

FAIR HOUSING IS A NATIONAL POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES

Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against, may file a housing discrimination complaint. Complaints can be filed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by calling:

Local HUD Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity office in Texas:

Toll Free 1-800-669-9777
Hearing Impaired,
TTY 1-817-978-5595

E-mail: Complaints_office_06@hud.gov

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development office in Washington:

Toll Free 1-800-669-9777
Hearing Impaired,
TTY 1-800-927-9275

HUD will investigate the complaint and may attempt informal, confidential conciliation to end the discriminatory housing practice; or, inform the complainant of his or her right to seek immediate court action.

For more information on Fair Housing you can call the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) at: 956-682-3481 or Fax: 956-682-3295
Mrs. Marcie Oviedo
Director of Regional Planning, LRGVDC

PSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 31
McALLEN, TX
78501

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
301 W. Railroad Street
Weslaco, TX 78596



PRESENTS

FAIR HOUSING IT'S THE LAW



FAIR HOUSING

FAIR HOUSING IS A NATIONAL POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, makes discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap (disability), family 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.



FAIR HOUSING IT'S THE LAW, AND IT'S YOUR RIGHT!

It is the right of **all** citizens to live **where** they choose, **when** they choose, and for as **long** as they choose and can afford to do so.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it a national policy to provide for fair housing in the United States.

The Fair Housing Act covers most housing. Some exemptions are owner-occupied buildings with no more than four units, single-family housing sold or rented without the use of a broker and housing operated by private clubs and organizations that limit occupancy to members.

It is illegal for anyone to threaten, coerce, intimidate or interfere with anyone exercising a fair housing right or assisting others who exercise that right, advertise or make any statement that indicates a limitation or preference based on race, color, national origin, region, sex, family status or handicap (disability).

This prohibition against discriminatory advertising applies to single-family and owner-occupied housing that is otherwise exempt from the Fair Housing Act.

HUD provides a (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf) - TDD phone for the hearing impaired, interpreters, tapes and braille materials, and assistance in reading and completing forms.

The principals of fair housing are not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans.

National Fair Housing Month in **April** provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans.

**DON'T LET
HOUSING
DISCRIMINATION
LOCK YOU OUT**

