



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Honorable Janet Yellen  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Madam Secretary:

The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) held a public meeting via videoconferencing on April 19, 2022, during which the CCAC made recommendations for the candidates for the reverse designs for the 2023 Native American \$1 Coin Program.

The Native American \$1 Coin Act, *Public Law 110-82* (codified at 31 U.S.C § 5112 (r)), requires the Secretary of the Treasury to annually mint and issue new \$1 coins with reverse designs celebrating the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States. The 2023 theme is Maria Tallchief: American Indians in Ballet. Accordingly, all the candidate designs feature a depiction of Maria Tallchief dancing and the inscriptions “American Indians in Ballet,” “United States of America,” and “\$1.”

Ms. Elise Paschen, the daughter of Ms. Tallchief, joined the CCAC during the discussion of the candidate designs. Of the seven designs presented to the CCAC, three received the greatest support. **NA\$1-02** has the inscription of “Maria Tallchief” along with a dancing ballerina and received a score of 16 from the CCAC out of a maximum score of 33. **NA\$1-03** features five figures representative of Native American ballerinas and received 16 points. The CCAC voted to recommend **NA\$1-04** with a score of 25, a design displaying five figures representative of Native American ballerinas with Maria Tallchief in the foreground. The family and the Congressional Native American Caucus of the House of Representatives preferred this design, which was noted to also have the symbolism of a blooming flower.

As a collector of modern numismatic items, I am convinced that this coin will be a welcomed addition by American collectors while appreciating the various contributions of Native Americans.

Sincerely,

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Chair