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## NAHRO'S 1968 NATIONAL HOUSING WORKSHOP

### What Does Tenant Participation Mean?

General Session - Friday, November 8  
8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### Tenant Associations

1. How best to organize one?
  - by allowing anti-poverty agency to do it?
  - by contracting with private agency to do it?
  - by hiring staff to do it?
2. What type of paid worker can best help?
  - a professional social worker (group worker)?
  - an untrained worker hired via civil service?
  - a full-time, paid tenant "field worker" from the same project? from another project?
  - paid by whom: housing authority? anti-poverty agency? private agency?
3. How should tenant association expenses be paid?
  - for bus trips, picnics, and other social affairs
  - for mimeographing, postage, tenant newspaper
  - for Good Citizenship Awards, Garden Contests, etc.
4. Should the members get baby-sitter fees paid?
5. How to avoid their becoming grievance procedures?
  - how to establish proper grievance procedures?
6. What to do as the leadership moves out of the project?
7. How to organize tenants who live on scattered sites, in leased housing, etc.?

#### Tenant Participation in Management

1. Name tenants to the Board of Commissioners?
2. Consult with tenants regarding:
  - plans for new construction?
  - plans for modernization and beautification?
  - decisions on rent collections, excess utilities, evictions of inadequate families, social services, police relations, etc.?

#### Tenant Participation in Maintenance

1. Hire tenants as janitors? Hire one family in each stairwell to lock up at night, let latecomers in, clean hallways, etc.?
2. Hire tenants to work on grounds?
3. How to choose the tenants to be hired - use civil service procedures or contract with anti-poverty agency or private agency?