



NAIHC

— 52ND ANNUAL —

Convention & Tradeshow Agenda



Anchorage, Alaska

May 4-6, 2026



LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear NAIHC Members, Sponsors, Partners, and Friends,

Welcome to the National American Indian Housing Council's 52nd Annual Convention & Tradeshow. We are honored to gather with you this year as we commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA).

For three decades, NAHASDA has served as the cornerstone of Tribal housing, empowering Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities, and the Department of Hawaiian Homelands to build homes, strengthen infrastructure, and uplift Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities. Its impact is visible in the homes built, the communities strengthened, and the sovereignty advanced through self-determined housing solutions.

This year marks a pivotal moment for NAHASDA. In both chambers of Congress, legislation has been introduced to reauthorize and modernize the Act. In the U.S. House of Representatives, 39 representatives across 31 states have co-sponsored H.R. 8092, Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Modernization Act of 2026. While in the U.S. Senate, S. 4276, A Bill to Reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, has secured 7 co-sponsors representing 5 states. These milestones reflect growing momentum but also underscore the urgency of our collective advocacy.

This is a critical year to build the power and unity needed to ensure NAHASDA is not only reauthorized but strengthened for the next generation. The work of NAIHC and its members have been instrumental in getting us to this point, and it will continue to be essential in the months ahead.

As we gather in Alaska, we do so with purpose. Together, we will reflect on our progress, shape NAIHC's legislative priorities for the year ahead, and reaffirm our shared commitment to advancing Tribal housing. Your voice, your leadership, and your advocacy are what drive this moment forward from our communities to Washington, DC. Thank you to our members for the vital role you play in strengthening Tribal communities across Indian Country. Your commitment makes our collective work possible.

Thank you for being here, and welcome to Alaska!

Bobby Yandell

BOARD CHAIR, NAIHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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OF THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

Rudy Soto

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

Since 1974, the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) has stood as the unified voice for Tribal housing across Indian Country. Grounded in the principles of Tribal sovereignty and self-determination, NAIHC works to advance housing opportunities and strengthen communities by supporting Tribes, housing programs, and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) through advocacy, training, and technical assistance.

Representing 246 voting members and nearly 500 Tribes and housing organizations, NAIHC is guided by an 18-member Board of Directors representing nine geographic regions. Together, we are committed to strengthening Native and Tribal housing programs and supporting our members to deliver safe, culturally relevant, and affordable homes in their communities.

NAIHC SERVICES

NAIHC delivers comprehensive support to strengthen Tribal housing programs and advance Native communities.

Our services include:

ADVOCACY

Championing expanded housing opportunities and increased investment in Tribal housing and community development programs.

TRAINING

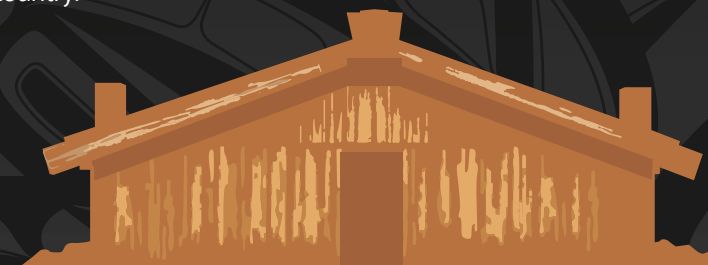
Providing dynamic, culturally founded training across key areas of Native housing management and operations.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Offering on-site, hands-on support tailored to the needs of our membership and their communities.

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Delivering timely research, data, and resources to inform policy and support effective housing solutions across Indian Country.



NAIHC Team



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Our Team: 16 Dedicated Team Members & 60+ Years of combined experience.

We would love to meet you!

Please stop by our booth in the Exhibitors Hall and visit with our team.



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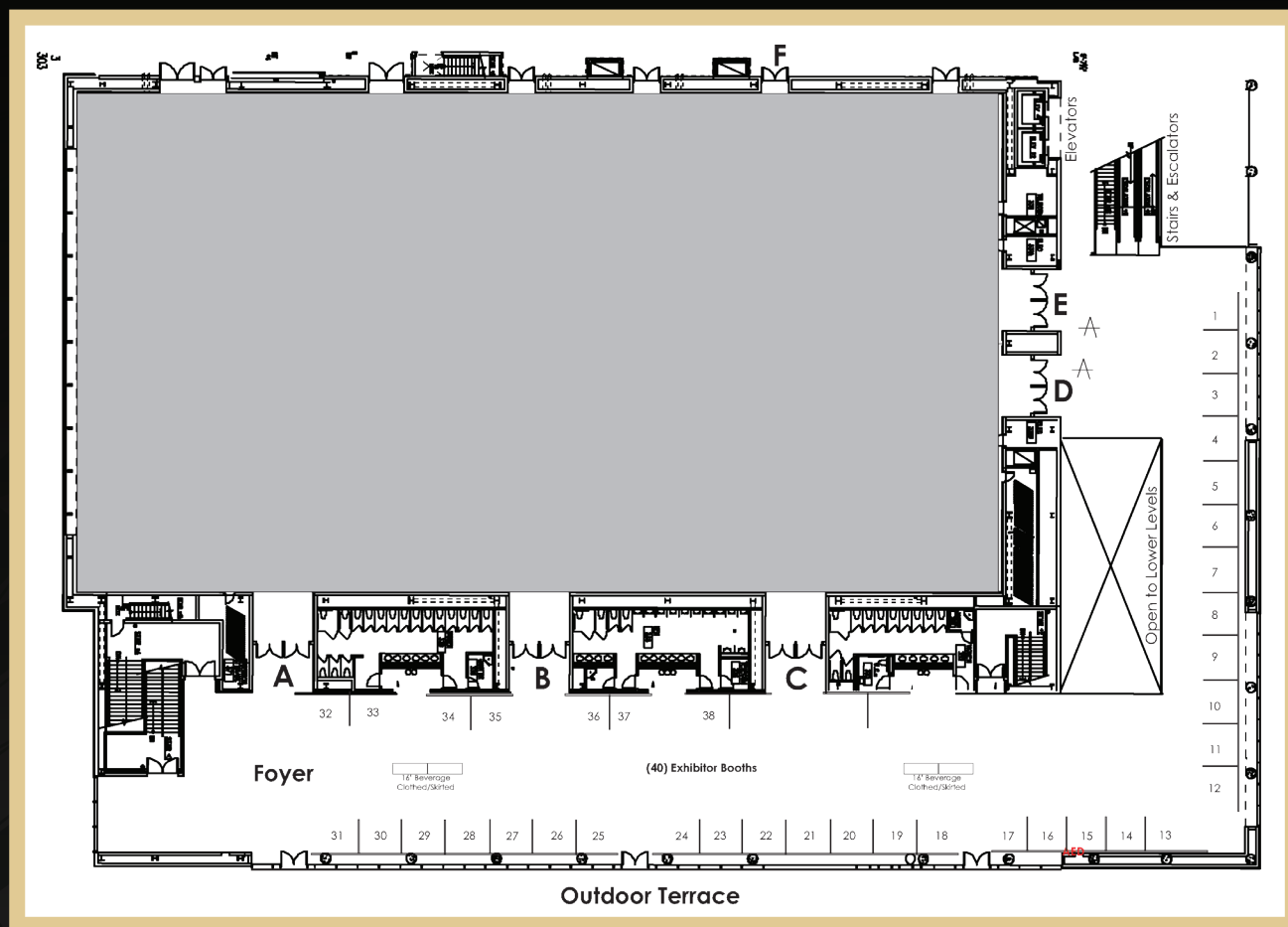
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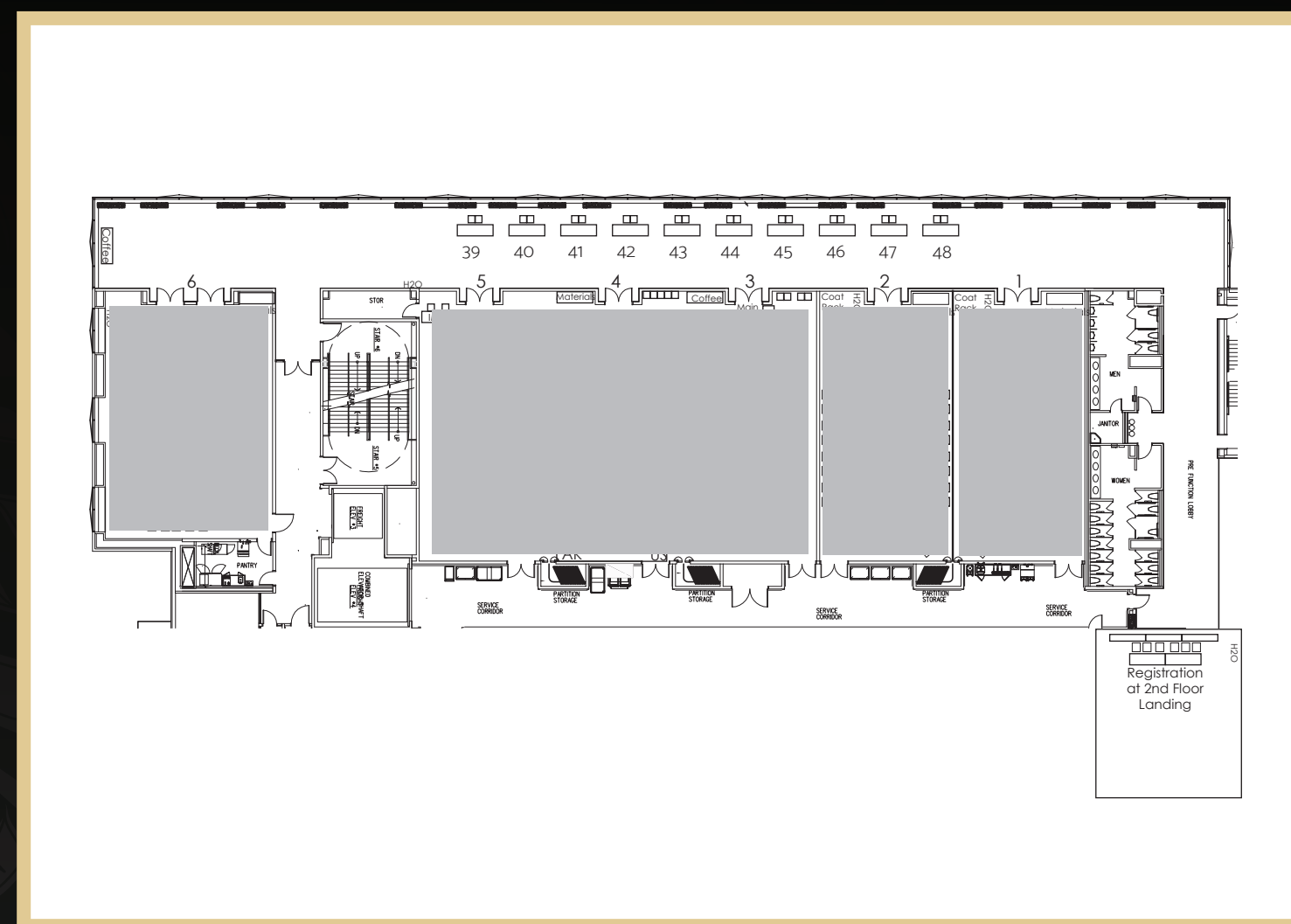
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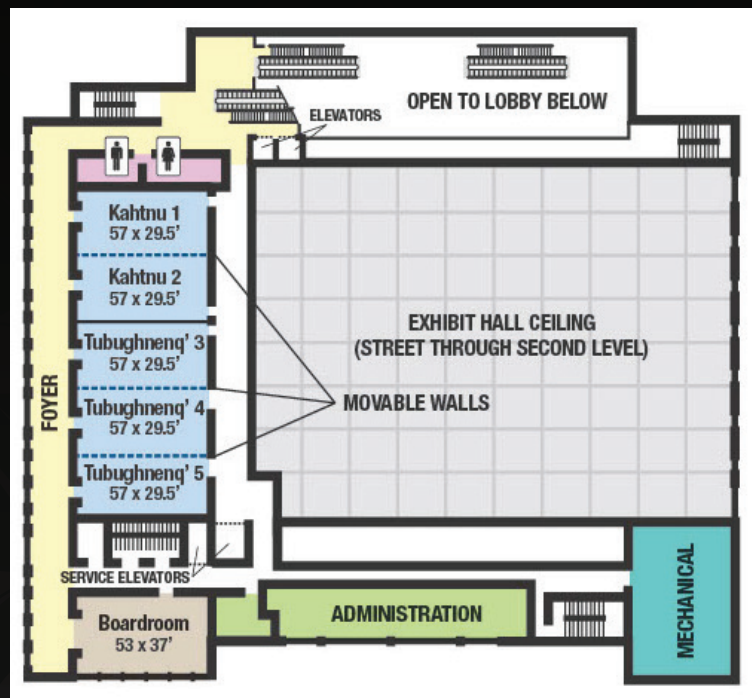


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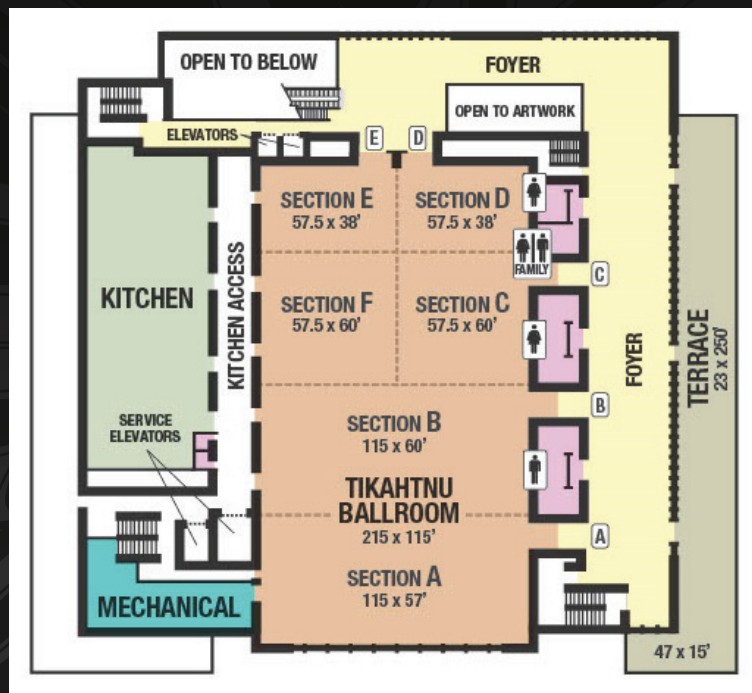
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Convention Center Map

Meeting Rooms
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Ballroom
- 3rd Floor



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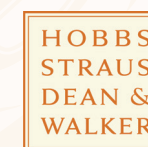
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Day 1 Agenda

Convention Registration Opens
Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center

7:00 - 8:00 am

BREAKFAST

Off-site / On Own

8:00am - 5:00pm

Convention Day 1 Registration Open

Dena'ina Convention Center
2nd Floor Landing

8:00am - 5:00pm

AAHA Alaska Accelerator Academy

Invitation Only

9:00am - 10:00am

NAIHC New Member & Attendee Networking

Kahtnu (Kenai)
Room 1, 2nd FL

New to NAIHC or attending our Annual Convention for the first time? Join us for a welcome and networking session designed to help you connect with fellow NAIHC members and get oriented for the Convention.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet other attendees, build relationships across Indian Country, and engage directly with NAIHC staff and Board Members, to ask questions and learn how to make the most of membership and the conference experience.

10:00am - 12:00pm

National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Listening Session: Supporting Tribal Health Systems

Kahtnu (Kenai)
Room 2, 2nd FL

The National Indian Health Board is hosting an in-person focus group that will provide space to share perspectives on NIHB's role, priorities, and how it can strengthen support for Tribal health systems.

Input shared through this Listening Session will help NIHB better understand current realities, identify strengths and challenges, and shape priorities for the future. Participation is voluntary, and insights will be treated with care, respect, and confidentiality.

10:00am - 12:00pm

Tubughnenq' 3
2nd Floor

HUD Listening Session: Evaluation of the IHBG Competitive Grant Program

Dr. Jennifer Stoloff, principal investigator for the HUD-sponsored evaluation of the Indian Housing Block Grant competitive grant program, will give a brief overview of plans for the research and then open the floor for comments and questions from attendees.

We invite you to attend and provide your perspective on what the evaluation should be trying to learn.

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Off-site/On Own

LUNCH

1:00pm - 5:00pm

2nd & 3rd
Floor Foyers

Tradeshow: Move-In Check-in: Registration Desk (2nd Floor)

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Tikahtnu Room C
3rd Floor

Tribal Housing Advocacy Forum: NAHASDA Modernization, Best Practices for Advocacy, & Federal Updates

Join Tribal housing leaders and partners for an engaging session on advancing housing priorities in Indian Country. Through discussions led by NAIHC's Legislative Committee, participants will hear the latest federal and legislative updates, strengthen their advocacy skills, and gain practical tools for communicating with policymakers.

Attendees will leave better prepared and confident to advocate for Tribal housing solutions in their communities and with their representatives at the state and federal levels.

Welcome & Opening Remarks

- **Chris Kolerok**, NAIHC Legislative Committee Co-Chair, Region IX Board Member; Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs, Cook Inlet Housing Authority
- **Sharon Vogel**, NAIHC Legislative Committee Co-Chair, Region III Board Member; Executive Director, Cheyenne River Housing Authority
- **HUD Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Update**
- **NAHASDA Overview and Path Forward**
 - **Congressional Staff**
- **Advocacy in Action: Tools, Templates & Telling Your Story**
 - **Matt Vogel**, Policy Lead, National Congress of American Indians
 - **Kayla Blackwell**, Senior Housing Policy Analyst, National Low Income Housing Coalition
 - **Alex Ortiz**, Senior Vice President, Capitol Hill Consulting Group

2:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Various Rooms

Regional Caucus & Association Meetings

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Day 2 Agenda

Dena'ina Civic and
Convention Center

Welcome from Alaska Federation of Natives

- **Nikki Stoops**, Vice President of Engagement, Alaska Federation of Natives

Keynote Address

- **Michael Fredericks**, President, SALT-AK

Virginia Kizer and George Nolan Awards

Sponsor Remarks

- **Wilbur Red Tomahawk** (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe), President, CEO & Founding Owner, RTHawk Housing Alliance, LLC

NAIHC Board Chair Remarks

Honoring 30 Years of NAHASDA Progress and the Road Ahead

- **Bobby Yandell**, NAIHC Board Chair; Executive Director, Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation

NAIHC Membership Meeting & Board Chair Election

10:30am - 12:30pm

Tikahtnu (Cook Inlet)
Ballroom, 3rd Floor

AAHA Alaska Accelerator Academy

10:00am - 12:00pm

Invitation Only

LUNCH

12:30pm - 2:00pm

Off-site/On Own

6:00 - 7:00 am BREAKFAST

Off-site / On Own

7:00am - 5:00pm Convention Day 2 Registration Open

Dena'ina Convention Center
2nd Floor Landing

7:00am - 5:00pm Tradeshow Open

2nd & 3rd Floor Foyers

8:00am - 5:00pm Elders Lounge Open

Tikahtnu Room E
3rd Floor

8:30am - 10:30am 52nd Annual Convention: Opening Plenary

Tikahtnu (Cook Inlet)
Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Opening Ceremony

- **Prayer & Invocation**
- **Posting of the Colors**
- **Lepquinm Gumilgit Gagoadim** (Our Own Dance in Our Hearts) **Dance Group**

Welcome to Anchorage, Alaska

- **Hon. Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor**, City of Anchorage

Congressional Remarks

- **Hon. Nick Begich III**, Representative, United States House of Representatives
- **Hon. Lisa Murkowski**, United States Senator (AK) (Invited)
- **Hon. Dan Sullivan**, United States Senator (AK)

AMERIND Presentation

- **Jerri Killer** (Cherokee Nation), AMERIND Board Chairwoman and Board of Directors



2:00pm-3:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - BLOCK #1

Various Rooms

Building Sustainable Tribal Housing

Kahtnu 1
2nd Floor

Built to Last: Building Sustainable Tribal Housing

- **Elsa Garcia**, Architect III, Travois Architecture
- **Francisco Carr**, Executive Director, Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority
- **Jamie Navenma**, Executive Director, Laguna Housing Development and Management Enterprise (LHDME)

Leveraging Federal & State Funding

Kahtnu 2
2nd Floor

Tribal HUD VASH Best Practice: Case Study with Choctaw Nation

- **Shelbie Crow**, Director of Rental Assistance, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- **Brigid Korce**, Tribal HUD VASH Consultant, BeauxSimone Consulting
- **Meredith Malpass**, LCSW, LCAS, CCS Regional Coordinator, National HUD-VASH Program Office, Homeless Programs Office, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Improving Homeownership Access & Success

Tubughnenq' 3,
2nd Floor

Returning Home - Strengthening Tribal-Lender Partnerships to Increase Mortgage Lending on Indian Lands

- **Denise Zuni**, Attorney/Owner, Sh'eh Wheel Law Offices PC
- **Darkfeather Ancheta**, Lender, 1st Tribal Lending
- **Jason Adams**, Owner, ACE Housing & Development, LLC

Building Sustainable Tribal Housing

Tubughnenq' 4,
2nd Floor

Reclaiming Ancestral Tribal Building Codes

- **Matthew Beudet**, Founder and President, Adisoke Solutions, LLC

Integrating Housing with Essential Services

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2nd FL

Integrating Housing with Essential Services

Tikahtnu
Ballroom A & B
3rd Floor

Leveraging Federal & State Funding

Tikahtnu C
3rd Floor

Capacity Building & Leadership Development

Tikahtnu D
3rd Floor

Housing as a Key to Family and Young Adult Stability through Cross Sector Collaboration

- **Amanda Metivier**, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Facing Foster Care in Alaska
- **Helen Renfrew**, Director of Programs, Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness
- **Kim Swisher**, Deputy Director, Alaska Office of Children Services
- **Theresa Tanoury**, Senior Program Manager, Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)

Trauma-Informed Housing Design for Aging Native Communities

- **Nasbah Hill**, Senior Consultant II – Tribal TA and Engagement Lead, Advocates for Human Potential, Inc.
- **Young Brinson**, Senior Consultant – Tribal and Public Mental Health, Advocates for Human Potential, Inc.
- **Nicky Stevens**, Principal Consultant – Housing and Homelessness, Advocates for Human Potential, Inc.

Strategic Growth and Large-Scale Housing Development for Tribal Communities with Section 184, Skilled Worker Program, and Title VI

- **Aneva Yazzie**, Consultant, Yazhe Consulting
- **Melinda Williams**, Consultant

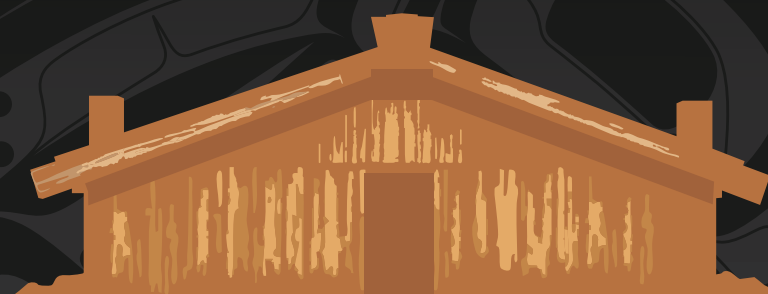
Strengthening Tribal Housing through Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Operation

- **Jessica Imotichey**, Health Policy & Legislative Analyst/Co-Lead Census Tribal Liaison, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health
- **Joseph Salvo**, Chair, 2030 Census National LUCA Working Group
- **Sandra Mitrovich**, Consultant/Coordinator Election Protection, Native American Rights Fund (NARF)

3:15pm-3:30pm

BREAK & NETWORKING

2nd & 3rd Floor Foyers



3:30pm-4:45pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - BLOCK #2

Various Rooms

Improving Homeownership Access & Success

Kahtnu 1
2nd Floor

Implementing Hearth - Is My Tribe Ready?

- Denise Zuni, Attorney/Owner, Sh'eh Wheef Law Offices PC
- Jason Adams, Owner, ACE Housing & Development, LLC

Leveraging Federal & State Funding

Kahtnu 2
2nd Floor

Tribal Housing Grant Fund: From Concept to Reality

- Tim Mahern-Macias, Agency Tribal Liaison, Oregon Housing and Community Services

Integrating Housing with Essential Services

Tubughnenq' 3,
2nd Floor

Trauma Informed Care and Design

- Zoe LeBeau, CEO, BeauxSimone Consulting
- Katie Symone, CFO, BeauxSimone Consulting
- Cathy Harris, Project Manager, BeauxSimone Consulting
- Nicki Basch, Consultant, Great Lakes Housing Services

Building Sustainable Tribal Housing

Tubughnenq' 4,
2nd Floor

Reclaiming Our Spaces: Empowering Urban Native Housing Solutions

- Joseph Kunkel, Principal/Director, Model of Architecture Service Society

Building Sustainable Tribal Housing

Tubughnenq'5,
2nd FL

Leveraging Federal & State Funding

Tikahtnu
Ballroom A & B
3rd Floor

Leveraging Federal & State Funding

Tikahtnu C
3rd Floor

Leveraging Federal & State Funding

Tikahtnu D
3rd Floor

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Anchorage Museum
- 625 C Street

(Please use Entrance
on 7th Avenue)

Case Study: WY Wind River Weatherization - Eastern Shoshone Housing Authority

- Xavier Walter, Director of Outreach, Building Performance Association
- Gilbert Richie, Resident Services Director, Eastern Shoshone Housing Authority

Low Income Housing Tax Credits 101

- Lorna Fogg, Vice President - Finance & Development, RTHawk Housing Alliance LLC

ANCSA & Alaska Native Self-Determination with Regional and Village Corporations and Tribes

- Shauna Hegna, President & Chair, Koniag and ANCSA Regional Association
- Alex Cleghorn, Partner, Landye Bennett Blumstein

HOTMA Update: What You Need to Know

- Robin Thorne, Vice President - Training & Asset Management, RTHawk Housing Alliance, LLC

Annual Convention: Opening Reception

Join fellow NAIHC members, partners, and supporters of Tribal housing for an evening of networking and connection.

Attendees will have the opportunity to build relationships, exchange ideas, and celebrate the start of the Annual Convention in a setting that honors the stories and resilience of Alaska's communities.

Welcome Remarks

- Teri Nutter (Udzisyu), AAHA Board President; Executive Director at Copper River Basin Regional Housing and Vice President of Gulkana Village Council
- Bobby Yandell, NAIHC Board Chair; Executive Director, Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation



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Day 3 Agenda

Dena'ina Civic and
Convention Center

6:00 – 7:00 am

BREAKFAST

Off-site / On Own

7:00am – 5:00pm

Convention Day 3 Registration Open

Dena'ina Convention Center
2nd Floor Landing

7:00am – 5:00pm

Tradeshow Open

2nd & 3rd Floor Foyers

8:00am – 5:00pm

Elders Lounge Open

Tikahtnu Room E,
3rd Floor

10:00am – 12:00pm

General Session: Strengthening Tribal Housing Through Resilience & Self Determination

Tikahtnu (Cook Inlet)
Ballroom, 3rd Floor

8:30am – Opening Prayer & Song

- **Gloria Burns**, President, Ketchikan Indian Community

8:35am – Welcome Remarks

- **Rudy Soto**, Executive Director, National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC)

8:40am – Sponsor Remarks

- **Derek C. Valdo, Sr**, CEO, AMERIND

8:50am – Fireside Chat

Rebuilding After Disaster: Strengthening Tribal Housing Resilience

Moderator: Griffin Hagle-Forster, Executive Director, Association of Alaska Housing Authorities (AAHA)

- **Vasilios “Akis” Gialopsos**, Deputy Director, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)
- **Colleen Dushkin**, Vice President of Culture & Strategy, Cook Inlet Housing Authority

9:35am – Fireside Chat

Centering Native Voices: Supporting a Collective Vision for Indian Housing

Moderator: Mel Willie, Senior Director, Native American Partnerships and Strategy, NeighborWorks America

- **Marietta Rodriguez**, President & CEO, NeighborWorks America
- **Renee M. Willis**, President & CEO, The National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC)

10:00am – Panel Discussion

Aligning Resources: Tribal-State Partnerships for Housing Development Panel

Moderator: Sami Jo Difuntorum, NAIHC Vice-Chairperson; Executive Director, Siletz Tribal Housing Department

- **Bryan Butcher**, CEO & Executive Director, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) (Invited)
- **Andrea Bell**, Executive Director, Oregon Housing & Community Services (OHCS)
- **Tony Lentych**, Chief Investment Officer, Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)
- **Isidoro Hernandez**, Executive Director & CEO, Housing New Mexico

10:45am – HUD Special Remarks & Program Updates

- **Michael Kelsch**, Policy Advisor, Office of Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
- **Tonya Plummer**, Director, Office of Loan Guarantee, Office of Native American Programs (ONAP), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11:00am – Panel Discussion

Federal Home Loan Banks & Tribal Housing: Innovative Partnerships in Action

Moderator: Sharon Vogel, NAIHC Region III Board Member; Executive Director, Cheyenne River Housing Authority

- **Tom Dapice**, Senior Vice President & Community Investment Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco
- **Peter Grof**, Director, Community Investment Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York
- **Anna Shires**, Vice President, Associate Director, Community Investment Outreach, Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis

11:45am – Special Remarks

- **Brian Wilson**, Executive Director, Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness

11:50am – Closing Remarks

- **Bobby Yandell**, NAIHC Board Chair; Executive Director, Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation

9:00am - 12:00pm

AAHA Alaska Accelerator Academy

Invitation Only

12:00pm - 1:45pm

Freddie Mac: Develop the Developer Program Listening Session

Kahtnu 2, 2nd FL

12:00PM-2:00PM

LUNCH

Off-Site/On Own

2:00pm-3:15pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - BLOCK #3

Various Rooms

Capacity Building & Leadership Development

Separating Policy from Procedure: Strengthening TDHE Governance, Compliance, and Operational Clarity

Kahtnu 1 2nd Floor

- **Andy Pasqual**, Government Services Consultant, HR Wise LLC

Improving Homeownership Access & Success

From First Questions to Lasting Generational Wealth: How a Native CDFI is Bridging the Gap to Homeownership

Kahtnu 2, 2nd floor

- **Benjamin Reynolds**, Residential Lending Manager, Cook Inlet Lending Center, Inc
- **Abby Miller**, Financial Wellness Program Manager, Cook Inlet Lending Center, Inc.

Building Sustainable Tribal Housing

A conversation to develop tools to access resilient, energy-efficient, and affordable housing designs and streamline regulatory and compliance processes

Tubughnenq' 3, 2nd Floor

- **Michele Brown**, Director, Housing Alaskans Public Private Partnership
- **Griffin Hagle-Forster**, Executive Director, Association of Alaska Housing Authorities
- **Brenda Riley**, Cold Climate Housing Research Center
- **Haleigh Reed**, Alaska Association of Housing Authorities

Improving Homeownership Access & Success

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Addressing Rising Housing/ Infrastructure Costs & Barriers

Tubughnenq'5, 2nd FL

Building Sustainable Tribal Housing

Tikahtnu Ballroom A & B 3rd Floor

Leveraging Federal & State Funding

Tikahtnu C 3rd Floor

Leveraging Federal & State Funding

Tikahtnu D 3rd Floor

3:15pm-3:30pm

2nd & 3rd Floor Foyers

Wills and Probate: The Basics of Wills and Probate, and How Those Processes Can Affect Tribal Housing

- **Ed Clay Goodman**, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP
- **Telly Meier**, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP
- **Cari Baermann**, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP

Stretching Housing Dollars Further: Cooperative Purchasing as a Strategic Procurement Tool

- **Lisa Potraza**, Senior Director - Enablement, OMNIA Partners
- **Gary Turnage**, National Account Manager - Government, Lowe's Pro

Tribal Housing Climate Resiliency Academy

- **Jeremiah Powless**, Program Manager, Enterprise Community Partners
- **Jeff Ackley**, Director - Tribal Housing Programs, Enterprise Community Partners

Strategic Growth and Large-Scale Housing Development for Tribal Communities with Section 184, Skilled Worker Program, and Title VI (Repeat Session)

- **Aneva Yazzie**, Consultant, Yazhe Consulting
- **Melinda Williams**, Consultant

Low Income Housing Tax Credits 201

- **Lorna Fogg**, Vice President - Finance & Development, RTHawk Housing Alliance LLC

Break & Networking

3:30pm-4:45pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - BLOCK #4

Various Rooms

Integrating Housing with Essential Services

Kahtnu 1
2nd Floor

Sacred Space: Housing and Healing for Chronically Homeless Urban Natives

- **James W. Lovell**, Chief Community Development Officer, Chief Seattle Club

Building Sustainable Tribal Housing

Kahtnu 2
2nd Floor

Enhancing Tribal Housing Development through THE Academy

- **Erika Holzhauer**, Assistant Director - Housing Programs, RCAC
- **Rachel Veiga**, Housing Director, Trinidad Rancheria

Capacity Building & Leadership Development

Tubughnenq' 3,
2nd Floor

Overcoming Extremes: Building for the Future in Alaska

- **Erinn Roos-Brown**, Project Manager, Travois, Inc.
- **Richard Porter**, Chief Executive Officer, Knik Tribe
- **Lori Canady**, Housing Director, Knik Tribe

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Tubughnenq' 4,
2nd Floor

Modular Construction Solutions

- **Mark Flinn**, Partner, Native Land Construction & Consulting, LLC

Improving Homeownership Access & Success

Tubughnenq'5,
2nd FL

Native American Direct Loan Program

- **Casandra Kelting**, Native American Direct Loan Coordinator, Veterans Benefits Administration, Loan Guaranty Service
- **Craig Filbeck**, Native American Direct Loan Coordinator, Veterans Benefits Administration, Loan Guaranty Service

Building Sustainable Tribal Housing

Tikahtnu
Ballroom A & B
3rd Floor

How Do We Know What Works? A Housing Evaluation Toolkit for Alaska Housing Providers and Beyond

- **Meghan Taylor Holton**, PhD Candidate, University of Buffalo - Department of Urban and Regional Planning
- **Brenda Riley**, Interim Executive Director, Cold Climate Housing Research Center

Improving Homeownership Access & Success

Tikahtnu C
3rd Floor

Making the Most of HUD Section 184 and Title VI: Leveraging Federal Guarantees to Expand Housing Resources

- **Nancy Bainbridge**, Executive Vice President/Director of Tribal Banking, Chickasaw Community Bank
- **Tonya Plummer**, Director - Office of Loan Guarantee, HUD - Office of Native American Programs (ONAP)
- **Todd Enlow**, Executive Director, Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation
- **Jerri Killer**, Deputy Director, Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation

Leveraging Federal & State Funding

Tikahtnu D
3rd Floor

From Concept to Compliance: Navigating LIHTC with Confidence

- **Drew Greer**, Compliance Specialist, Travois Asset Management and Compliance
- **Sarah Swodoba**, Asset Manager, Travois Asset Management and Compliance



Honoring Place, People, and Home

A collaborative visual identity created by NAIHC, Cedar Group Alaska, and formline artist Gat Xwéech Nick Foote

The brand visuals for this year's 52nd National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) Annual Convention & Tradeshow serves as a visual reflection of both the cultural and geographic identity of Alaska.

The use of formline from Tlingit artist Gat Xwéech Nick Alan Foote's design represents community, as salmon tie Alaska Native people of different tribes and regions to one another. Even though salmon spend most of their lives at sea, thousands of miles from where they were born, they always gather again and find their way back to their home stream. A salmon always remembers where its home is.

Traditionally, longhouses were used by the tribes of Southeast Alaska and housed many families. Beyond their impressive structure, they provided protection, community, and safety under one roof, much like the work being done at NAIHC, which supports housing opportunities and training for Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian peoples.

This year's event visuals weave together traditional colors and textures, representing the collaborative nature of the NAIHC's work, which brings together Tribal housing entities, leaders, and practitioners across Native communities.. The design reinforces a commitment to culturally grounded approaches in both housing and community development.

The inclusion of Denali in the background further deepens this connection. Rising above everything else, Denali is a landmark and a point of orientation. In the same way that this year's NAIHC Annual Convention and Tradeshow serves as a guiding force for tribal housing programs from all across the country.



Gat Xwéech Nick Alan Foote

Gat Xwéech Nick Alan Foote is a Tlingit artist from Southeast Alaska who specializes in traditional formline design and illustration. Born in Ketchikan and raised in communities including Sitka and Juneau, Nick developed a deep connection to his Alaska Native heritage at an early age. He was first introduced to formline art through the Johnson O'Malley Program under the guidance of Esther Shay, and later continued his cultural and artistic education through the Sitka Native Education Program. These early influences continue to shape the vision and intention behind his work today.

Now based in Seattle, Nick combines his background in graphic design with his passion for traditional art, creating work that reflects both cultural continuity and contemporary expression. His illustrations and design work have been featured through partnerships with organizations such as the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, and History Unboxed. Through his art, Nick seeks to honor his ancestors, share the richness of Tlingit culture, and inspire the next generation of Alaska Native artists. For the National American Indian Housing Council Annual Convention, Nick contributed the traditional formline salmon featured throughout this year's event visuals.

"Salmon return home in cycles, reflecting connection to place and community, and this piece captures a moment within that journey as the salmon jumps upstream," he shares. "I wanted that sense of movement to come through in the upward motion of the form. Much of my process involved refining the flow of the formline so the movement felt intentional and alive. I was also mindful of how the piece would be used, making sure the sense of balance and motion carried through, even when the design is used in different ways."

Learn more about Nick's work: nickalanart.com



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