



MEDIA ADVISORY

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HUD DEPUTY SECRETARY LOOKS TO 2nd WARD/CANAL STREET TO HIGHLIGHT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

At 1:30 p.m. (CDT) on Thursday, May 27, 2010, Ron Sims, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, will tour New Hope Housing's Canal Street Apartments and discuss efforts and strategies used to advance the facility and neighborhood. The primary focus of the visit is partnership, innovation, and Sustainable Communities, which takes a holistic approach to housing development and can include resident services, green building, transportation, energy efficiency and innovative design.

Deputy Secretary Sims will be joined by New Hope Housing Executive Director Joy Horak-Brown and Board President Michael M. Fowler to visit the award winning Canal Street single room occupancy development, which includes multiple funding streams, services, neighborhood redevelopment, access to transportation and housing for vulnerable populations.

- WHO:** Ron Sims, HUD Deputy Secretary
- WHAT:** Sustainable Communities/Canal Street SRO Tour
- WHEN:** The tour begins at 1:30 p.m. CDT, Thursday, May 27, 2010
(Reporters are welcome on the tour with direct media availability afterwards)
- WHERE:** 2821 Canal Street, Houston, TX 77003.

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