



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

March 8, 2021

**SUBJECT: Strengthening Tribal Consultation – Session 2**

Dear Tribal Leader:

On February 25, 2021, pursuant to President Biden’s [Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships](#), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) held the first of two Tribal consultation sessions to inform HUD’s Tribal consultation action plan. Waewanan (Thank you) to the many Tribal leaders, Tribal housing experts and advocates who joined us from across the country for our first virtual consultation session. We had a record turnout and received many thoughtful ideas and recommendations. We were honored to be joined by HUD’s Chief of Staff, Jenn Jones, HUD senior political appointees, and other senior leaders. We are thankful for their strong leadership on Indian housing issues and their commitment to Tribal consultation.

Our second Tribal consultation session will be held virtually on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM EST. Please keep in mind that due to the current COVID-19 National Emergency, in-person consultation sessions cannot take place. You may join the conference 10 minutes prior to it starting.

**Step 1:** Dial into the conference.

**Conference Line:** 888-251-2949 or 215-861-0694

**Access Code:** 3359943#

**Step 2:** Join the conference on your computer.

**Entry Link:** <https://ems8.intellor.com/login/837560>

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Please know that HUD appreciates all of the comments and feedback you provided during our first Tribal consultation session and via email. We heard many valuable ideas and suggestions that will inform HUD as we develop HUD’s action plan, which is due to the Office of Management and Budget on April 26, 2021. For reference, ONAP plans to post both Tribal consultation recordings, PowerPoint slides, and comments on [www.hud.gov/codetalk](http://www.hud.gov/codetalk).

We appreciate your expertise and insight, and we strive to provide different ways for you to share your ideas with HUD. If you have any recommendations or comments on how HUD can improve its Tribal consultation practices and policy, please submit your feedback via email to: [tribalconsultationpolicy@hud.gov](mailto:tribalconsultationpolicy@hud.gov). We ask that you provide your feedback by April 5, 2021. For your reference, our current consultation policy can be found at:

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/ih/regs/govtogo\\_tcp](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/regs/govtogo_tcp). Please note that you are not limited to commenting on the current policy. We welcome all of your ideas.

This is an excellent opportunity to provide insight, ideas, and feedback on ways HUD can engage in regular, meaningful, and robust Tribal consultation. We strongly encourage you to participate so HUD may produce a thoughtful and successful action plan.

Waewanen for your continued partnership and collaboration in serving Indian Country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heidi J. Frechette". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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