

# HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IS ILLEGAL

## FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF THE GREATER PALM BEACHES



**Know Your Obligations and Responsibilities!**



The *Fair Housing Act* prohibits discrimination in housing because of:

- ♦ Race/Color ♦ Religion ♦ National Origin ♦ Sex ♦ Disability
- ♦ Familial Status (children under the age of 18 living with legal custodians or parents, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18)

*Palm Beach County Fair Housing Ordinance* prohibits discrimination in housing based on:

- ♦ Age ♦ Marital Status ♦ Sexual Orientation ♦ *Sexual Identity*

### **What is Prohibited?**

No one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, age, marital status or sexual orientation:

#### **In the Sale and Rental of Housing**

- ♦ Refuse to rent/sell housing or deny a dwelling
- ♦ Refuse to negotiate or make housing unavailable
- ♦ Set different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- ♦ Provide different housing services or facilities
- ♦ Falsely deny that housing is available for inspection sale or rental
- ♦ For profit, persuade owners to sell or rent (blockbusting ) or
- ♦ Deny anyone access to or membership in a facility or service (such as multiple listing service) related to the sale or rental of housing.

#### **In Mortgage Lending and Homeowners Insurance:**

- ♦ Refuse to make a mortgage loan or provide insurance
- ♦ Refuse to provide information regarding loans or insurance
- ♦ Impose different information regarding loans or insurance
- ♦ Discriminate in appraising property
- ♦ Refuse to purchase a loan or
- ♦ Set different terms or conditions for purchasing a loan.

#### **In Addition:**

- ♦ It is illegal to threaten, coerce or interfere with anyone attempting to secure a fair housing right or assist others in securing that right.
- ♦ Advertise or make any statement that indicates a limitation or preference based on the above protected categories protected under the **Fair Housing Act**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON FAIR HOUSING ISSUES CALL:(561) 533-8717  
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