# A-53: SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING

## **Information Outreach**

Requesting Landlords to post Fair Housing Notices, Providing Fair Housing brochures where customers pay utility bills, media campaigns or communities with local oriented media outlets (Town newspaper). Pamphlets and other information may be obtained from the Louisiana Attorney General's office at 1-800-273-5718 or <a href="www.ag.state.la.us">www.ag.state.la.us</a>. Information is available about housing rights and responsibilities and filing housing discrimination complaints with HUD's new mobile application for iPhone and iPad (go to Apple app store).

## Training Seminar for the General Public

Topics would include overview of the Fair Housing laws, (classes, illegal acts, and penalties) rights and responsibilities in buying/selling homes, tenant selection criteria, family issues (occupancy standards, safety) renting to the disabled etc. See 24 CFR.50, 100.65, 100.80. To advertise, post notices in public places such as where customers pay utility bills, public libraries, apartment houses, etc. **Schedule these seminars in the evening at a time and place most accessible to the general public.** 

## Training Seminar for Rental Managers, Agents and Landlords

Topics would include overview of the Fair Housing laws, (classes, illegal acts, and penalties) tenant selection criteria, family issues (occupancy standards, safety) renting to the disabled, recordkeeping, advertising and evictions. See 24 CFR 100.70, 100.75, 100.80, 100.202

### Training Seminar for Real Estate Brokers

Topics would include protected classes, violations, penalties and dealing with potentially illegal questions. See 24 CFR 100.65, 100.70, 100.80, 100.90, 100.135

## Training Seminar for Real Estate Lenders

Topics would include Fair Housing statues, recording keeping, prohibited inquiries, prohibited credit uses. See 24 CFR 100.50, 100.65, 100.70, 100.120, 100.130

# Fair Housing Bill Stuffer

#### Side 1



Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, As Amended, makes discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin illegal in connection with the sale or rental of most housing and any vacant land offered for residential construction or use.

### Side 2

Fair Housing is a national policy of the United States. It's the law, and it's your right.



Today, more than ever, America is closer to upholding the inalienable right of all its citizens to live where they choose, when they choose, or for as long as they choose, and can afford to do so. Yet, this year, as many as two million people who want to rent or buy a home will be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, families with children, or national origin.

YOU can do something about housing discrimination.

Complaints may be filed with the Louisiana Attorney General's office at 1-800-273-5718 or by reporting violations to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at this Toll-Free number, 1-800-669-9777.

# **Fair Housing**

It's Right
It's Fair
It's for Everyone!
It's Not an Option
It's the LAW
April is Fair Housing Month



**Equal Housing Opportunity** 

Discrimination Complaint Hotline 1-800-669-9777 or

Louisiana Attorney General Fair
Housing
Hotline
1-800-273-5718

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# Code of Federal Regulations Title 24--Housing and Urban Development PART 100--DISCRIMINATORY CONDUCT UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

Sec. 100.5 Scope. Sec. 100.10 Exemptions.

Sec. 100.50 Real estate practices prohibited.

Sec. 100.65 Discrimination in terms, conditions and privileges and in services and facilities.

Sec. 100.70 Other prohibited sale and rental conduct.

Sec. 100.**75** Discriminatory advertisements, statements and notices.

Sec. 100.80 Discriminatory representations on the availability of dwellings.

Sec. 100.85 Blockbusting.

Sec. 100.90 Discrimination in the provision of brokerage services.

Sec. 100.**120** Discrimination in the making of loans and in the provision of other financial assistance.

Sec. 100.**130** Discrimination in the terms and conditions for making available loans or other financial assistance.

Sec. 100.**135** Unlawful practices in the selling, brokering, or appraising of residential real property.

Sec. 100.202 General prohibitions against discrimination because of handicap.

Sec. 100.203 Reasonable modifications of existing premises.

Sec. 100.204 Reasonable accommodations.

Sec. 100.205 Design and construction requirements.

Sec. 100.400 Prohibited interference, coercion or intimidation.

The information below is located on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Homes and Communities Web site at http://www.hud.gov/complaints/housediscrim.cfm

### **Housing Discrimination Complaints**

Federal law prohibits housing discrimination based on your race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status, or disability. If you have been trying to buy or rent a home or apartment and you believe your rights have been violated, you can file a fair housing complaint.

There are several ways to file a complaint:

\*You can file a complaint right now, by using our online form.

\*You can print out a form, complete it, and drop it off at your local HUD office or mail it to:

Office of Fair Housing and Equal

Opportunity

Department of Housing and Urban

Development Room 5204

451 Seventh St. SW

Washington, DC 20410-2000

For Arkansas, **Louisiana**, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas residents:

Fair Housing Hub

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

801 Cherry Street, 27th Floor

P.O. Box 2905

Fort Worth, Texas 76113-2905

(817) 978-5900 1-800-669-9777 TTY (817) 978-5595

OR

Contact the Louisiana Attorney General's Fair Housing Division at 1-800-273-5718 (Louisiana only) or www.ag.state.la.us

<sup>\*</sup>You can call toll-free 1-800-669-9777.