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# **Public Invited to Provide Comment on the Fair Housing Plan for Loudoun County**

The Loudoun County Department of Housing and Community Development invites residents to <u>provide comment</u> on the draft <u>regional fair housing plan</u> for Loudoun County. The public comment period opened January 31, 2023, and will last until March 31, 2023. Residents are also encouraged to attend a public hearing on March 8, 2023, to learn more about the plan and provide feedback in person.

Loudoun County is one of eight participating jurisdictions that is 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, applying for 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 region. The plan will become final in 2023.

#### **Public Comment Period**

The public comment period will gather input from Loudoun County residents on the draft fair housing plan. The public comment period is open from January 31, 2023, to March 31, 2023. To submit comments:

- Email: fairhousing@mwcog.org.
- Phone/Voicemail: 202-962-3794 or TDD to 202-962-3213.
- Mail: MWCOG, 777 N. Capitol St, Washington, D.C. 20002, Attn: Fair Housing.

## **Public Hearing**

Loudoun County will host a public hearing on March 8, 2023, at 6 p.m. at the Department of Housing and Community Development office located at 106 Catoctin Circle SE in Leesburg. The meeting will be held in the Olmstead Room on the first floor. The program will include an overview of the Loudoun County sections of the fair housing plan including goals, past achievements, and data on affordable housing and barriers to fair housing in the county.

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Anyone interested in speaking during the public hearing is encouraged to sign up in advance by contacting the Department of Housing and Community Development at 703-737-8323 or <a href="housing@loudoun.gov">housing@loudoun.gov</a>.

To request language interpretation or accommodations for those with disabilities, please contact the Department of Housing and Community Development at 703-737-8323 or <a href="https://housing.ov.ncbe/housing.ov.">housing.ov.</a>. Five days advance notice is requested.