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CSA's Fair Housing Month

Please join CSA this month in creating awareness for fair housing month. We are spreading awareness about fair housing malpractice and discrimination. Please remember to wear emerald green and white on Fair Housing Fridays. Don't forget to stop by at any of our presentations to get your fair housing awareness ribbon.

Green represents harmony, balance, love, and good moral standing.

White represents, equality, fairness, protection, and understanding.



EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

FAIR HOUSING IS THE LAW!



History of Fair Housing Month

On April 11, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which was meant as a follow-up to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The 1968 act expanded on previous acts and prohibited discrimination concerning the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, sex, (and as amended) handicap and family status. Title VIII of the Act is also known as the Fair Housing Act (of 1968).

The enactment of the federal Fair Housing Act on April 11, 1968 came only after a long and difficult journey. From 1966-1967, Congress regularly considered the fair housing bill, but failed to garner a strong enough majority for its passage. However, when the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson utilized this national tragedy to urge for the bill's speedy Congressional approval. Since the 1966 open housing marches in Chicago, Dr. King's name had been closely associated with the fair housing legislation. President Johnson viewed the Act as a fitting memorial to the man's life work, and wished to have the Act passed prior to Dr. King's funeral in Atlanta.

With the cities rioting after Dr. King's assassination, and destruction mounting in every part of the United States the words of President Johnson and Congressional leaders rang the Bell of Reason for the House of Representatives, who subsequently passed the Fair Housing Act. Without debate, the Senate followed the House in its passage of the Act, which President Johnson then signed into law.

Fair Housing Testers Needed

***** Compensation *****

CSA San Diego County in collaboration with CMS Consulting are recruiting to train individuals as Fair Housing Investigators ("Tester"). We are seeking testers that will observe, analyze, and report their experiences, while posing as a potential rental prospect. A transportation stipend will be provided. Please assist us on uncovering illegal practices towards housing discrimination. Under federal and state law, housing is to be fair and open for all.

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April Events

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Saturday

Fair Housing Month

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| | | 1 La Mesa Collab. La Mesa Community Cen. 8:30 AM — 10 AM Alliance for African Assistance Presentation 5952 El Cajon Blvd 5 PM — 6 PM Lemon Grove Proclamation | 2 | 3 | 4 Wear Green and White or a CSA fair housing ribbon | 5 Dog Park Day in Chula Vista Eucalyptus Park 12 PM — 4 PM |
| 6 | 7 National City Collab. Presentation National City Library 1 PM — 2:30 PM | 8 Chula Vista Collab. Turning the Hearts Center 9 AM — 11 AM Chula Vista Proclamation | 9 Carlsbad Presentation. Senior Center 799 Pine Avenue 6:30 PM — 8 PM | 10 | 11 Wear Green and White or a CSA fair housing ribbon | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 DON'T FORGET TO FILE YOUR TAXES  TAX DAY! | 16 ECAN Collaborative Renette Park 935 Emerald Avenue 1 PM — 3 PM Spring Valley Presentation. Spring Valley Library 4:30 PM — 5:30 PM | 17 Community Resource Center Presentation South Bay Comm. Serc. 430 F Street 12 PM — 2 PM | 18 Wear Green and White or a CSA fair housing ribbon | 19 |
| 20  | 21 Santee Presentation. Civic Center Building 10601 Magnolia Avenue 4:30 PM — 6 PM | 22 SoCan General Meeting Bonita Library 1 PM — 3 PM El Cajon Presentation CSA Office 131 Avocado Avenue 5:30 PM — 7:30 PM  | 23 La Mesa & East County Presentation. Davis YMCA 8881 Dallas Street 9 AM — 11 AM Santee Collaborative Lakeside Union School District 3 PM — 4:30 PM | 24 East County Elder Abuse Council La Mesa Community Center 4975 Memorial Drive | 25 Wear Green and White or a CSA fair housing ribbon | 26 THRIVE Lemon Grove Anna's Restaurant 8099 Broadway 9 AM — 11 AM |
| 27 | 28 Lakeside Collab. Lakeside Union School District Office 3 PM — 4:30 PM Chula Vista Presentation Civic Center Library 6:30 PM — 8:00 PM | 29 National City Presentation National City Library 6:30 PM — 7:30 PM | 30 | | | |

PLEASE HELP US REDUCE RECYCLABLE WASTE AND RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER

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CSA Fair Housing Presentation Themes

- April:** Discrimination & Fair Housing Month
- May:** Tenants with Disabilities & American Disabilities Act
- June:** Service & Accommodating Animals
- July:** Tenants Rights for Undocumented Immigrants & U.S. Residents
- August:** Hoarding and other Mental Disabilities
- September:** Mortgage Discrimination & Predatory Lending
- October:** Rights for Tenants Who Identify as LGBTQIAA
- November:** Tenant Rights for Veterans
- December:** Medical Marijuana & Cigarettes

Cities We Serve

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| Alpine | Bonita | Bonsal | Borrego Springs |
| Boulevard | Campo | Camp Pendleton | Carlsbad |
| Chula Vista | Coronado | Del Mar | Descanso Dulzura |
| El Cajon | Fallbrook | Guatay | Imperial Beach Jacumba |
| Jamul | Julian | La Mesa | Lakeside |
| Lemon Grove | Lincoln Acres | Mt. Laguna | Mt. Palomar |
| National City | Pala | Palomar Mtn. | Puama Valley Pine Valley |
| Portrero | Poway | Ramona | Rancho Santa Fe |
| San Luis Rey | Santa Ysabel | Santee | Solana Beach |
| Spring Valley | Tecate | Valley Center | Warner Springs |



Who is DFEH?

The Department of Fair Employment and Housing receives and investigates discrimination complaints in its five district offices throughout the California. The district offices handle employment, housing, public accommodations, and hate violence cases, along with a special investigations unit which focuses on systemic discrimination cases statewide. In addition, there are three legal offices which prosecute cases. The DFEH routinely provides technical assistance to employers, business establishments and housing providers regarding their responsibilities under the law. The Department is part of the State and Consumer Services Agency and is administered by a Director appointed by the Governor.

Who is HUD?

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is a Cabinet department in the Executive branch of the United States federal government. Although its beginnings were in the House and Home Financing Agency, as part of the "Great Society" program of President Lyndon Johnson, to develop and execute policies on housing and metropolises. HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers; meet the need for quality affordable rental homes; utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life; build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination; and transform the way HUD does business.

Fair Housing Proclamations

Thank you to the City of Lemon Grove, the City of Chula Vista, and the City of National City for honoring us this month with proclamations for our diligence and partnerships in eradicating unfair housing practices. **Our mission is to promote positive attitudes and action that ensure respect, acceptance, and equal opportunity for all people.**



Mortgage Lending Discrimination

Discrimination in mortgage lending is prohibited by the federal **Fair Housing Act** and HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity actively enforces those provisions of the law. The Fair Housing Act makes it unlawful to engage in the following practices based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap (disability):

- Refuse to make a mortgage loan
- Refuse to provide information regarding loans
- Impose different terms or conditions on a loan, such as different interest rates, points, or fees
- Discriminate in appraising property

Refuse to purchase a loan or set different terms or conditions for purchasing a loan

Have you been discriminated? If you believe you have been, please contact us for assistance.

Seeking Part Time Receptionist

Requirements

- Must be age 55 or over
- Bilingual (preferred: Spanish, Arabic, Tagalog, or Farsi)
- Must qualify for NICOA program
- Experience in customer service, call center, or communication preferred

Seeking Intern / Volunteers

Requirements

- Must be enrolled or a graduate from a 4 year university
- Available for a minimum of 10 hours weekly
- Bilingual (preferred: Spanish, Arabic, Tagalog, or Farsi)
- Experience in customer service, call center, or communication preferred