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The National American Indian Housing Council Welcomes Jody Cahoon Perez as New Director of Finance

WASHINGTON, DC – The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) is proud to welcome **Jody Cahoon Perez** as our new Director of Finance starting in April 2026. Jody brings deep financial expertise, lived experience, and Tribal housing leadership to this role at a critical moment for Indian Country housing. Her commitment to financial stewardship, accountability, and expanding opportunity will be a tremendous asset to our organization and the Tribal housing programs we serve.

Jody Cahoon Perez currently serves as the Executive Director of the Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority (SKHA), the Tribally Designated Housing Authority for the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) on the Flathead Reservation in Montana and has served as NAIHC’s Finance Chair and Region V Board member since 2019. An enrolled CSKT Tribal member, Jody began her career at SKHA in accounting and advanced into executive leadership through her dedication to strengthening housing access for Native families.

Drawing from her own experience as a former tenant of HUD-assisted housing who later achieved homeownership on trust land, Jody brings both technical expertise and personal insight into her work. She has led SKHA’s rental and homeownership development efforts, cultivated innovative funding and community partnerships, and advocated nationally for policy solutions that address the unique housing challenges facing Tribal communities.

“We are incredibly excited to welcome Jody to the NAIHC team as we continue stepping up the quality of our work across the organization,” **said Rudy Soto, executive director of the National American Indian Housing Council.** “Jody truly embodies what this work is about. She has lived it, she has led it, and she has a real pulse on both the challenges Tribal housing programs face and the opportunities in front of us. Her experience and perspective will strengthen everything we do.”

NAIHC is honored to have Jody step into this role and looks forward to the leadership and perspective she brings to our organization as we continue advancing Tribal self-determination and housing & homeownership in Indian Country.

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About NAIHC

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), established in 1974, is the only national nonprofit organization representing Tribal housing programs and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) across Indian Country. NAIHC provides training, technical assistance, advocacy, and resources to support safe, affordable, and culturally appropriate housing for Native people.

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