

How You Can Help

Volunteer

Ongoing office work, write publicity, website management, help fundraise, become a candidate for our Board of Directors or Board Committee. Student interns welcome.

Attend an Event

Visit our website for the current schedule.

Host a Program

Schedule a fair housing training, outreach workshop, school or other educational program.

Be a Fair Housing Tester

Learn to conduct civil rights investigations.

Join the Panel of Americans

Tell your story and inspire others as one of our Voices of Diversity panelists.

Make a Donation

Your gift can ensure equal rights for all Marin residents. Go to our website, www.fairhousingmarin.com and click on Support Us. Goods and services are also welcome. Call us!

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Who Are Our Partners

We are funded by businesses, foundations, local and national government, service organizations and individuals. We are indebted to the many volunteers who support our mission year round.

We are members of the Northern California Fair Housing Coalition and the National Fair Housing Alliance. We work closely with the California Department of Fair Employment & Housing and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. We are supported by the Marin County Board of Supervisors Task Force on Housing Discrimination and partner with many social service agencies.

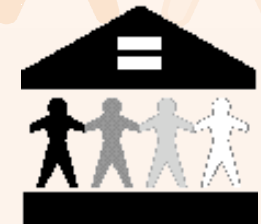


Fair Housing of Marin believes that People learn to live together by living together

FAIR HOUSING OF MARIN



Opening Doors to Equality and Diversity



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Our Mission

To ensure equal housing opportunity and to educate the community on the value of diversity in our neighborhoods.

How we do it

Through individual counseling, investigation, industry training, school and community human rights programs, distribution of literature, workshops for tenants and advocacy for affordable housing.

Who is Protected by Fair Housing Laws

It is unlawful to discriminate on the basis of a person's race, national origin, ancestry, religion, gender, family status, age, marital status, sexual orientation, source of income, disability or any other arbitrary basis.

Whom we Serve

Professionals: Real estate agents, property owners and managers, lenders and advertisers who wish to ensure compliance with fair housing law

Individuals: Individuals who wish to learn about their rights, receive counseling or obtain assistance in filing a complaint

Community: Our education, advocacy and outreach programs promote human rights and diversity on a community level

Protection Against Housing Discrimination

We are the complete resource for information, counseling, and assistance regarding fair housing in Marin.

Counseling and Assistance

We provide free information and counseling to those who suspect that they have encountered housing-related discrimination in Marin County.

Investigation

We investigate cases of possible housing discrimination. In addition, we use fair housing "testers" to conduct systemic audits of the Marin housing market to uncover violations of fair housing laws.

Advocacy

We assist members of the community in filing housing discrimination complaints. We may file lawsuits on behalf of the community in order to change discriminatory policies, and promote fair housing to elected officials, corporations, and the media. Finally, we advocate for affordable housing, focusing on affirmative marketing to underrepresented racial and ethnic individuals and maximum accessibility for persons with disabilities.

"Thank you so much for all your help. I truly believe without your efforts to help me I wouldn't have been able to get to live in this beautiful townhome. Your time, help and understanding will always be remembered. Thank you Fair Housing of Marin!!"

- Shana A.

Community Education Programs

Fair Housing of Marin provides free innovative diversity programs for students and the general public.

The Storyteller Program

Presented to preschool through fourth-grade classrooms, this engaging presentation features stories and poems about human rights told by Master Storytellers.

A Panel of Americans

An interactive program geared to middle and high school students and professional, religious and community groups featuring community volunteers relating their experiences with stereotyping.

Annual Fair Housing Poster Contest

Each year as part of National Fair Housing Month, we invite Marin county students in grades K-8 to submit entries for our annual Fair Housing Poster Contest. Students are challenged to create posters that convey a message of fair housing for all.

"[Your panelists] were among the most inspirational speakers we have ever had in Rotary. They were poignant and thought provoking and touched everyone's hearts."

- Sunrise Rotary Club

Professional Training Programs

Housing industry professionals can earn continuing education credit by attending Fair Housing training seminars.

Fair Housing Law and Practice

This seminar addresses property owners' rights and responsibilities under federal and state fair housing laws, and helps housing providers to establish policies that will ensure equal housing opportunity and legal compliance.

Reasonable Accommodation for People with Disabilities

A workshop for housing providers and tenants, this course provides an overview of federal and state housing laws as they apply to people with disabilities, followed by small group discussions that facilitate practical solutions to commonly experienced issues.

Customized Trainings

Custom designed programs are available for consumers, housing providers, advertisers and lenders. Past seminars include: Accessibility for Housing Developers and Architects, Fair Housing for Publishers and Advertisers and Fair Housing for Residential Care Facilities.

"I avoided a costly lawsuit because of this conference and encourage everyone to attend."

- Gabriella Ricci, Rental Property Owner