**Candidate Statement - Fred Gibbs**

A seat on the Board of Directors of NCBA\_CLUSA will afford a platform from which I may further advance the cooperative movement and associated economy. My background in the housing sector on a national level will add a broadened perspective of cooperative life at the base level. Cooperative business development discussions must have at the core, an awareness of and solutions to the housing needs of the communities associated with these cooperative businesses.

I view housing as a fundamental human right. Cooperative housing is in my opinion, the most economical form of home ownership. Bringing that perspective to this board will be a central focus, along with exposing housing cooperators to the vast world cooperative business. Being seated on this board will create much need synergy between housing and the other cooperative sectors across the globe.