

**CIA**

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walls - one wall had a hole about 8 ft. wide in it and many drug pushers escape through it when running from police or after an attempted mugging; 8) lack of recreational facilities for the children - the courtyard where they play at the main complex is unsafe - the sandboxes are full of broken glass - the swings have not been there for over three years - the courtyard bathroom door is off the hinges and the floors are full of broken glass; 9) graffiti is on many building; and 10) in general, maintenance has been non-existent - leaky faucets, broken cabinets and ceilings caving in downstairs due to leaking commodes.

Allen said she had to go to HUD to finally get her sink fixed after three years.

There were allegations that the maintenance supervisor was giving priority to the work orders of female tenants who consented to sexual favors. His name is being withheld pending investigation. He was, however, put on a two-week suspension pending an internal investigation by Security Chief Don Burse. The Sentinel-Voice will follow up on the new management's side of the story in next week's issue.

"We just want a better quality of life for our children and the community," said Allen. "Drugs have angered us, vandalism has angered us, gangs have angered us, our children having nothing to do has angered us, management neglect has angered us. In the past two years we have had five new managers. Where will it stop?" she said.

"We are establishing ourselves as people who care. You can't teach about the streets in a book. We live here. We are just everyday people who know what's going on here and we have no future. We speak the language of the residents here, we know what's happening and we want to change it," said Bardlett.

"The reason the kids break bottles and windows and play in trash bins is a form of recreation. They have nothing else to do," Bardlett pointed out.

The CIA is designed to help anyone who lives in the community who is having problems with management, police relations, maintenance or other related problems, irregardless of race, creed or

color. Their goal is to assist management in relations with the tenants in improving the quality of life. They are seeking to make their areas safe, healthy and pleasant for all tenants.

Perkins said that the CIA is in the process of being chartered. Their present location is at 2417 Morton, Suite B, North Las Vegas, NV 89030. Any persons interested in joining or finding out more about the organization can call (702)647-7948.

Since they have been formed, a number of good changes have occurred such as 1) a beefed-up security force - gang related violence and drug trafficking is down; 2) quicker maintenance response times; 3) improved lawn maintenance; 4) more efficient applicant screening; 5) increased boarding-up of buildings; and so on.

The CIA staff has been meeting with local business owners and state and county agencies to set up tutorial and counseling services for residents interested in learning to read and write or improve their skills as well as starting a job bank to help residents to move up in life eventually being totally free of the project or low-income housing. The CIA is operating daily out of their office and is looking for volunteers to help them better serve the community. They will address any "legitimate" complaints or suggestions on a daily basis.

According to Bardlett and Perkins, the CIA plans to start a model organization that eventually will go nationwide. They intend to work with any "active" group, individual or agency that is seeking "genuinely" to help and not just looking for publicity or selfish gain. Presently they are seeking to combine efforts with Cliff Brown of the Tenants Rights Association, the Assualt On Illiteracy Program (AOIP) and the NAACP in a coalition effort to strengthen each other. The Sentinel-Voice has interviewed the Project Administrator for Park Management, Inc., a subsidiary of Dalton Properties, as well as the Project Administrator for Carey Arms Apartments and we will present their side of the story in our next issue.

**Keep Hope Alive!**  
**STOP THE VIOLENCE!**

**JOURNAL BROWN**

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Shameful as it may seem, most of these injustices are still legal. It is still perfectly legal under federal law for persons with disabilities to be turned down for a job that they are qualified for. It is still legal not to provide adequate access to public transportation. It is still legal for restaurants, stores and other retail establishments to refuse to serve a disabled person. In short, it is still legal to openly discriminate against approximately 40 million Americans with disabilities.

Many have pointed that this bill is one of the most important pieces of civil rights legislation since the 1960's.

It comes as no surprise that two of the most outspoken champions of the Americans with Disabilities Act are African Americans. The Rev. Jesse Jackson was the first major presidential candidate to speak out on disability rights. Jackson began to speak out on this issue in 1984. Most of us would not have noticed that Jackson opened his remarks at the 1988 presidential debate in Des Moines, Iowa by thanking the signers of the bill. The primary advocate and acknowledged leader of the movement to pass the Americans with Disabilities Act is Congressman Major Owens. He has been a long time advocate for

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showed Jackson at his media best. He gave advice on how the world should be run to anyone who would listen.

But running things is not Jackson's strong suit. He told the world that being in charge of a municipal pot-hole department is not his thing. Receiving celebrities and world statesmen is more befitting his standing, he suggested.

Jackson is right. He is not a pot-hole man, a school board member or a tax collector. He is a world server, albeit without portfolio.

**Walter Fauntroy, the District's non-voting congressional delegate,**

rehabilitation and independent living programs, not only for racial/ethnic persons with disabilities but for all Americans with disabilities. He is Chairperson of the House Subcommittee on Select Education and one of the original drafters of the bill. Congressman Owens deserves our salute and support.

Persons with disabilities are no longer willing to depend on infrequent charity. They have rights like everyone else. Discrimination against persons with disabilities, regardless of race, is an injustice. We urge everyone to write your representatives in Congress to express your support for passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

*cares about the murder rate in his city, he cares about the drug epidemic — and the pot-holes, school board and tax collection. And Fauntroy, a former aide to Martin Luther King, Jr., has a portfolio of service in Congress and to the D.C. community. His primary liability, of course, is his inability to provide the media with the sensation of a Jesse Jackson.*

A mayor, however, should be a down-to-earth, bonafide member of a community, not a political interloper whose career went sour somewhere else and decides to save it by saving his adopted home.

*When Jesse Jackson ran for President the first time, I asked Walter Fauntroy to throw his hat in the ring also. Fauntroy was reluctant at*

*best. I knew it was time for a serious Americanized-African to run for our highest office and I wanted someone with substance to make the run. Jackson, of course, eclipsed all possible "Black" competition by outmaneuvering them in the media, Fauntroy included. However, as a good soldier, Fauntroy became a Jackson supporter.*

But now it seems that even Fauntroy has grown tired of Jackson's manipulating serious events for his own advancement. D.C. is awash in graft, murder, drugs, lost opportunity and national shame.

There are a number of candidates who meet this qualification, but Walter Fauntroy's time has come.

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