

# **MELVENIA JENKINS**

## Biography

In 1992, I came to Albany and shortly after, I moved into Creighton Storey Homes where I still reside. I enjoyed working for AHA as the Summer Food Coordinator in 1994 and 1995. I continue to advocate for this program.

For six terms, I have served as tenant commissioner and I am very grateful to all who voted for me over the years. My most recent accomplishments include defeating a practice by AHA to charge tenants for errors that the staff makes in rent calculations, defeating an attempt by Albany Housing Authority to charge a late fee for rent not paid by the fifth of the month and advocating to get amounts reduced from excessive charges put on the accounts of individual residents by AHA. As tenant commissioner, I collaborated with MacGray Laundry Company to get new washers and dryers for three developments. I worked to get better handicapped accessibility in some developments as well as repairs and remodeling at Westview, Whalen, Townsend, Ida, Creighton, Steamboat, Ezra and Lincoln. I also fought successfully against the destruction of 20 Rensselaer Street.

I have negotiated with AHA to provide day rooms for some of our seniors and playground equipment in two areas. I have gone to Washington at various times with George Marbley to lobby for and to obtain money for improvements to several AHA developments.

As an advocate for all issues concerning our residents, I ask for your vote. My past experience qualifies me to effectively represent you. I want to continue to work aggressively for you and work with the administration of AHA to address all issues relevant to our resident population. Thank you.