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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: TRIBAL HOUSING CLIENTS

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RE: *First Meeting of HUD's Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee*

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### INTRODUCTION

On March 29, 2023, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) [announced](#) that its Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC or “Committee”) will meet for the first time on April 12-13, 2023, in Washington, D.C. Background information on the establishment of this Committee, as well as a discussion of the Committee’s objectives, follows.

#### *Establishing the TIAC and the Committee’s Goals*

HUD first proposed the establishment of the TIAC in 2016 and subsequently requested nominations for tribal leaders to serve on the Committee, but did not receive enough nominations to stand up the Committee at that time. Following the issuance of President Joe Biden’s Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships in 2021, HUD again decided to propose to establish the TIAC. After an open comment period during which various tribal leaders responded to HUD’s proposal regarding the TIAC, last March HUD announced the TIAC’s structure, purpose and role via [Federal Register Notice](#). According to this Notice, the purpose of the Committee is:

- “(1) To further facilitate intergovernmental communication between HUD and Tribal leaders of federally recognized Tribes on all HUD programs;
- (2) To make recommendations to HUD regarding current program regulations that may require revision, as well as suggest rulemaking methods to develop such changes...; and
- (3) To advise in the development of HUD’s AI/AN housing priorities.”

Committee membership was announced on November 29, 2022 via [Federal Register Notice](#). This Notice emphasized that TIAC members were selected according to HUD’s intention to “establish a committee whose membership reflects a balanced representation of Indian tribes”, and shared that several HUD representatives will serve on the Committee alongside tribal leaders. HUD also noted that the purpose of the TIAC is not to replace regular

tribal consultations on housing matters, but it hopes the Committee will serve as a tool to supplement tribal consultations.

In its March 29 Notice, HUD reiterated its desire that the TIAC, which is HUD's first tribal advisory committee, will help "strengthen HUD's engagement with Tribal Nations." To this end, the public may observe the upcoming meeting, but only TIAC members may formally participate in the meeting or make statements before the Committee. Additional information related to this meeting can be found by contacting Heidi J. Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs in the Office of Public and Indian Housing at HUD. Ms. Frechette may be reached at 202-401-7914.

### **CONCLUSION**

We will continue monitoring the activities of the TIAC on your behalf. If you have any questions or concerns related to the topics discussed in this memorandum, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Ed Goodman may be reached at [egoodman@hobbsstrauss.com](mailto:egoodman@hobbsstrauss.com), and Cari Baermann can be reached at [cbaermann@hobbsstrauss.com](mailto:cbaermann@hobbsstrauss.com); both may also be contacted at 503-242-1745.