

## Assessment of Fair Housing

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) is a legal requirement that federal agencies and federal grantees further the purposes of the Fair Housing Act. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued an AFFH rule, which provides an effective planning approach to aid program participants in taking meaningful actions to overcome historic patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, and foster inclusive communities that are free from discrimination under 24 CFR §5.150.



Harris County, the Cities of Galveston, Missouri City, and Pasadena; and the Galveston Housing Authority and Harris County Housing Authority have entered into a collaboration to develop and submit a Regional Assessment of Fair Housing as required by HUD.

### We want to hear from you!

Community Involvement is very important to developing an assessment where everyone's voice is heard. Harris County and our partners will have several opportunities for citizens, advocates, non-profits, and other stakeholders to provide comments, concerns, and their outlook on fair housing and equal opportunities in the region. Here are some opportunities:

- **Take a Survey**- We are conducting a study to better understand residents' housing decisions and their experiences living, working or going to school in the region.
  - Link to the Survey in English <https://www.research.net/r/RegionalAFH2017>
  - Link to the Survey in Spanish <https://es.research.net/r/RegionalAFH2017SP>
  - Link to the Survey in Vietnamese
- **Find us at a Local Event**- We will be setting up booths at local fairs, community events, and festivals in all round Harris County to hear from you.
  - Aug 5<sup>th</sup> at Spring ISD Family & Community Resource Fair
  - Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Aldine ISD Parent & Family Engagement Expo
  - Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Aldine Family Hope Center
  - Aug 19<sup>th</sup> Galena Park ISD Immunization Day
  - Aug 24<sup>th</sup> HC PCT 2 Senior Bingo Party in Cloverleaf
- **Contact us directly**- If you wish to contact us directly with comments regarding the Assessment of Fair Housing underway in this region, please email [plancomments@csd.hctx.net](mailto:plancomments@csd.hctx.net)

## PY2013-2017 Harris County Fair Housing Plan/Analysis of Impediments

The Harris County Community Services Department (CSD), in consultation with local government agencies, housing and social service providers, and community advocacy organizations has prepared a Fair Housing Plan/Analysis of Impediments as a major component of the PY2013-2017 Consolidated Plan. The Plan outlines how Harris County will

take steps to affirmatively further fair housing. The purpose of these actions is to ensure housing choice for all residents of Harris County by eliminating housing discrimination on the basis of **race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, and national origin (Protected Classes)**. Please [click here](#) to view Harris County Fair Housing Plan/Analysis of Impediments.

For more information on the Fair Housing Act or how to file a complaint: <http://www.hrc.hctx.net/discrimination.htm>