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Housing corruption: reality TV?

Bada bing! Tony Soprano reinvents government, HUD-style

James Gandolfini as Tony Soprano, center, with Steven Van Zandt as Silvio Dante, left, and Tony Sirico as Paulie Walnuts in HBO's hit television series, 'The Sopranos'



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Dec. 10 - Credit Tony Soprano with doing something no one for the past 37 years has been able to do. He's taught millions of Americans that there is a federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. And he's shown how you can use it.

In Tony Soprano's mob world, HUD exists to facilitate embezzlement, theft, and extortion. Of course, this isn't what Congress intended when it passed the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965.

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