

ACORN - Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now
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ACORN originated in Little Rock in 1970 and has been in Massachusetts since 1980.

ACORN is neighbors who get together, decide what their concerns are and then take them on by using direct action.

ACORN in Mass. is made up - funded by - with dues of \$5.00 per month - \$60.00 per year and led by the people of Boston's low and moderate income neighborhoods. It is by the people and for the people.

ACORN is the largest organization of low & moderate income people in the U.S., with nearly 100,000 member families.

ACORN board members - including national ACORN president and Boston resident Maude Hurd - meet once a month with HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros to get the people's agenda on the national agenda. ACORN is the only group in the nation that has such an arrangement with the federal government. ACORN's motto is "The People Shall Rule!"

In Boston, ACORN has used direct action protests and demonstrations to win

- a home loan program from Bank of Boston, Citizens and Fleet
- jobs from Beacon Management Company and Filene's
- a traffic light at the corner of Norfolk and Woodrow St
- a youth center in Grove Hall
- vacant lots getting cleaned up on Spencer, Page, Harvard Streets
- Manny's club being shut down by the city as threat to the neighborhood
- a dangerous house torn down on Park Street
- and many other accomplishments.

All of this happened only after ACORN members took strong action to make their concerns known.

ACORN only works because the people get involved. ACORN is the people.
You are ACORN!