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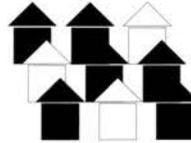


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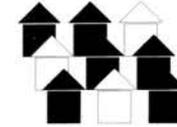
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For more information contact:  
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2322 Blaisdell Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
Phone: 612-872-6088

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M I N N E S O T A  
**Fair Housing Center**



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**Equal opportunity**

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Discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing is more subtle than in the past, but its effects are just as devastating. Fair housing laws need to be enforced and violations need to be investigated.

Changing the pattern of segregation in housing is crucial to the growth and prosperity of our clients, our neighborhoods, and ourselves.

## MFHC conducts tests of rental and sale properties to determine whether discrimination exists.

### Complaint-based testing

Testing is a way of measuring differences in the treatment of home seekers because of their race, sexual orientation, family or marital status, public assistance status, disability, sex, religion, or national origin.

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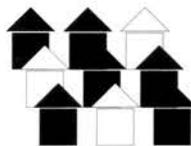


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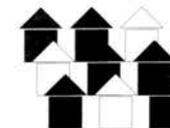
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Funding was provided by Hennepin County through the Community Development Black Grant program.

**Come join us for three Fair Housing Town hall meetings in the month of April to learn more about Fair Housing Law.**

Wednesday, April 10, 1996

Crystal Community Center

4800 N. Douglas Dr.

531-0052

6:30 - 9 PM

Monday, April 22, 1996

Richfield Community Center

7000 Nicollet Ave. S.

Richfield, MN

861-9360

7 -10 PM

Tuesday, April 30, 1996

St. Louis Park Recreation Center

5005 W. 36th St.

St. Louis Park, MN

924-2545

6:30 - 9 PM

For further information on the Townhall meetings, call SHARC at 930-3356.

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# FAIR HOUSING IN SUBURBAN HENNEPIN COUNTY



Prepared by  
**SHARC**

Suburban Hennepin Anti-Racism Coalition  
9 Seventh Avenue South  
Hopkins, MN 55343  
(612) 930-3356



# YOUR FAIR HOUSING RIGHTS

## HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IS AGAINST THE LAW!

Housing discrimination is rarely blatant. It is usually cleverly disguised and, more often than not, is done with a "Minnesota Nice" smile and handshake.

Too often, housing discrimination may not be recognized by the person being discriminated against.

Fair housing rights are violated when someone is prevented from doing the following because of race, color, creed, sex, family status, public assistance status, affectional preference, national origin, ancestry, religion, disability or marital status:

- \* Viewing or renting an apartment
- \* Viewing or purchasing a home
- \* Applying for or securing a loan
- \* Purchasing homeowners insurance

**FAIR HOUSING LAWS CAN OPEN  
DOORS, BUT ONLY WITH YOUR HELP**

**FAIR HOUSING IS YOUR  
RIGHT BY LAW!**

## Examples of Housing Discrimination

A landlord or apartment manager tells you that there are no apartments available here but have another site better suited for you.

You are on AFDC and a landlord tells you that they cannot accept you based on your income source and not your ability to pay.

Your rental application is denied because you have children, are married /single/ divorced or are lesbian or gay.

We only rent to working people.

No pets allowed, not even your seeing eye dog.

This house may not be in the neighborhood you are used to living in.

Sorry, but we need to have a co-signer for you home loan due to your background.

Sorry, but we have decided to take the house off the market temporarily.

This neighborhood is not safe for woman.

A landlord or homeowner refers to "those people".

You fill out an application and are told you will be contacted and never are.

When you make an appointment to view an apartment and the landlord tells you that it has been taken.

**IF YOU SUSPECT FAIR HOUSING  
DISCRIMINATION CALL ONE OF  
THE FOLLOWING FOR FURTHER  
ASSISTANCE.**

**THE HOUSING DISCRIMINATION  
LAW PROJECT OF THE LEGAL AID  
SOCIETY OF MINNEAPOLIS  
(612) 827-3774**

The Housing Discrimination Law Project will assess claims for individuals who have encountered discrimination in seeking, renting, buying, terms and conditions and other aspects of finding and keeping a home. Eligible clients may get free representation from project attorneys.

**MINNESOTA FAIR HOUSING CENTER  
(612) 872-6088**

MFHC organizes individuals and groups to combat housing discrimination within their own communities. The center also conducts complaint-based testing to measure differences in the treatment of home seekers because of their race, sexual orientation, family or marital status, public assistance status, disability, sex, religion, or national origin.

**THE SUBURBAN HENNEPIN ANTI-  
RACISM COALITION (SHARC)  
(612) 930-3356**

SHARC is dedicated to identify and reduce racism and discrimination in suburban Hennepin County through raising awareness, and providing resources and referrals of housing discrimination.

**SHARC  
CARES AND TAKES  
ACTION  
BY**

**Building Coalitions &  
Appreciating Diversity**

- \*Annual Conference
- \*Membership / Volunteer  
Recruitment

**Outreach & Communication**

- \*Resources and Information
- \*Community Newsletter
- \*Anti-Racism Training Directory

**Education & Advocacy**

- \*Implement Housing/Rental  
Discrimination Testing
- \*Support of Human Rights  
Commissions
- \* Support Hate Crimes Response  
Networks

*"We can run from each other, but we cannot escape each other.  
Knock down the fences that divide.  
Tear down the walls that imprison.  
Reach out: freedom lies just on the other side."*

— Thurgood Marshall

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**"Reducing Racism and  
Appreciating Diversity"**

**collaborating informing supporting  
advocating encouraging training**

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## SUBURBAN HENNEPIN ANTI-RACISM COALITION

### MISSION

Our mission is to identify and reduce racism in suburban Hennepin County through raising awareness, and providing resources for individuals and the community at large.

### GOALS

Our goal is to be a catalyst to reduce racism and discrimination by raising awareness and appreciation of increasing diversity in suburban Hennepin county. Members work to improve housing, education systems, criminal justice, employment, and local government.

### HISTORY

SHARC was established in April, 1991, when a group of concerned citizens began meeting in response to the increasing number of racially motivated incidents in Suburban Hennepin County. The demographics of our communities had changed significantly over the past decade, and increased tension and fears had also developed. Unfortunately those were being "acted out" in racially motivated hate crimes. It was of concern to SHARC members that there was no organized suburban group to respond as a community to these racial incidents.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

\* Advocated successfully for violence prevention legislation to include racially / culturally motivated violence to be included as one of the prevention program categories.

## SHARC ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED

- \* Co-sponsored a conference, "Hate Crimes, Discrimination, Bigotry, and Racism: Tackling the problems on the front lines, Right Here in the Suburbs" which was attended by over 220 participants.
- \* Conducted both a suburban-wide and also a state-wide Human Rights and Diversity survey in conjunction with the Minnesota League of Human Rights Commissions to learn how cities deal with racial incidents and what role the city Human Rights Commissions have in that process.
- \* Co-sponsored the conference "Fair Housing Issues in the Suburbs".
- \* Co-sponsored a weekend workshop on reducing racism and discrimination from The Peoples' Institute for Survival and Beyond of New Orleans.
- \* Participated in and contributed to the "State of Diversity", a research document and action plan to combat racial and ethnic intolerance compiled by the Minnesota Planning Department.
- \* Sponsored a series of forums for Suburban Hennepin Human Rights Commissions.
- \* Conducted a "participant" survey at the St. Louis Park Human Rights EXPO.
- \* Assisted two suburban communities in the development of Human Rights Commissions.

## SHARC DOES MORE

- \* Published the SHARC Community Newsletter.
- \* Established the Suburban Hennepin Anti-Racism Diversity Resource Center.
- \* Designed and helped implement a grant proposal from the Minnesota Department of Education in Robbinsdale School District 281.
- \* Initiated a Housing Discrimination Testing Program in collaboration with The Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis.

### MEMBERSHIP

The Suburban Hennepin Anti-Racism Coalition (SHARC) is a group of concerned citizens as well as representatives of human service agencies, schools, churches, community groups, and human rights commissions.

Membership is open to anyone who shares a commitment to reducing racism and prejudice.

For further information or to join the coalition, call Fred Tenfingers at 930-3356.

SHARC ACHIEVES GOALS THROUGH  
COLLABORATION / COORDINATION  
EDUCATION / COMMUNICATION

NEP  
SW/Staff  
mtg  
2/26/96

not there ← Pat Provinsk<sup>e</sup> (with scribbles) - 925-1621 - new Lynnhurst X

- City {
- Mary Main - Fulton
  - Rhea Sullivan - Linden Hills
  - Mary Ann - Armatage
  - Sarah - Lynnhurst
  - Me - East Harriet

Overly/interwined projects

Mary Ann

- 54th + Penn
- joint Safety projects?
- Cop shop? → is it really just an office + place to store bikes? - night assn ed also
- Windom has one - 54th + Nic
- Fulton is thinking abt it
- Kenny: thinking abt having an office for 4 ughds
- wd also function as cop shops

wife: Reg +  
Munster  
NEP + hr 4  
abt hrs  
assigned to  
multiple  
ughds

Sarah

- Bikerways into Armatage, Windom, to Lakes
- possible - ~~strong~~ analyzing for CURA X for this
- CURA inter for senior hsq needs
- + possible development of alternative

Hsq projects

- Kenny lkg @ buying down interest for loans
  - Armatage interested
- ↓  
for rebates + additions

Rhea

- Welcome Packets

- if Linden Hills does it w/ another
- she's meeting w/ Catherine

Mary

- Safety ~~at~~ groups:

- if possible

- packet w/ check list of ~~the~~ audits  
(fire, safety, etc.)

- if it does all the things, ~~it~~

neighborhood will grant \$ toward ~~the~~ items  
recommended on list

- ~~Block leaders~~ Block leaders will be to distribute the  
packets

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike  
FROM: Darcy  
DATE: February 29, 1996  
RE: Scattered site housing in SW Minneapolis

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As you may know, both the Fulton and Kenny neighborhoods in southwest Minneapolis are considering including some scattered site housing initiatives as part of their NRP plans. I'm not sure how ambitious (or limited) their plans are, but both have begun talking to MPHA. It's a start, anyway.

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Thanks, Mike. I'm all over the place these days, but you can always leave a message for me at 824-9350 (include a good time to reach you), or at home at 870-8408.

*Darcy*

Yes, I'd like to pursue these ideas.

3-5-96  
L.M.

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7/22/96  
DRAFT

NOT TO BE RELEASED YET:

# Fair Housing is not yet a Reality in Minnesota.



But with your help,  
it can be.

Please join our **SUBURBAN FAIR HOUSING INITIATIVE**. We are in the process of determining the nature and extent of discrimination in the rental housing market in various suburban communities. To do that, we need testers from all racial groups. Testers are volunteers who pose as home seekers and then record carefully their experiences. To be a tester for this project, you must

- \*complete a 2 to 3 hour training course
- \*keep your role as a tester strictly confidential
- \*perform a minimum of 4 tests
- \*have a car or access to transportation.

**Testers are ACTORS**, playing the role of someone looking for housing.  
**Testers are OBSERVERS**, recording what really happens and what is really said.  
**Testers are PEOPLE LIKE YOU** who are willing to give their time so that others can be treated fairly.

Meet others interested in promoting fair housing enforcement. Learn about fair housing laws. Be part of a larger effort to stop housing discrimination in Minnesota.

**TO BE A TESTER**

**CALL**

**CHRIS at 493-2802**

*or*

**SHERI at 888-5611**

**The Suburban Fair Housing Initiative is sponsored by:** The Minnesota Fair Housing Center, Suburban Hennepin Anti-Racism Committee, ~~Community Action of Suburban Hennepin~~, Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing ... and you. To join this initiative, call us at 872-6088.

July 22, 1996  
SUBURBAN FAIR HOUSING INITIATIVE -  
Meeting: ART, MARGARET, FRED, TRAVIS, CHARLIE

SURVEY TESTING Audience:

ANYBODY CONCERNED WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS, FAIR PLAY

TRAVIS WILL CONTACT & RECRUIT FROM VARIOUS CONGREGATIONS SUPPLIED BY MIKE ANDERSON.

50 PEOPLE NEEDED FOR TESTING AT LEAST  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  HAVE TO BE WHITE

TRAINING SESSIONS CAN BE ANYWHERE - WE CAN GO OUT TO THE CHURCHES

TIME TABLE:

- RECRUITMENT OF TESTERS → NOW THRU - AUG 9<sup>TH</sup>
- TESTER TRAINING → AUG 12<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup>
- ACTUAL TESTING → AUG 19<sup>TH</sup> - SEPT 30<sup>TH</sup>

NEXT MEETING ' AUG 1<sup>ST</sup>. 12 NOON

TRAVIS 7/16/96

His tlcw/AA Higgins:

- At mtg:

CASH

Chris - NHTSS

SHARC

MN Fair Hsg Ctr

Suburban  
Testing  
Initiative

→ next mtg:  
Mon. 22nd 12:00

- Testing

Bloomington

~~Eden Prairie~~

Brooklyn Park

Maple Grove

- 100 tests - 25 in each county

- Margaret doing testers script

- Fred + Art to look into funding

- SHARC doing tester recruitment

- identify congregations

- other testers

Margaret:

- wd like us to research how other  
county:

~~Training~~ Training

- Talk to Mike

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike  
FROM: Darcy  
DATE: 6/20/96  
RE: 6/20/96 Discussion with Fred Smith

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This is a very brief summary of my discussion with Fred today.

He explained how the MN Fair Housing Center differs from typical fair housing centers and their goals right now:

- (1) Collaborate with other organizations for both "intake" and prosecution of discrimination cases (rather than being the direct service provider) - MFHC's main role would be networking, referrals, and survey testing;
- (2) Survey testing. MFHC has a contract with the City of Mpls and someone in St. Paul to do this; will begin soon. Fred and others would like to offer this in the context of larger "community campaigns," which he envisions as community organizing and education;
- (3) Monitoring - of legislation, impediments to fair housing, etc.

They currently have about \$16,000 for an organizing position (the Board approved moving forward on it last week). Currently talking about doing it on a contract basis with someone, probably half-time for a FT equivalent of \$24-25,000 including benefits. What the person would do is still foggy, but probably it would involve (1) organizing before/after the Minneapolis survey testing, (2) a \$10,000 contract to do testing in St. Paul, and (3) following up with the 70-80 organizations that expressed interest in working on fair housing (but didn't know how to go forward) in a CURA survey conducted last year or so.

Fred encouraged us to think about MICAH or the Equity Project (or me independently) proposing some arrangement to do this work. Details (where the person would work, etc.) would have to be negotiated, but he encouraged us to propose something to start.

I told him I'd need to talk to you. I said I thought it seemed like a good fit for the Equity Project - *if* the Board could agree to put that kind of focus onto housing - or possibly MICAH on its own, regardless of whether it's me or someone else as the specific staffer. He said if it wasn't me they'd probably open up the search to the public at large, so I'm not sure where to go with that.

*MICAH  
more  
interested  
in  
organizing  
in  
communities  
of  
color*

Fred Smith 6/20/96

MN Fair Hsg Ctr has wanted to be diff. from the north.

- Other Ctrs he focused on being  
"service centers" for indivs + org.

- esp. around technicalities of  
Fair Hsg legislation

→ suits

→ case by case, service delivery

- Bd L have argued that the <sup>MN</sup> Ctr can do this  
better in collaboration w/ others

→ cd work w/ orgs. can deal w/ constituencies  
that are discriminated against

- CURA survey to 250-300 such orgs.

Many said  
always offer

① Do you members encounter discrimin?  
② Do you provide services/assistance to members  
aimed discrimin

yes, but  
don't know  
who

③ Wd you be interested

→ have list of 70-80

- Other orgs. can serve as "intake" providers

to get answers to basic questions

- if "testable" situation, cd be referred  
to MN Fair Hsg Ctr

- which cd run a test &

- + then refer it to be

private attys (have list here &)

→ MN Fair Hsg wd spend  
A minimal time w/ indiv cases

→ committed to see if this approach cd work

## ② Survey testing

- Ctr has k w/ City of Mpls to do survey testing

- but what to do w/ results?

- it's a tactic - ideally for use in conty efforts towards integration or at least greater choice

- wd like to offer this tactic w/in a broader "community campaign"

- local orgs.

- diversity of orgs.

- campaign development process

- MN cd play various roles here → cd help form coordinating committee, or just do survey testing

## ③ Monitoring - of legislation, impediments studies

#16K

- organizing piece

- now talk abt on a contract basis

- Bel just voted to proceed w/ this position

- McATT

- We need to structure it

- ① O RAP K → test w/ Hsg Info Ctr (St Paul) → *trials discim. @  
hosp setting @  
phone in clinic  
level*
- ② Mpls survey testing
- ③ List of orgs. that CURA found
  - intake
  - early campaign participants

- Affordable Hsg Cante on Washington City / Ramsey City

Opportunities

- Horton + neighborhood groups



Rec'd  
6/13/96

# National Low Income Housing Coalition Policy Brief

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## **Fair Housing**

### **Background**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) plays two critically important roles in the area of fair housing. First, it is the arm of government that reviews and investigates individual complaints about discrimination in the lease or sale of housing under *Title VIII of the Fair Housing Act of 1968*, as amended. In this capacity it reviews more than 10,000 complaints of discrimination each year. HUD is empowered to investigate, conciliate, and/or hold formal administrative hearings, and impose civil penalties. At the election of one of the parties to the complaint, HUD can also refer cases to the Department of Justice for disposition in federal court.

HUD's other major role is to insure that its own programs comply with and affirmatively further fair housing as is required under *Title VI of the Fair Housing Act of 1964*. HUD has faced many challenges to its programs under Title VI. The implementation of judgements and consent decrees arising out of those cases is one level of fair housing compliance carried out by HUD. On a more proactive level, HUD is empowered to use the Consolidated Plan (formerly the CHAS) to develop plans in concert with state and local government and the public to affirmatively further fair housing.

HUD has two important partners in its fair housing work. First, private fair housing agencies (funded through the Fair Housing Initiatives or "FHIP" program) provide intake, investigation, and testing of fair housing complaints that are then referred to HUD for probable cause determinations and administrative resolution. Second, state and city government fair housing offices also investigate Title VIII complaints, and in those cases where the state laws are determined to be "substantially equivalent" to federal fair housing law, these agencies can carry out the full administrative process. State and local fair housing efforts are funded through the Fair Housing Assistance Program ("FHAP").

### **Current Status**

Federal fair housing efforts face challenges on many fronts. HUD's fair housing efforts are funded through the annual appropriation. The FY96 VA, HUD, IA Appropriations Bill, H.R.2099, was vetoed by President Clinton on December 18, 1995. Fair housing was a target of attack as the bill made its way through Congress last year. The appropriations bill approved by the House zero funded the FHIP program, prohibited HUD from using its appropriation to investigate property insurance companies under the *Fair Housing Act*, and transferred HUD's authority under Title VIII to the Department of Justice. In the conference bill sent to the President, \$30 million was included for FHIP as well as FHAP activities, the transfer of FHEO to the Department of Justice was deferred for 18 months and the anti-fair housing property insurance provision was dropped entirely.

The budget vetoed by President Clinton represents a 25 percent reduction from FY95. This level of reduction, along with the uncertainty of funding for the balance of FY96, threatens the implementation of court ordered fair housing settlements that hinge on the availability of dollars to build replacement housing or pay for vouchers.

HUD's attempt to affirmatively further fair housing by relocating families in the public housing and Section 8 programs to less racially and economically segregated neighborhoods has met intense resistance. Congress, either through the budget process or through legislation to reorganize HUD, may once again attempt to restrict fair housing efforts. Despite the hostile environment, HUD used only one page in its recently released Reinvention Blueprint II to describe its goals and agenda for fair housing.

### ***Talking Points***

- ▶ Oppose any bill that moves fair housing it to the Department of Justice. It is not an investigative agency with the capacity to process individual complaints under Title VIII. HUD has the administrative expertise and the field structure to efficiently and effectively address the thousands of fair housing complaints filed each year.
- ▶ HUD funding for private non-profit fair housing agencies must not be reduced or restricted. These community based agencies provide education, conciliation, and testing. They are an important source of fair housing information and advocacy in underserved areas.
- ▶ HUD must develop strong national objectives and accountability measures for fair housing performance. Federal guidelines to bolster the certification of affirmatively furthering fair housing in the consolidated plan are essential, especially as HUD tries to tailor its policies on undue concentrations to community concerns.

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# FAIR HOUSING TOWNHALL MEETING

Wednesday, April 10, 1996

## PANELISTS

Pat Paulson - MN Association of Realtors

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Art Higgins-MN Fair Housing Center

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Ann M. Robertson - Housing Discrimination Law Project of The Legal Aid Society of Mpls.

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Michael Steward - Apt. Mgr.

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Brenda Walton - Perspective Inc.

## When

Wed. April 10, 1996

## Where

Crystal Community Center  
4800 N. Douglas Drive  
531-0052

## Time

6:30 - 9 PM

## Cost

Free

This meeting is open to all community members

## Who Should Attend

- \* Fair Housing Advocates
- \* Tenants
- \* Landlords/Apt. Managers
- \* Families
- \* Community Support Agencies
- \* Lending Agencies
- \* Realtors
- \* Housing Support Specialists
- \* City Officials
- \* Human Rights Commissions
- \* Social Workers
- \* Outreach Workers
- \* City Housing Authorities
- \* Concerned Community Members

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Crystal

Crystal Community Center  
4800 Douglas Drive North  
Crystal, MN  
531-0052

New Hope

Plymouth

Robbinsdale

Winnetka Ave. N.

Douglas Drive North

42nd Ave. N.

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HWY 169

HWY 100

Golden Valley

HWY 55

Minneapolis

394

St. Louis Park

# FAIR HOUSING TOWNHALL MEETING

Tuesday, April 30, 1996

## PANELISTS

Donna Fairbanks  
MN Housing Finance Agency  
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Margaret M. Shulman  
Community Action of Mpls.  
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Richard A. Wayman  
Housing Discrimination Law  
Project of The Legal Aid Society  
of Mpls.  
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Charlie Warner  
CASH - Section 8 Issues  
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Tim Himango  
Housing Specialist

## When

Tuesday, April 30, 1996

## Where

St. Louis Park  
Recreation Center  
5005 West 36th St.  
St. Louis Park, MN  
924-2545

## Time

6:30 - 9 PM

## Cost

Free

This meeting is open to all  
community members

## Who Should Attend

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Golden Valley

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Mpls

East

West 36th St. St. Louis Park Recreation Center

Target

5005 West 36th

St. Louis Park

Byerly's

Excelsior Blvd.

Crosstown 62

Bloomington

Southdale

South

West

Hopkins

Hwy 169

Hwy 100

West

West

West

# FAIR HOUSING TOWNHALL MEETING

Monday, April 22, 1996

## PANELISTS

Donna Fairbanks  
MN Housing Finance Agency  
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Donna E. Hanbery  
Managing Partner of Hanbery,  
Neumeyer & Carney - Advocate  
for "Landlords' Rights"  
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James E. Wilkinson  
Housing Discrimination Law  
Project of The Legal Aid Society  
of Mpls.  
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Charlie Warner  
CASH - Section 8 Issues  
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Sheri Bezdicek  
Housing Support Specialist

## When

Monday, April 22, 1996

## Where

Richfield Community Center  
7000 Nicollet Ave. S.  
Richfield, MN  
861-9360

## Time

7 - 10 PM

## Cost

Free

This meeting is open to all  
community members

## Who Should Attend

- \* Fair Housing Advocates
- \* Tenants
- \* Landlords/Apt. Managers
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North

Mpls

St. Louis Park

Crosstown 62

66th Street

Southdale

West

Hwy 100

France Ave. S.

35 W

Nicollet Ave. S.

Richfield

East

Richfield Community Center  
7000 Nicollet

Portland Ave. S.

Bloomington

494

South

# Agenda

**8:30 - 9:00 a.m.**

## **Registration**

Join us for a coffee and rolls before we start our day.

**9:00 - 9:45 a.m.**

## **Keynote**

### **"Fair Housing in 1996 and Beyond"**

Gregory Squires, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee and HUD, leading expert on redlining and insurance.

**9:45 - 11:00 a.m.**

## **"Marketing Fair Housing"**

A panel of experts will frame the issues for fair housing in the contexts of home ownership, advertising, renting, insurance and zoning.

**11:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

## **Questions and Answers**

**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

## **Lunch Presentation**

### **"Times, They Are Changing:**

### **Demographic Changes in the Twin Cities"**

#### **Representative Myron Orfield**

Representative Myron Orfield will discuss how the composition of the Twin Cities has changed over the years.

**1:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

## **Breakout Sessions**

The breakout sessions will give participants the latest information, best practices and strategies to advance fair housing.

**1:00 - 2:10 p.m.**

## **Breakout Session I - Choose from:\***

1. "Homeownership: Buying, Selling and Lending to Advance Fair Housing" (Part I)
2. "Insurance: Redlining No More!"
3. "Advertising: All the Fair Housing That is Fit To Print!"
4. "Rental Property: Looking at Renting from Both Sides"
5. "Zoning: Creative or Exclusionary?"

**2:20 - 3:30 p.m.**

## **Breakout Session II - Choose from:\***

1. "Homeownership: Buying, Selling and Lending to Advance Fair Housing" (Part II)
2. "Insurance: Redlining No More!"
3. "Advertising: All the Fair Housing That is Fit To Print!"
4. "Rental Property: Looking at Renting from Both Sides"
5. "Zoning: Creative or Exclusionary?"

\* The session on homeownership is for 2 1/2 hours. The other sessions are for 1 hour, 10 minutes, and will be presented twice.

**3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

## **"ACTION!"**

Tom Streitz, of the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, will lead a discussion about some of the tools we have for taking action, such as Community Development Block Grants and the Community Reinvestment Act.

# About the Faculty

**P**rofessor Gregory D. Squires is a sociologist from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, with experience consulting for HUD, the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, and fair housing groups around the country. His books include Capital and Communities in Black and White (1994) and From Redlining to Reinvestment (1992).

**A**ttorney Philip Tegler, currently works with the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union, and has a long career of civil rights work.

**R**epresentative Myron Orfield, has practiced law in both the public and private sectors, and currently teaches as an adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota.

He has become widely known for his work on the demographic trend affecting the cities.

**Other speakers will include:** Mark Anfinson, MN Newspaper Assoc.; Denise Buchner and Carol Gotter, Suburban Hennepin Anti-Racism Coalition; Dan Hardy, MN Mortgage Bankers' Assoc.; Jean Leake, Realtor; Barbara Lukermann, Humphrey Institute; Yusef Mgeni, Urban Coalition; Samuel Myers, Jr., Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and Social Justice; Jaime Pedraza and Dee Fitch, HUD; John Powell, Institute on Race and Poverty; Charlie Warner, Community Action for Suburban Hennepin; and Charles Williams, MHFA.

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# What To Expect

## Information

National and local speakers will share their knowledge and experience about the promotion of fair housing.

## Interaction

Ample opportunity will be given for participants to ask questions and to express their viewpoints.

## Planning and Networking

Participants will have the chance to plan how they will advance fair housing efforts in their work and in their community. Presenters and participants will represent many different walks of life, including property owners and managers, housing advocates, real estate agents, attorneys, lenders, insurers and advertisers.

## Urban, Suburban and Rural

A variety of types of communities and their particular issues will be addressed.

## Cost and Credit

The cost is \$30.00; scholarships are available. Continuing education credit for attorneys and realtors will be sought.

## To Register

Please register by January 31, 1996

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed (checks only): \_\_\_\_\_

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Breakout II: (circle) 1 2 3 4 5

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## ...and pass the word.

### Friday, February 16, 1996

**Northwest Inn**  
6900 Lakeland Avenue North  
(I-94 and Co. Rd. 81)  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

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