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WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000

PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

December 21, 2016

RE: HUD TRIBAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
AND REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of Secretary Julián Castro and the Office of Public and Indian Housing, we are proud to announce the establishment of HUD's first Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee. The Committee will facilitate intergovernmental communication between HUD and tribal leaders on all HUD programs, make recommendations regarding current program regulations, advise HUD on American Indian and Alaska Native housing priorities, and strengthen capacity building opportunities. The Committee will further enhance regular, meaningful consultation and collaboration between federal and tribal officials.

Enclosed for your review is a copy of the *Federal Register* notice, "Establishment of Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee; Request for Nominations for Tribal Intergovernmental Membership [FR-5951-N-02]," which was published today. The notice provides details of the Committee's structure, membership eligibility, and invites nominations.

On June 23, 2016, the *Federal Register* published the Proposal to Establish a Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee; Request for Comments on Committee Structure [FR-5651-N-03]. HUD considered comments it received in response to that notice, and incorporated them in the final Committee structure reflected in today's notice, establishing the Committee and requesting nominations.

We invite you to refer to the notice for detailed instructions on how to submit nominations for Committee membership, which can be sent electronically or by mail. **Nominations must be submitted by February 21, 2017.**

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration with HUD in delivering programs that provide decent, affordable housing, as well as community and economic development to tribal nations.

Sincerely,

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for Public and Indian Housing

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Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Native American Programs

Enclosure

cc: Executive Director, Tribally Designated Housing Entity