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has been a "stepping-stone" for me. They -the management company- gave me one of the worst areas and I am making it better.

**ABDULLAH:** When did you assume the responsibility of managing the Carey Arms Complex?

**MS. WILLIAMS:** In November of 1990, I became Property Administrator. I was assigned this complex by Barker Management out of California.

**ABDULLAH:** Tell our readers a little about some of the accomplishments that you had in Los Angeles.

**MS. WILLIAMS:** Now the company that I represent is owned by an African American gentleman and he has been in the business for twenty-five years. To my dismay, he started in Las Vegas twenty-five years ago as a resident Manager and then moved to Los Angeles and started his own company.

In California, I was very active in Real Estate Management and even though that was conventional housing, a lot of the programs were geared towards low-income areas. I went on to receive my accreditation in Resident Management there. I was very active in any type of programs involving low income housing.

I worked in Colton, California. I worked in Burbank California. The housing projects that I managed had higher standards. They looked like Beverly Hills Townhouses compared to the developments here in North Las Vegas. I mean to say that they were well taken care of. They don't let people move in with bad sinks and bad toilets. They just don't do it. What has happened here is that a lot of the residents have had their self-esteem lifted because I tell them, "Just because you live in low-income housing, does not mean that you have to live like you are in a ghetto." I don't let kids run around. Every month we check the units. If their houses are not clean, they won't get subsidy. We'll take care of the maintenance, but your house have to be clean. So many of the tenants have started going to school. We now have Nurse's Aides that are in our units. Many of the tenants are attempting now to get their degrees. Of course, your are not hearing about that! The level of people, the self-esteem, the educational quality of our residents have been lifted in the last two years right here at

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