



Resident Opportunity to Purchase Public and Affordable Housing (ROPPAH)

Founded in 2003 to address the series lack of affordable housing and bring voice to the countless families living at or below the poverty level, Can I Live stepped-up to help tenants organize and understand their rights to decent safe and affordable housing.

In 2012, Can I Live and tenants across more than twenty-five (25) states came together to collectively provide the Department of Housing And Urban Development (HUD) a policy agenda that was created for and by residents. The National Resident Council Legislative Conference (RCLC) was birthed as a result of our work. Through this vehicle of exchange, residents better understood HUD statutory laws and regulatory policies and decided to put action to words. Creating a process for residents to become educated, certified and owners of their communities, both RADAR and ROPPAH was developed. RADAR (Realistic Approaches to Developing Active Residents) is the premier resident council training for residents in the public housing industry. Residents learn practical and effective board governance practices to increase their leadership capacity.

Section 18 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (USHA) gives residents the rights to purchase under the demolition and disposition of public housing. Our latest efforts ROPPAH (Resident Opportunity to Purchase Public and Affordable Housing); similar to tenant groups exercising their right of first purchase under DC's Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act helps *public housing* residents exercise their rights and educates them on becoming both owners, operators and managers of the communities they call home. Thanks to programs like RAD (Rental Assistance Demonstration) a HUD program which gives public housing authorities (PHAs) a powerful tool to preserve and improve public housing properties and address the \$26 billion-dollar nationwide backlog of deferred maintenance, Public Housing Stock is up for grabs.

ROPPAH provide technical assistance and training to resident councils desiring to express an interest and establish a credible development team to fully actualize and materialize the rights of ownership to prevent and reduce gentrification, displacement and residents not sharing in the wealth and prosperity of the District.

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