

"The grass roots work that MAHT & NAHT have done to mobilize tenants against the Bush Administration's assault on Section 8 has been absolutely critical to the national strategy to save funds for affordable housing. It is vital that these efforts are strengthened as we gear up for the larger fights ahead." *Barbara Sard, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, DC*

"With affordable rental housing programs under continuous attack, now more than ever Massachusetts needs a strong voice for tenants in housing policy deliberations. MAHT is that voice!" *William C. Apgar, former Assistant Secretary for Housing/FHA Commissioner, HUD; Kennedy School of Government and Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University*

"For many years, through incredibly challenging circumstances, MAHT has demonstrated visionary & dedicated leadership to tenant organizations & organizing projects throughout the country. Its organizing efforts have proven absolutely vital in ensuring that affordable housing is preserved & that tenants play a central role in preserving their homes." *Jim Grow, National Housing Law Project, Oakland, CA*

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MAHT is the statewide tenant union representing 36 tenant unions in privately-owned HUD-subsidized multifamily housing. Since 1983, MAHT tenant unions have preserved as affordable housing 9,700 apartments at risk of converting to high market rents. Several have won resident-controlled ownership of their buildings. For 25 years, MAHT has empowered low-income tenants to make their voices heard at the city, state, national and global levels.



MAHT's mission is to "organize the unorganized" HUD tenants to preserve and improve their homes as permanently affordable housing with a maximum of resident ownership and control. By joining MAHT, tenants build their power, increase their collective bargaining strength, and gain access to owners, HUD and other agencies.

"Like the Red Sox, we the tenants of East Canton Street have become a winning team. Our steadfast mission: to keep our homes affordable not only for the present tenants, but for the next generation of South Enders. We wouldn't be where we are today, with a roof over our heads, if it weren't for the Mass Alliance of HUD Tenants. MAHT has been with us **EVERY STEP** of the way. We appreciate their knowledge, support and persistence in our cause." *Maggie Costa, President, East Canton Street Preservation Association, Boston*

"Simply put, the Mass Alliance of HUD Tenants saves homes, prevents homelessness and keeps our community strong. They make a difference." *Clifton Sims, President, RAP UP IIB Tenant Association, NAHT Board Member, Boston*

"The job of defending tenants against right-wing efforts to drive them out of their homes to pay for tax cuts will be even harder next year. **MAHT and NAHT are leaders in this fight**, and they'll need all the help they can get." *Congressman Barney Frank.*

"MAHT does an excellent job empowering HUD tenants. Through MAHT, tenants have saved literally thousands of their homes and helped stabilize our communities. MAHT and NAHT's leadership will be needed now more than ever to win tenant protections at the State House." *Boston City Councilor Chuck Turner.*

National Alliance of HUD Tenants

MAHT is an active member of the **National Alliance of HUD Tenants (NAHT)**, the only national tenants union in the USA fighting to preserve affordable housing, protect tenant rights and promote resident control and ownership. NAHT's primary goal is to preserve all HUD assisted housing as permanently affordable. NAHT's other goals are to:

- Build tenant organizational power.
- Promote tenant ownership & control over management.
- Improve the quality of life in HUD assisted housing.
- Make HUD accountable to tenants.

By working with Congress, negotiating with landlords and HUD, and **always organizing tenants**, NAHT has:

- Led a successful campaign to win \$2.8 billion from Congress in 2009 to close the Section 8 funding gap that threatened the loss of affordable housing and mass displacement of tenants.
- Helped win full funding for Section 8, in 2004, 2005 and 2006, despite Bush attempts to cut 600,000 families from Section 8 by 2010
- Helped stop Administration proposals to "block grant" Section 8 to local Housing Authorities and impose time limits and rent increases on tenants
- Persuaded HUD & Congress to create the Mark to Market and Mark Up to Market programs to save at-risk housing
- Won required notice to tenants of landlord decisions to opt-out of Section 8 or prepay their HUD mortgages.
- Won "Right to Organize" regulations from HUD that defend tenants right to doorknock, leaflet, hold meetings, form tenant associations independent of management, and require owners to recognize democratic tenant unions.
- Won distribution of over six million Tenants' Rights brochures distributed to tenants in nine languages.

Through NAHT, the Mass Alliance of HUD Tenants is affiliated with the International Union of Tenants and the Habitat International Coalition (HIC), the leading global organization fighting for the Right to Housing, Land and the City.