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## Public Invited to Fair Housing Public Forum in Loudoun October 6, 2021

The Loudoun County Office of Housing invites residents to attend a virtual fair housing public forum and input session as part of the process to develop a regional fair housing plan. The virtual public forum will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Loudoun County is one of eight participating jurisdictions that are working collaboratively to develop a regional fair housing plan, also known as the Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The process is being coordinated by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Under the <u>U.S. Fair Housing Act</u>, people are protected from discrimination when they are renting or buying a home, getting a mortgage, seeking housing assistance or engaging in other housing-related activities.

Loudoun County is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to "affirmatively further fair housing." The regional analysis will fulfill this HUD requirement and aims to increase collaboration, innovation, and effectiveness of strategies to further fair housing throughout the metropolitan area. It is expected to be completed in 2022.

The October 6 virtual public forum will gather input specifically for the Loudoun County portion of the plan. The program will include an overview on fair housing; presentation of Loudoun County data; discussion of policy priorities; and three breakout sessions on discrimination in housing, barriers to affordable housing and housing for persons with disabilities.

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Pre-registration is required for this virtual public session. To pre-register, and to get more information about the plan, visit <u>loudoun.gov/housing</u>.

To request language interpretation or accommodations for those with disabilities, please contact Community Development Specialist Christine Hillock at 703-771-5590 or <u>christine.hillock@loudoun.gov</u>. Five days advance notice is requested.