



Members of the National American Indian Housing Council:

Osiyo! Let me say how great it has been to work for each of you and to serve as your Chairman. It has been such an honor to spend the last 8 plus years as a part of the Board of Directors of NAIHC. Many opportunities have come my way over the years, and I have turned down each one. A recent opportunity presented itself and I was faced with a tough decision. After much thought and deliberation, I have decided to resign as Chairman of the National American Indian Housing Council, effective at 12:00 p.m EST on Friday, December 4, 2020.

After more than 21 years working for my own tribe's housing program, I hope that I can take that experience to a new position for the betterment of housing across Indian Country.

I know that I am leaving NAIHC in good hands and that certainly made this decision a little easier. We have a great team here, and each region has provided dedicated Directors to serve on the Board. I know that when Adrian Stevens was elected as Vice-Chairman by the Board, he was willing to step in if needed. I know he probably did not expect this, but he is more than willing and able to step into this important role. I have no doubt that Adrian will successfully lead the organization as Chairman until the next Member's meeting.

The staff at NAIHC has been great to work with all these years. From the folks that were there before I joined the Board to the ones who have come since, all do an outstanding job for our organization. Tony, Bill, Linda Lee, Shane, Yolanda, Brian, Erla, Denise, Tremayne, and Cristy have been great to work with.

I can never express how much of an honor and privilege it has been to work with each of you. I know that I will be leaving you in excellent hands. I also know that I will still be seeing most of you in the future, just in a different role. In our Cherokee language, there is no word for goodbye it is just "til we meet again". So, my friends, Do-na-da-go-hv-i.

Respectfully,

Gary Cooper