Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

Bellevue Human Services Commission

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Fair Housing Obligations

Top Fair Housing Barriers

2025-2029 Fair Housing Goals

Questions

HSC Votes to adopt AI







Background

- State and local governments that receive HUD funding have a duty to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH).
- Fair housing planning or developing an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, is one way to AFFH.



Analysis of Impediments Report



150+ PAGES



SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION



FAIR HOUSING CHOICE BARRIERS



2025-2029 FAIR HOUSING GOALS



CONSULTATION & APPENDICES

Top Fair Housing Barriers

Exclusionary zoning and land use practices

High housing costs

Discrimination

Lack of housing support for people with disabilities

Insufficient 3+ bedroom units

Lack of affordable homeownership opportunities

Rigorous screening criteria

Challenges to enforce fair housing rights

2025-2029 Fair Housing Goals

- 1. Adopt, implement, strengthen, or invest in policies and programs that **increase housing stability for tenants** such as rental assistance, fair housing education, fair housing testing, and tenant legal services.
- 2. Adopt, implement, strengthen, or invest in policies and programs that increase housing stability for people with disabilities, especially for those who need supportive services.
- **3.** Engage **underrepresented communities** on an ongoing basis to better understand barriers and increase access to opportunity.
- 4. Plan for, promote, incentivize, and fund the development of more housing for people at 80% or below of the area media income and those experiencing housing instability.
- **5**. Plan for, promote and incentivize **more housing choices** with **3+ bedrooms**.



2025-2029 Fair Housing Goals

- 6. Support efforts to preserve and increase affordable housing in and for communities at high risk of displacement.
- 7. Work with communities to guide investments in historically underserved communities.
- **8.** Promote homeownership opportunities in low-income communities to reduce racial disparities in homeownership.
- **9.** Support efforts to **ensure healthy**, **safe**, **and affordable housing is accessible** to all.
- 10. Report annually on Fair Housing Goal progress.



Questions

Human Services Commission will vote tonight to adopt the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.