EVP Director of Tribal and Construction Lending Department, Chickasaw Community Bank	Room 318
	LIHTC to Homeownership: Part II Jason Adams, Owner, ACE Housing & Development Robin Thorne, Vice President, RT Hawk Housing Alliance Juel Burnette, HUD 184 Tribal Outreach, 1st Tribal Lending	Room 319
5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Welcome Reception Wear your boots and put on your best cowboy hat for an evening of networking, laughs and watching our Native Cowboys in the NFR. Join us for BIG LAUGHS with stand-up comedian Mylo Smith and NFR Rodeo viewing. Visit the Arts & Crafts vendors, enjoy appetizers and win door prizes!	Plenary Room 312 & 317

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Time	Event	Location
6:30 am – 7:15 am	Fitness Activity Join us for a brisk morning walk to and from the Paris Eiffel Tower. We will meet at the Golden MGM Lion statue at the MGM Grand front hotel lobby entrance.	MGM Grand Front Hotel

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7:30 am – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Pre-Function
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration	Pre-Function
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Elders Lounge	Room 301
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Exhibits - Arts & Crafts Open	Room 311
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Block 3 – Concurrent Breakout Sessions	Various Rooms
Legal & Advocacy Updates	Lewis v. Clarke: Sovereign Immunity and the Crazy Eights Edmund Goodman, Partner, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP Dave Heisterkamp II, Managing Shareholder, Wagenlander & Heisterkamp LLC Kelly Rudd, Managing Partner, Baldwin, Crocker & Rudd	Room 320
Federal Updates & Resources	Building a Purpose-Driven Life Joseph Diehl, Managing Director, Diehl & Co. LLC	Room 304
Lending in Indian Country	Understanding the Variables of Homeownership Finance Adam Rose, Director of Partnerships and Growth, Travois	Room 309
Homelessness in Tribal Communities	Making Continuum of Care Funding Work Within Tribal Communities Brigid Korce, Consultant, BeauXSimone Consulting	Room 302
Federal Updates & Resources	Funding Opportunities Through State Legislation: We Did It, Now You! Moriah McGill, Deputy Director, Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority Annalee H. Trujillo, Executive Director, Pala Housing Resource Center	Room 306
Lending in Indian Country	Empowering Communities: Integrating Microgrids Into Tribal Housing for Resiliency and Cost Savings Thomas Steirer, Colusa Indian Energy Ken Ahmann, Colusa Indian Energy	Room 318
Federal Updates & Resources	Build America, Buy America Update Hilary Atkin, Director of Grants Management, Headquarters ONAP Amber Hunter, Director of Grants Evaluations, Headquarters ONAP Nick Zolkowski, Native American Specialist, Headquarters ONAP Kristen Arnold, Native American Specialist, Headquarters ONAP	Room 319
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	Block 4 – Concurrent Breakout Sessions	Various Rooms
Legal & Advocacy Updates	Navigating the HUD Monitoring and Enforcement Process Edmund Goodman, Partner, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP M. Vincent Amato, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP	Room 318
Federal Updates & Resources	USDA Housing Programs: Updates and Opportunities Tedd Buelow, Tribal Relations Team Lead, USDA Rural Development David Corwin, Deputy Director LPA, USDA Rural Development	Room 320
Homelessness in Tribal Communities	Teamwork and Determination: Developing Housing with Limited NAHASDA Funds Adam Rose, Director of Partnerships and Growth, Travois Abby Day, Project Manager, Travois Martin Montgomery, Executive Director, Washoe Housing Authority	Room 319
Lending in Indian Country	Title VI: Exponentially Increase Your Housing Stock Now, Not Later Nancy Bainbridge, EVP Director of Tribal and Construction Lending Department, Chickasaw Community Bank	Room 309

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LEGAL SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

Legal & Advocacy Updates:	An Indian Housing Legal Overview for Tribal Leaders Sylvia Wirba, Partner, Wagenlander & Heisterkamp LLC	Room 307
Lending in Indian Country	Empowering Tribal Communities to Achieve Sustainable Homeownership Chris Billey, Realtor, Tribal Homeownership Coalition of the Southwest	Room 306
Legal & Advocacy Updates	Building Leadership in Indian Country Justin Barrett, Executive Director, Tribal Leadership Council Mauricia Chavarria, MBA, TMP	Room 302
	THUD VASH Roundtable Discussion For current Tribal HUD-VASH recipients only.	Room 303
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch On Your Own!	
12:40 pm – 2:00 pm	EXPO Networking Break	Room 311
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Block 5 – Concurrent Breakout Sessions	Various Rooms
Lending in Indian Country	Keeping Tribal Members Home: Creating Successful Mortgages on Indian Lands Denise Zuni, Attorney/Owner, Sh'eh Wheef Law Offices, PC Deborah Webster, Principle, Concept Consulting Group, LLC	Room 309
Homelessness in Tribal Communities	Highlighting Tribal HUD VASH Programs Robin Thorne, Vice President, RT Hawk Housing Alliance Brigid Korce, Consultant, BeauxSimone Consulting	Room 318
HUD ONAP Presentation	CARES and ARP Presentation Hilary Atkin, Director of Grants Management, Headquarters ONAP Amber Hunter, Director of Grants Evaluations, Headquarters ONAP Nick Zolkowski, Native American Specialist, Headquarters ONAP Kristen Arnold, Native American Specialist, Headquarters ONAP	Room 319
Legal & Advocacy Updates	Bridging the Gap: Mental Health and the Path to Homeownership Brandi Liberty, CEO, The Luak Group Dustin Baird, Tribal Consultant, Oglala/Sicangu Lakota Eric Shepard, Executive Director, Sisseton Wahpeton Housing Authority	Room 306
	Native Wellness Institute - Workplace Wellness Housing professionals face daily challenges helping clients deal with lack of resources, domestic violence, drug abuse, evictions, suicide, and social issues. This session offers workplace wellness help and discussion. Theda NewBreast, MPH, Master Trainer/facilitator Native Wellness Institute	Room 320
	Lowering the Cost of Insurance Season Derek Valdo, Chief Executive Officer, AMERIND	Room 307
Legal & Advocacy Updates	Indian Housing Construction Disputes: Prevention to Resolution Sylvia Wirba, Partner, Wagenlander & Heisterkamp LLC	Room 302
3:40 pm – 5:10 pm	Block 6 – Concurrent Breakout Sessions	Various Rooms
Lending in Indian Country	Maintaining Tribal Land Records Denise Zuni, Attorney/Owner, Sh'eh Wheef Law Offices, PC	Room 309
Federal Updates & Resources	Ethical Governance for Tribal Housing Authority Board Members Andy Pasqual, Native American Programs Manager, HR Wise LLC	Room 302

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	Greg O'Keefe, CEO / Owner, HR Wise LLC	
Legal & Advocacy Updates	Goal Setting for Novices Joseph Diehl, Managing Director, Diehl & Co. LLC	Room 306
Legal & Advocacy Updates	Empowering Tribal Leadership in Homeownership Initiatives Brandi Liberty, CEO, The Luak Group Dustin Baird, Tribal Consultant, Oglala/Sicangu Lakota	Room 320
	Michigan Tribal Nations Housing Development Assistance Program Brigid Korce, Consultant, BeauxSimone Consulting Robin Thorne, Vice President, RT Hawk Housing Alliance Lorna Fogg, Vice President, RTHawk Housing Alliance Charmagne Dolphin, Owner, Sea Dolphin Consulting, Jason Adams, Owner, ACE Housing & Development	Room 318

Thursday, December 12, 2024

Time	Event	Location
7:30 am – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Pre-Function
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration	Pre-Function
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Elders Lounge	Room 301
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Exhibits - Arts & Crafts Open	Room 311
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Block 7 – Concurrent Breakout Sessions	Various Rooms
Lending in Indian Country	Opening the Door to Conventional Loans Denise Zuni, Attorney/Owner, Sh'eh Wheef, PC Deborah Webster, Principle, Concept Consulting Group, LLC	Room 320
Federal Updates & Resources	Hot Topics in Employment Law and Managing Staff Tal Moore, Director of Development, National Native American Human Resources Association (NNAHRA)	Room 318
Legal & Advocacy Updates	"Soft Skills Training:" Job Burnout Joseph Diehl, Managing Director, Diehl & Co. LLC	Room 304
Legal & Advocacy Updates	Influencing your Qualified Allocation Plan: A Case Study in Michigan Karrie Biron, General Counsel, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Tanya Gibbs, Partner, Mshkawzi Law, LLP Nicki Basch, Housing Development Manager, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians	Room 302
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Closing Plenary Wrap-up of the symposium with updates on Legislative Actions for the 119th Congress Bobby Yandell, NAIHC Board Chairman and Executive Director, Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation in conversation with NAIHC Board Members	Plenary Room 312 & 317
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Exhibitors and Arts & Crafts Move Out	Room 311

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**Lawyer of the Year
J. Frank Wolf III**

**NAIHC congratulates J. Frank Wolf III
as NAIHC 2024 Lawyer of the Year!**

We honor and recognize Frank’s remarkable 40-year legacy of service to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Frank’s unwavering commitment to advancing the rights and welfare of Native American communities, particularly within the Choctaw Nation, has been nothing short of transformative. Frank’s passion for serving Tribes and advocating for Tribal programs is both inspiring and impactful.

With an unparalleled dedication to Tribal law, Frank has consistently championed the legal rights of the Choctaw Nation and elevated the effectiveness of Tribal programs. His work has gone beyond legal counsel, serving as a foundation of support and empowerment for the Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (HACNO). Frank’s guidance has equipped HACNO staff to navigate complex legal challenges, ensuring that Tribal voices are not only heard but also respected and upheld across jurisdictions. Frank’s deep understanding of Tribal law and his tireless work on behalf of the Choctaw Nation have made significant differences in the lives of countless individuals and families.

Frank’s career embodies an extraordinary dedication to justice for Native American communities. His relentless advocacy, deep expertise in Tribal law, and impactful mentorship with HACNO have profoundly influenced the lives of individuals and families across the Choctaw Nation and beyond.

In recognition of his outstanding commitment, exemplary service, and profound impact on the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Indian Country, we honor Frank for his enduring commitment to justice, powerful advocacy, and his service to Indian Country.



Jim Wagenlander

**NAIHC congratulates Jim
Wagenlander as NAIHC 2024 Lifetime
Achievement Award**

The NAIHC Board of Directors congratulates Jim on this well-deserved honor to honor his lifetime’s work on behalf of Indian housing and international work with Indigenous communities in Mongolia.

James F. Wagenlander is the founder and an Of Counsel Attorney in the Denver law firm of Wagenlander & Heisterkamp LLC. The firm is general counsel to numerous Tribal housing programs throughout the Country. It also represents several public housing agencies in Colorado and is internationally engaged in Mongolian law.

Jim was appointed Honorary Consul for Mongolia in 1999 and continues to hold that office, making annual trips to Mongolia to strengthen relations between the two countries. Jim has practiced Indian housing law for 48 years and prior to that worked as an attorney-advisor for three years with Housing and Urban Development.

Jim’s work in the early days of NAHASDA’s development was instrumental in the first negotiated rulemaking, and his expertise in Indian housing law served many Tribal communities. His firm is often called upon to help draft interpretations of new policies, guidance bulletins and regulations.

He earned his undergraduate BA degree from the University of Denver and his Juris Doctorate law degree is from Case Western Reserve University.





Cate Stetson

NAIHC congratulates Cate Stetson as NAIHC 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award

Cate Stetson is celebrating retirement from a 45-year legal career working as an advocate for Tribal clients. After receiving her doctorate in Native American Studies, Cate went to law school to become a tribal attorney. Her Indian law experience has been largely in tribal housing development and on-and-off reservation commercial transactions and financing. She has helped develop on-reservation restaurants, casinos, hotels, shopping centers, mobile home parks, sanitary landfills, gas stations, and also designed Tribal regulatory and business structures intended to complement individual tribes' economic development objectives. Cate was also the owner of Legi\X Company, a federally-registered lobbying firm, and Tribal Business Opportunities, Inc., a business consulting firm for Tribal and reservation-based commercial development. Her favorite jobs were serving as Indian National Finals Rodeo attorney for 20 years pro bono, lobbying in DC for housing issues and serving as the personal business advisor to Navajo President Russell Begaye during the last year of his term.

Cate was at the forefront of many legal and political initiatives, handling the first death penalty appeal in the State of New Mexico in 1981, being elected as the county chair of the Democratic Party, being appointed by the Governor to the Board of Regents for the Museum of New Mexico, and successfully spearheading many fundraising operations in NM and DC. In 1992, she and then-partner Kevin Gover created Native Americans for Clinton-Gore and were the first to successfully coordinate Tribal fundraising at a national level. That year, their firm was named one of the Top Ten Women-Owned Businesses in New Mexico—the first NM law firm ever to achieve that honor. Many honors followed, including being named every year as a Southwest Super Lawyer. Cate practiced in numerous federal, state, and Tribal courts including the Crow Tribal Court, Wind River Tribal Court, Jicarilla Tribal Court, Washoe Tribal Court, and the Pueblo courts of Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, Isleta, Laguna, Zuni, Pojoaque, Acoma, Tesuque, and others. With the support of her housing clients, she was a useful member of the "Neg-Reg Bar," with a significant roles in developing the NAHASDA guaranteed loan regulations.

Cate served as a Vice Chair of the American Bar Association, Native American Resources Committee, and was appointed by President Clinton to serve on the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas. She was the first Chair of the New Mexico State Bar Federal Indian Law Specialization Committee, developed and served as Chair of the Indian Law Section of the New Mexico State Bar. She also served many years including as co-chair of the NM State Bar Law Office Management Committee.

Cate has been spending the last few years painting and enjoying car rallies, Formula 1, Cars & Coffee with her beloved cars, and fundraising for museums and charities. She is a member of the Albuquerque Chapter of La Confrerie de la Chaine des Rotisseurs and spends two months a year in Italy dealing with wine and food education and consumption. Now that she is retired, she plans to write her memoirs about her experiences in Indian Country in a book called Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief,



Tribute to NAIHC Board Member W. Patrick Goggles

The NAIHC Board of Directors wishes to honor and thank longtime Board Member W. Patrick Goggles, an enrolled citizen of the Northern Arapaho Tribe, who is retiring from the Board.

Patrick has been the Executive Director of Northern Arapaho Tribal Housing since July 2003 where he dedicated more than two decades to serving his Tribe and his community's housing needs. Patrick has also served as the Region 5 Director to the National American Indian Housing Council since 2018.

Patrick also served on the Board of Directors for People of the Sacred Land Research in Boulder, Colorado and for the Native American Church of Wyoming, Wind River Indian Reservation.

Patrick is a five-term legislator and was the lone Native American elected to the Wyoming Legislature. He was elected to the 58th Wyoming Legislature as State Representative for House District 33 in November 2004. Patrick served as the Minority Floor Leader, Minority Whip, Ranking Democrat on the Management Council, and Chairman of the Select Committee on Tribal Affairs until 2014.

Patrick was elected to the Northern Arapaho Business Council in 1978 and served three years. Patrick also served on the Fremont County School District 14 Board of Trustees and Wyoming Indian Schools for 22 years.

He is a graduate of Central Wyoming College and the University of Wyoming where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. Patrick also is a 2003 Leadership Wyoming graduate and an honorary graduate of Wind River Tribal College.

Patrick has been married to Charolette R. Goggles for 48 years, and together they raised three children. They have 10 grandchildren and three great grandsons who reside in Mill Creek on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming.



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