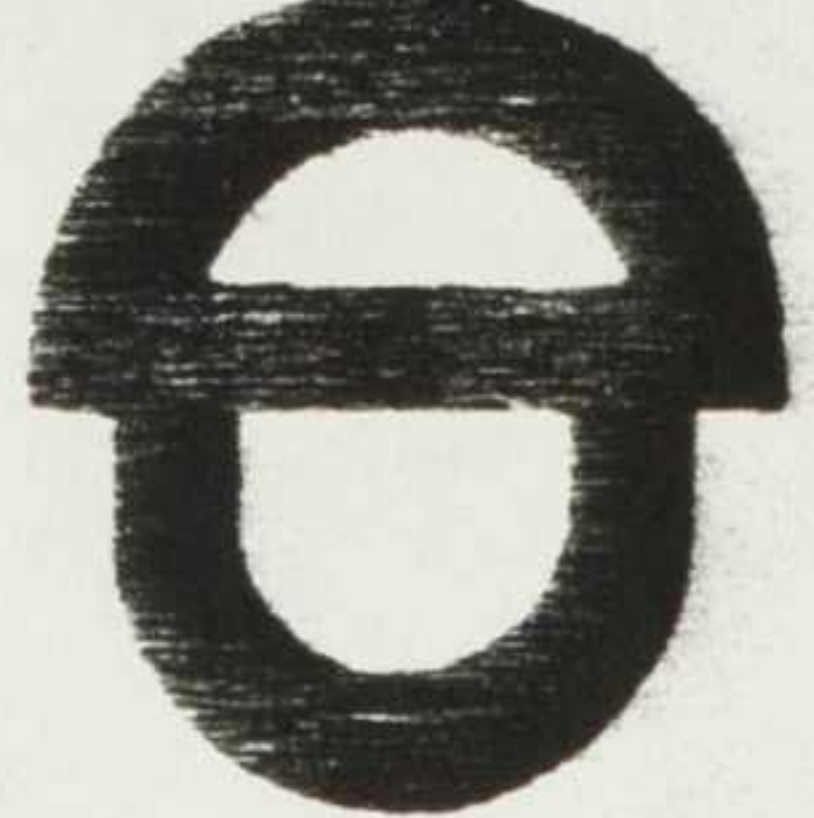




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PRESS ALERT

H.U.D. Area Director Siflinger to Meet with ACORN Tenants

- Mel King Also to Address Tenants -

ACORN tenants from approximately 2,000 units of H.U.D subsidized apartments located in Dorchester and Roxbury will for the first time have Mr. Siflinger, Area HUD Director, meet with tenants in their neighborhood at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 8, at the Roxbury Presbyterian Church, 328 Warren St., Roxbury (across from Zayre's). Mel King, Candidate for Mayor and endorsed by the ACORN Political Action Committee will address the ACORN tenants at 6:00 pm.

ACORN Tenants in these "Granite Properties" have been pushing to get repairs in these buildings for over 3 years. Last October, after an initial rejection, ACORN members fought and won a commitment from HUD for over \$4 million to be spent for emergency repairs. Formerly known as "Gem Realty," and the "Grant Management buildings", the buildings are officially owned by Mr. Sidney Insoft but because of bad management and pressure from the Tenants (see enclosed article), HUD is now "mortgagee in possession" of the properties. Thus, HUD on a day-to-day basis is the "landlord" and is responsible for repair and maintenance of the properties. HUD has contracted with four individual management companies which do the actual maintenance and repair: Abrams, Sentry, Interim and Pitts Management Co.'s. They are also expected to attend Monday evening's meeting.  
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