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DC Public Housing Residents Right to Purchase National Tenant Association Says HUD's on the Wrong Side of Justice

Washington D.C.- On November 19, 2019 at 10:00 am Can I Live, Inc. in partnership with the Garfield Terrace Senior Resident Council and the DC Subsidized Tenant Association will host a press conference at the Garfield Terrace Senior Complex located at 2301 11th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

Residents of the proposed redevelopment sites request support from DC lawmakers and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to enforce residents' rights to purchase during the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) 20-year disposition and rehabilitation plan which will utilize HUD's new RAD (Rental Assistance Demonstration) program—a program which privatizes and leverages private funds in the redevelopment of public housing properties. If not merged with the District's existing TOPA (Tenants Opportunity to Purchase Act) law, residents who have suffered the most, will not share in the District's Prosperity, Says Jones—President & CEO of Can I Live, Inc.

Under long existing federal law, residents of public housing have a right to purchase, however, these rights have been violated as their efforts to take advantage of the law have been dismissed by HUD and PHA's (Public Housing Authority's) throughout the country.

The purpose of the press conference is to increase public awareness and demand the District of Columbia lawmakers and agencies such as DC Housing Authority (DCHA) to protect and enforce district residents' rights under both local and federal laws.

The press conference will be hosted by Can I Live, Inc. President/CEO Racquel Williams-Jones and will feature remarks by residents of public housing fighting for their rights to purchase.

Journalists attending the press conference will have a question and answer session with residents and organization leaders.

About CAN I LIVE, INC

Can I Live, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) national tenants association dedicated to advancing progressive housing policies, economic inclusion, and personal responsibility that builds capacity to reduce dependency on government subsidies for assisted families.

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