



Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period Richland County and the Columbia Housing Authority Want Your Input

Assessment of Fair Housing

Public Input Critical Component of Richland County Assessment of Fair Housing Report

On November 13, 2016, Richland County will release a draft Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) for 45- day public review and comment period. Richland County, the Columbia Housing Authority and the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission completed a joint AFH. Residents are urged to review the draft Assessment of Fair Housing and offer comments, suggestions and concerns. The AFH document is meant to increase housing choice and encourage inclusive communities and includes an analysis of housing data, a host of housing issues and goals and priorities. The document will be submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for approval on or before January 4, 2017.

The AFH focuses on four areas:

1. Improving integrated living patterns and overcoming historic patterns of segregation;
2. Reducing racial and ethnic concentrations of poverty;
3. Reducing disparities by race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, or disability in access to community assets such as education, transit access, and employment, as well as exposure to environmental health hazards and other stressors that harm a person's quality of life;
4. Responding to disproportionate housing needs by protected class.

The document can be reviewed on line and/or found at the locations listed below:

<http://www.rcgov.us/Portals/0/Departments/CommunityDevelopment/Docs/2017%20Richland%20County%20Assessment%20of%20Fair%20Housing.pdf>

The review and comment period will begin November 13 – December 28, 2016.

Comments can be mailed by US Postal Services, e-mailed or faxed to the following:

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There will be two public hearings for the AFH. The first public hearing will be on November 21st at 5:15 p.m. at County Council Chambers, 2020 Hampton St, Columbia, SC. The final public hearing will be on December 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cecil Tillis Center, 2211 Simpkins Lane, Columbia, SC 29204 (803) 376-6215. The public is invited to attend.