Record Nr. UNINA9910157455703321 Autore Walls David S. Titolo Community organizing: fanning the flame of democracy / / David S. Walls Pubbl/distr/stampa Cambridge, England; ; Malden, Massachusetts:,: Polity,, 2015 ©2015 **ISBN** 0-7456-8816-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (267 p.) Collana Social Movements Series Disciplina 307 Community organization - United States Soggetti Communities - Political activity - United States Community activists - United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Cover; Half Title; TitlePage; Copyright; Contents; Abbreviations; 1 Introduction: Making Change; 2 Saul Alinsky and the Industrial Areas Foundation; 3 An Organizing Worldview; 4 Tools of the Trade; 5 New Networks Innovate; 6 Organizing and Electoral Politics; 7 Alternative Approaches; 8 What's Next?; Acknowledgements; References; Index Sommario/riassunto This incisive book provides a critical history and analysis of community organizing, the tradition of bringing groups together to build power and forge grassroots leadership for social, economic, racial, and environmental justice. Begun by Saul Alinsky in the 1930s, there are today nearly 200 institution-based groups active in 40 U.S. states, and the movement is spreading internationally. David Walls charts how community organizing has transcended the neighborhood to seek power and influence at the metropolitan, state, and national levels,

together with such allies as unions and human rights a