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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Dianne Hovdestad, Chair Housing Committee
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FR: Renée Rooker, President

RE: HOUSING COMMITTEE OCTOBER MEETING

I appreciate your dedication, energy and leadership that you are applying to hard policy and funding questions to improve existing housing programs and also challenging yourself to create new programs that serve our income challenged elderly, disabled and families. I look forward to your continued flexibility to provide time in between national meetings to provide valuable feedback to the staff as they continue to marshal our efforts forward.

Club 21 continues to meet and the participation is growing. The October 25th brown bag lunch discussion/debate was thought provoking and I hope more will be able to join the circle in D.C.

Kudos to the staff for preparing us on the subject matters prior to the meeting with the information they distributed. I found it beneficial and hope you did too.

Vice President Hovdestad presented seven resolutions to the Board of Governors' October 28th meeting. All resolutions passed. In summary the resolutions were as follows:

- Future of Public Housing – Policy Framework
- Public Housing Conversion Pilot Expansion
- H.R. 6803 – support the intent of the proposed legislation to improve the process under which HUD inspects and scores physical condition of public and other federally assisted housing.
- H.R. 6785 – NAHRO opposes the enactment of this pending legislation in the House.
- Tax Refund Diversion – NAHRO to assist members and affiliated organizations in their efforts to enact comparable legislation at the state level that would divert to PHAs and

redevelopment agencies state tax refunds payable to persons who are indebted to such agencies.

- Tenant Protection Vouchers – they should be awarded for all units in the project.
- Administrative Fee Study – NAHRO will undertake a time and cost study of the HCV program administration. The study will use uniform criteria to examine defined functions of the entire program. NAHRO will convey to HUD its thoughts about a research study design for the Department's administrative fee study.

Dianne also provided an update to the Board of Governors on the committee's progress on the adopted 2007-2009 goals. I appreciate your continued work on these goals.

Within the next few weeks the full context will available on NAHRO's Housing Committee's webpage.

I look forward to your continued leadership and pushing the envelope for improved affordable housing options for our country.

See you in Washington D.C., for our Legislative Conference, March 16-18, 2009.