Fair Housing Listening Session: Persons who are Immigrants

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)
Community Standards

Raise Zoom hand to provide feedback

Use Q&A (reminder: this is not a Q&A session; we want to hear your comments)

Be mindful of different styles of communication & learning when speaking

Be Curious

Use “I” statements

Help explore and develop fair housing impediments and goals

For questions, comments and feedback, email us at: aifairhousingreport@hcd.ca.gov.
Agenda

AI Timeline, Outreach, and engagement

Current trends & existing conditions: Disability & Aging Population

FEEDBACK AND LISTENING
AI Timeline, Outreach, and Engagement
## AI Timeline

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Listening Sessions

**Homelessness:**
Completed: January 31, 2024, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

**Disability & Aging Population:**
Completed: February 7, 2024, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**Persons who are Immigrants:**
February 14, 2024, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

**Indigenous, Tribal, and Native Peoples:**
February 21, 2024, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

**Tenant Protections:**
February 28, 2024, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**Mobilehome Parks:**
March 5, 2024, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Webinars

**Urban:**
March 13, 2024, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

**Rural:**
March 20, 2024, 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Public Hearings
Public Hearings will be held between July 13th and August 13th, 2024.

- Northern CA
- Sacramento
- Central Valley
- Southern CA
Community Needs Assessment Survey

- Online survey to assess issues and barriers related to fair housing choice is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, and Vietnamese
- Available from January 30, 2024, to April 1, 2024

Visit www.hcd.ca.gov
Current Trends and Existing Conditions:

People who are Immigrants
California’s Immigrants vs. the Rest of the US

Source: Immigrants in California - Public Policy Institute of California (ppic.org)
Immigrants Moving to California

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Higher risk and fewer safeguards

• When the pandemic hit in Spring 2020, an estimated 852,065 immigrants in California lost their jobs

• Immigrants accounted for 58% of pandemic-related deaths from March to December 2020 in ten key industries

• Drought due to climate change impacts the number of jobs resulting in displacement and income loss
  • Estimated 8,745 full and part-time jobs were lost in 2021 due to drought

• Immigrants are critical to the California economy

Source: https://calmatters.org/california-divide/2022/04/california-undocumented-immigrants/
Housing Challenges Among Immigrant Families

• Immigrants are more likely than native-born residents to:
  • Be cost-burdened
  • Live in poor or hazardous housing conditions
  • Live in situations of overcrowding
  • Experience discriminatory practices by landlords
  • Have limited opportunities to build credit

Source: A Place to Call Home: Housing Challenges Among Immigrant Families | National Council on Family Relations (ncfr.org)
The Immigrant Tenant Protection Act of 2017

• Previously, laws did not directly address specific discrimination and retaliation that occurred based on immigration status after the start of tenancy

• This 2017 Act prohibits:
  • Eviction based on perceived or suspected immigration status
  • Threats by landlords to disclose a tenant’s immigration or citizenship status to immigration authorities
  • Landlord retaliation by reporting tenants to immigration authorities after tenants have validly asserted their rights or filed a complaint

• If your rights have been violated, please read and follow the complaint process for the Civil Rights Department of California:
  • https://calcivilrights.ca.gov/complaintprocess/

Source: Bill Text - AB-291 Housing: immigration. (ca.gov)
Feedback and Listening
Discussion Questions

• What is the biggest challenge immigrants face in finding and securing housing?

• Within immigrant communities, those who are undocumented and/or who have limited English proficiency face additional hurdles. Have you experienced these difficulties?

• Housing for migrant workers is a critical housing issue for California. Do you have experience regarding this issue that you can share?

• Have you ever lost your housing because of something related to immigration?

• Have you ever wanted to live somewhere but couldn't? Was what prevented you from living there related to immigration status?