

# National American Indian Housing Council

## 2025 Annual Convention and Tradeshow

Hilton Universal – Universal City, CA

### Monday, May 26, 2025

| Time               | Item   | Room            |
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| 7:30 am – 5:00 pm  | Elders Lounge Open   | TBD             |
| 9:00 am - 11:00 am | Local Community Engagement Activity                                | TBD             |
| 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Attendee Registration Open   | TBD             |
| 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  | EDA Session: Housing as a Driver of Community Economic Development | TBD             |
| 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  | NAIHC Legislative Committee Meeting                                | Sierra Ballroom |
| 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  | NAIHC Regional Caucus Meeting                                      | Various Rooms   |
| 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  | Welcome Reception  | Sierra Ballroom |

### Tuesday, May 27, 2025

| Time                      | Item   | Room                   |
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| 6:30 am – 8:00 am         | Breakfast                                      | TBD                    |
| 7:30 am – 5:00 pm         | Attendee Registration & Badge Pick-up          | TBD                    |
| 7:30 am – 5:00 pm         | Elders Lounge Open                             | TBD                    |
| <b>8:00 am – 12:00 pm</b> | <b>Opening General Session/Members Meeting</b> | <b>Sierra Ballroom</b> |
| 9:00 am – 5:00 pm         | Tradeshow Open                                 | TBD                    |
| 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm        | Lunch  | TBD                    |
| <b>1:45 pm – 3:15 pm</b>  | <b>Breakout Session Block 1</b>                |                        |
| <b>Track Type</b>         | <b>Session Title</b>                           | <b>Room</b>            |

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| Aligning Housing with Community Needs                                  | <b>Using Program Income to Expand Services</b><br><br>Presenter: Christine Dennis, Owner, Tribal Consulting Resources, PLLC  |  |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs                                  | <b>Flipping the Mindset: Housing as Community Wellness Asset</b><br><br>Presenters: Alec Tiger, Organizational & Tribal Planning Consultant, Headwater People<br>Colleen Echohawk, President, Headwater People   |  |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs                                  | <b>Leveraging Data-Driven Partnerships to Meet Tribal Housing Need</b><br><br>Presenters: Kevin Klingbeil, Managing Director, Big Water Consulting, LLC<br>Harris Fitch, Research Associate, Big Water Consulting, LLC   |  |
| Navigating Potential Reductions in Federal Funding for Tribal Programs | <b>Empowering Tribal Housing Entities through Green Energy Investments</b><br><br>Presenter: Doug Kolker, Partner, Wipfli LLP  |  |
| Preparing Citizens for Homeownership Success                           | <b>Building a Homeownership Action Plan - Part 1</b><br><br>Presenters: Joanna Donohoe, Partner, Seven Sisters Community Development Group, LLC<br>Denise Zuni, Attorney, Sh'eh Wheef Law Offices<br>Deborah Webster, Principle, Concept Consulting Group, LLC |  |
| Resiliency Planning  | <b>49 Years of Tribal-State Collaboration</b><br><br>Presenter: Corey Strong, Tribal Liaison, Minnesota Housing  |  |
| Innovations in Housing   | <b>Using State Housing Dollars to Fund Supportive Housing</b><br><br>Presenters: Zoe LeBeau, CEO, Beauxsimone Consulting<br>Alston Turtle, Vice Chairman, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe<br>Katie Symons, CFO, Beauxsimone Consulting                                  |  |

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| Innovations in Housing   | <b>The Rights of Tribes to Convey Fee Lands</b><br><br>Presenters: Ray Martin, Of Counsel, Buchalter/Karuk Tribe  |             |
| <b>3:30 pm – 5:00 pm</b>   | <b>Breakout Sessions Block 2</b>  |             |
| <b>Track Type</b>  | <b>Session Title</b>  | <b>Room</b> |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs                                  | <b>Tackling Workforce Development Through Quality Affordable Modular Housing</b><br><br>Presenters: Nelson Brown, Chief Learning Officer, Idea'I Institute<br><br>Brandi Grindstaff, Chief Community Outreach Officer, Idea'I Institute |             |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs                                  | <b>Risk Control and Housing Resiliency</b><br><br>Presenter: Tim Leech, First Vice President, Tribal First  |             |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs                                  | <b>HUD 184: Most Underutilized Program – Borrowers Tribes/TDHEs</b><br><br>Presenter: Nancy Bainbridge, EVP/Director of Tribal and Construction Lending Department, Chickasaw Community Bank  |             |
| Construction Cost Impact   | <b>Hoopa Elders' Place: Affordable Homes &amp; Community</b><br><br>Presenters: Trent Rogers, Director of Housing Development, Travois<br><br>Darcy Padilla, Executive Director, Hoopa Valley Housing Authority                         |             |
| Navigating Potential Reductions in Federal Funding for Tribal Programs | <b>Raising Funds for Housing Programs Amid Federal Cuts</b><br><br>Presenter: Joe Diehl, Managing Director, Diehl & Co. LLC - Management Consultants<br><br>Moriah McGill, Deputy Director, Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority    |             |
| Innovations in Housing   | <b>Aligning State Funding with Tribal Housing Goals</b>   |             |

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|                        | <p>Presenters: Tim Mahern-Macias, Agency Tribal Liaison, Oregon Housing and Community Services</p> <p>Judy Hui-Pasquini, Senior Tribal and Rural Policy Analyst, Oregon Housing and Community Services</p> |  |
|                        | <p><b>Building a Homeownership Action Plan - Part 2</b></p> <p>Presenters: Juel Burnette, Branch Manager, 1<sup>st</sup> Tribal Lending</p> <p>Denise Zuni, Attorney, Sh'eh Wheef Law Offices</p>          |  |
| Innovations in Housing | <p><b>Bridging the Digital Divide: Leveraging Public Housing Technology</b></p> <p>Presenter: Heath Shatouhy, Chief Commercial Officer, Homes4Good</p>   |  |

## Wednesday, May 28, 2025

| Time                                  | Item   | Room                   |
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| 6:00 am – 7:00 am                     | Healthy Walk   | Hilton Property        |
| 6:30 am – 8:00 am                     | Breakfast  | TBD                    |
| 7:30 am – 5:00 pm                     | Attendee Registration & Badge Pick-up  | TBD                    |
| 7:30 am – 5:00 pm                     | Elders Lounge Open   |                        |
| <b>8:00 am – 11:00 am</b>             | <b>General Session</b>   | <b>Sierra Ballroom</b> |
| 11:10 am – 12:20 pm                   | Lunch  | TBD                    |
| <b>12:30 pm – 2:00 pm</b>             | <b>Breakout Session Block 3</b>  |                        |
| Track Type                            | Session Title  | Room                   |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs | <p><b>Phased Developments: Yavapai-Apache Nation Tunlii Neighborhood</b></p> <p>Presenters: Meaghan Hosterman, Project Manager, Travois</p> <p>Sharie Benson, Executive Director, Yavapai-Apache Nation Tribal Housing</p> |                        |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs | <b>Title VI Loan Program: Misunderstood and Underutilized</b>  |                        |

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|  | Presenter: Nancy Bainbridge, EVP/Director of Tribal and Construction Lending Department, Chickasaw Community Bank   |             |
| Construction Cost Impact                     | <b>Leveraging Resources While Thinking Outside the Box</b><br><br>Presenters: Patricia MacDonald, Chief Operation Officer, Interior Regional Housing Authority<br>Constance Reimer-Ely, Tribal Development Manager, Interior Regional Housing Authority |             |
| Innovations in Housing                       | <b>Breaking Barriers, Building Futures</b><br><br>Presenter: Mytegia Lee, Executive Director, SWNAC   |             |
| Resiliency Planning                          | <b>Supporting Your Housing Programs</b><br><br>Presenter: Moriah McGill, Deputy Director, Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority<br>Priest Martinez, Empowerment and Supportive Service Manager, Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority             |             |
| Preparing Citizens for Homeownership Success | <b>Uncovering the Roots: Financial Trauma in Tribal Communities</b><br><br>Presenter: Lanelle Smith, Owner, Blacksheep Insight Consulting and Coaching, LLC   |             |
| Innovations in Housing                       | <b>Innovations and Changes in LIHTC Program</b><br><br>Presenters: Lorna Fogg, Vice-President, Finance & Development, RTHawk Housing Alliance LLC   |             |
| Innovations in Housing                       | <b>Neighborworks Update</b><br><br>Presenter: Mellor Willie, Director of Native Partnerships and Strategy, Neighborworks  |             |
| <b>2:10 pm – 3:40 pm</b>                     | <b>Breakout Session Block 4</b>   |             |
| <b>Track Type</b>                            | <b>Session Title</b>  | <b>Room</b> |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs        | <b>Embracing Wellness: Practical Tools for Tribal Housing Professionals</b>   |             |

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|                                       | <p>Presenters: Brooke Warrington, Training &amp; Development Specialist, Seminole Tribe of Florida Native Learning Center</p> <p>Georgette Smith, Executive Director, Seminole Tribe of Florida Native Learning Center</p> |             |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs | <p><b>Building Trust Within Communities</b></p> <p>Presenters: Crystal Banks-Mann, Training Coordinator, Travois</p>   |             |
| Resiliency Planning                   | <p><b>Climate Resilience in Tribal Communities</b></p> <p>Presenters: Jeremiah Powless, Program Officer, Enterprise Community Partners</p>   |             |
| Innovations in Housing                | <p><b>Low-Income Housing Tax Credits Overview</b></p> <p>Presenters: Lorna Fogg, Vice-President, Finance &amp; Development, RTHawk Housing Alliance LLC</p>  |             |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs | <p><b>Energy Access All Across Indian Country</b></p> <p>Presenter: David Conrad, Acting Director, Office of Indian Energy, U.S. Department of Energy</p>  |             |
| Innovations in Housing                | <p><b>Neighborworks Update</b></p> <p>Presenter: Mellor Willie, Director of Native Partnerships and Strategy, Neighborworks</p>  |             |
| Resiliency Planning                   | <p><b>Healing Financial Trauma in Housing Authority Teams</b></p> <p>Presenter: Lanelle Smith, Owner, Blacksheep Insight Consulting and Coaching, LLC</p>  |             |
| Innovations in Housing                | <p><b>Navigating the Non-Intercourse Act and Title Companies</b></p> <p>Presenter: Ray Martin, Of Counsel, Buchalter/Karuk Tribe</p> <p>Katherine McComic, Associate, Buchalter</p>  |             |
| <b>3:50 pm – 5:20 pm</b>              | <b>Breakout Session Block 5</b>  |             |
| <b>Track Type</b>                     | <b>Session Title</b>   | <b>Room</b> |

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| Aligning Housing with Community Needs                                  | <b>Master Planning for Native Communities by Natives</b><br><br>Presenter: Lucas Eastwood, Principle, Eastwood Development  |  |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs                                  | <b>Tenant Relations - A Skills-Building Workshop</b><br><br>Presenter: Joseph Diehl, Managing Director, Diehl & Co. LLC - Management Consultants  |  |
| Navigating Potential Reductions in Federal Funding for Tribal Programs | <b>Construction Monitoring is the Key</b><br><br>Presenters: Ryan Rademann, Partner, Wipfli LLC   |  |
| Innovations in Housing   | <b>New Markets Tax Credits: For Housing? Yes!</b><br><br>Presenter: Adam Rose, Director of Partnerships and Growth, Travois   |  |
| Preparing Citizens for Homeownership Success                           | <b>Strong Credit, Strong Future: Tools for Housing Practitioners</b><br><br>Presenter: Lanelle Smith, Owner, Blacksheep Insight Consulting and Coaching, LLC  |  |
| Innovations in Housing   | <b>Supportive Housing: A solution to ending homelessness</b><br><br>Presenters: Zoe LeBeau, CEO, Beauxsimone Consulting<br>Katie Symons, CFO, Beauxsimone Consulting  |  |
| Innovations in Housing   | <b>Wraparound Services and Housing Modeled in THHAP</b><br><br>Presenter: Liz Hernandez, Tribal Program Manager, California Coalition for Rural Housing   |  |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs                                  | <b>Increasing Homeownership through CDFIs: Coalition Building Midwest Style</b><br><br>Presenters: Fern Orie, Chief Executive Officer, Wisconsin Indigenous Housing and Economic Development Corporation<br>Becky Albert, Executive Director, Cedar Growth/First Nations Community Financial<br>Allyssa Verstoppen, Executive Director, Woodland Financial Partners |  |

## Thursday, May 29, 2025

| Time   | Item  | Room |
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| 6:30 am – 8:00 am  | Breakfast   | TBD  |
| 7:30 am – 12:30 pm   | Elders Lounge Open  |      |
| 8:00 am – 10:00 am   | Attendee Registration & Badge Pick-up   |      |
| <b>8:00 am – 9:30 am</b>   | <b>Breakout Session Block 6</b>   |      |
| Track Type   | Session Title   | Room |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs                                  | <b>Environmental Contamination from Fentanyl and Methamphetamine Use</b><br><br>Presenter: Sean Simmons, CEO, A&D Specialists / PHASER  |      |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs                                  | <b>Navigating Investor &amp; HFA LIHTC Requirements</b><br><br>Presenters: Kari Hutchison, Compliance Manager, Travois Asset Management & Compliance<br>Delfina Ortiz, Senior Compliance Specialist, Travois Asset Management & Compliance<br>Amanda Allen, Asset Management, Travois Asset Management & Compliance |      |
| Navigating Potential Reductions in Federal Funding for Tribal Programs | <b>Title Insurance in Indian Country</b><br><br>Presenter: Sarah Lawson, Attorney, Schwabe<br>Megan Powell, Underwriter, National Tribal Title Services   |      |
| Innovations in Housing   | <b>Revolutionizing Tribal Housing with Digital Tools for Management</b><br><br>Presenter: Dustin Monroe, Intertribal Software Sales Consultant, Intertribal Software  |      |
| Resiliency Planning  | <b>Building Stronger Teams in Tribal Housing Authorities</b><br><br>Presenter: Lanelle Smith, Owner, Blacksheep Insight Consulting and Coaching, LLC  |      |
| Innovations in Housing   | <b>Creating Tribal Land Conveyance Policies and Land Records</b>  |      |



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|  | Presenters: Denise Zuni, Owner/Attorney, Sh'eh Wheef Law Offices, PC   |             |
| Innovations in Housing   | <p><b>Bi' du Khaale Community, A New Beginning.</b></p> <p>Presenter: Dave Cade, Director of Housing, Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians</p> <p>Nitumigaabow Champagne, Consultant, Grand River</p> <p>David Smith-Ferri, Community Development Director, Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians</p>   |             |
| Innovations in Housing   | <p><b>Braiding Resources: You Can Do It!</b></p> <p>Presenter: Moriah McGill, Deputy Director, Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority</p> <p>Lihbin Shiao, Principal, Mosaic Urban Development</p> <p>Dave Cade, Housing Director, Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians</p> <p>James Cisneros, Housing Director, Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians</p> |             |
| <b>9:40 am – 11:10 am</b>  | <b>Breakout Session Block 7</b>  |             |
| <b>Track Type</b>  | <b>Session Title</b>   | <b>Room</b> |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs                                  | <p><b>Leading with Teamwork and Determination–WHA LIHTC Study</b></p> <p>Presenters: Martin Montgomery, Executive Director, Washoe Housing Authority</p> <p>Abby Day, Project Manager, Travois</p>   |             |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs                                  | <p><b>Dealing with Stress and Job Burnout</b></p> <p>Presenter: Joseph Diehl, Managing Director, Diehl &amp; Co. LLC - Management Consultants</p>  |             |
| Navigating Potential Reductions in Federal Funding for Tribal Programs | <p><b>Financial Readiness for Sustainable Homeownership</b></p> <p>Presenter: Sohan Shah, President, National Finance and Economics Collective</p> <p>Kyle Park, Vice President of Outreach, National Finance and Economics Collective</p> <p>Ray Chang, Vice President of Curriculum, National Finance and Economics Collective</p>                       |             |

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| Resiliency Planning                   | <b>Centering Staff Wellness in Tribal Housing Operations</b><br><br>Presenters: Jeremiah Powless, Program Officer, Enterprise Community Partners  |                        |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs | <b>Advancing Data Housing Accessibility in the Navajo Nation</b><br><br>Presenters: Crystal Cook, Director, Tribal Housing Research, Diné College   |                        |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs | <b>Maximizing Your Tribal HUD VASH Program</b><br><br>Presenters: Brigid Korce, Consultant, BeauxSimone Consulting<br><br>Robin Thorne, Vice President and Training & Asset Management, RTHawk Housing Alliance LLC |                        |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs | <b>VA Native American Direct Loan Benefit</b><br><br>James Lewis, NADL Coordinator, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs<br><br>Craig Filbeck, NADL Coordinator, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs                 |                        |
| Aligning Housing with Community Needs | <b>Enhancing Tribal Housing Development through THE Academy</b><br><br>Presenter: Rachel Veiga, Housing Director, Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria  |                        |
| <b>11:30 am – 12:30 pm</b>            | <b>Closing Plenary Session</b>  | <b>Sierra Ballroom</b> |
| 12:30 pm                              | Trade Show Closes (Exhibitors/Arts and Crafts move-out)   | TBD                    |
| 12:30 pm                              | Adjourn the 2025 NAIHC Annual Convention  | TBD                    |