



Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to formally express my intent to run for the position of AMERIND Chair person as a committed advocate for Indigenous sovereignty, housing justice, and culturally competent trauma-informed systems of care, I believe I bring both the lived experience and the strategic vision necessary to guide AMERIND into its next chapter of impact and service.

For years, I have worked alongside our Native communities—navigating the deeply rooted housing inequities, historic trauma, and systemic barriers that have long burdened our people. I understand, firsthand, the urgency of our mission: ensuring that our families have access not only to safe and sustainable housing but also to culturally grounded systems of support that restore dignity and self-determination.

My leadership style is rooted in accountability, relational responsibility, and collaborative empowerment. As an advocate, and a strategic thinker, I understand the complexities that arise when cultural preservation intersects with policy, compliance, and community need. I also know what it means to lead with heart, to listen deeply, to uplift others, and to work relentlessly for the well-being of those we serve.

If elected Chair, I will be committed to:

- Strengthening tribal access to culturally appropriate insurance and risk management services;
- Building cross-sector partnerships that expand funding and protection for Native housing programs;
- Advocating at federal and state levels for policies that center tribal sovereignty and housing equity;
- Creating transparent, trauma-informed leadership practices within NAIHIC that reflect our values and vision;
- And ensuring that our Corporation continues to uplift Native voices, stories, and solutions at every level.

This is more than a leadership role to me it is a responsibility to honor our ancestors, preserve our culture, protect our future generations, and carry forward the work of building strong, sovereign Native communities. I am deeply humbled by the opportunity to serve, and I welcome the chance to continue this sacred work in collaboration with each of you.

Thank you for your consideration and for the work you continue to do on behalf of our people.

With deep respect and commitment,