

Bringing Back Main Street Roundtable

April 25, 2023

Rosenberg

Special Thanks

Thank you to the City of Rosenberg for hosting today's event and generously providing breakfast from Ol' Railroad Café.

Fair Housing and Economic Development

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Fair Housing Awareness Month



The Fair Housing acts make it against the law to discriminate in the sale or rental of housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or familial status.

Housing Discrimination ≠ Thriving Economy

- Ensure housing providers understand and comply with law
 - Offer Trainings
 - Engage Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs or Texas Workforce Commission Civil Rights Division
 - Self-serve trainings, webinars, toolkits, and resources available online
- Encourage development of mixed-income housing

Best Practices for Land Use and Zoning

- Local government zoning and land use decisions and polices cannot discriminate against protected persons
- A definition of family that includes unrelated persons living together in residential settings
- The inclusion of at least one zone district that allows for small lot single family dwellings
- Reasonable lot width and size requirements of residential dwellings and avoidance of minimum house or dwelling unit sizes
- Allowance of manufactured homes meeting HUD safety standards in at least one residential district
- Incentives for diverse housing stock development

Trends in Housing Discrimination Reports

Basis of Complaints	FY 2021 Complaints (of 8,403 total filed complaints)	
	# of complaints	% of complaints
Disability	4,791	57.0%
Race	2,480	29.5%
Sex	1,072	12.8%
Retaliation	1,022	12.2%
National Origin	835	9.9%
Familial Status	778	9.3%
Color	359	4.3%
Sex-Sexual Harassment	286	3.4%
Religion	185	2.2%

Source: HUD Enforcement Management System (HEMS) Data current as of November 18, 2021

Notes:

1. Retaliation is not one of the seven protected classes, but it is covered under Section 818 of the Fair Housing Act.
2. Complaints can be filed under multiple bases; thus, the percentages do not add up to 100%.

