

## HOW YOU CAN RECOGNIZE HOUSING DISCRIMINATION.

### **What are the signs of housing discrimination?**

- Preventing someone from getting housing.
- Treating one renter or buyer differently.
- Denying someone the right to buy or rent a home even when he or she can afford it.

### **Other Examples Include If Someone**

- Refuses to rent.
- Lies about availability (it's already rented), rental or sales terms.
- Has different conditions for renting (asks for a higher security deposit or rental payment).
- Fails to respond to inquiries or delays to avoid showing a home.
- Advertises "no kids allowed" or "whites only."
- Fails to let buyers know about all listings.
- Steers buyers to certain neighborhoods.
- Sets different loan terms or conditions.
- Denies loans in certain neighborhoods (called "redlining").

### **WHAT LAWS PROTECT YOU? FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING ACT**

#### **PROTECTED CLASSES:**

- Race
  - Color
  - National Origin
  - Religion
  - Sex
  - Familial Status
- ⇒ You have children under 18 in the home
- Disability
- ⇒ Physical or Mental impairment which substantially limits a major life activity (including HIV/AIDS)



### **NEW YORK STATE HUMAN RIGHTS LAW**

#### PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION BASED ON:

- Marital Status
- Sexual Orientation
- Age (18 and older)
- Military status
- Creed

### **NASSAU AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES HUMAN RIGHTS LAWS**

#### PROTECT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION.

Nassau County Source of Income Protection

Suffolk County Source of Income Protection



## How to Protect Your Rights or File a Complaint

If you think you are a victim of discrimination,  
you can ask for help from a government agency or private organization:

**United States Attorney's Office  
Eastern District of New York**  
271 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201  
Attn: Chief of Civil Rights, Civil Division  
718-254-7000

**The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban  
Development (HUD)**  
451 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 5116  
Washington, D.C. 20410-2000  
(202) 708-2878  
Toll Free 1-800-669-9777

**The New York State Division of Human Rights  
Nassau Office** 175 Fulton Ave., Suite 404  
Hempstead, NY 11550  
(516) 538-1360

**Suffolk Office** State Office Building  
250 Veterans Memorial Hwy., Suite 2B-49  
Hauppauge, NY 11787  
(516) 952-6434

**Nassau County Human Rights Commission**  
240 Old Country Road, Suite 606  
Mineola, NY 11501  
(516) 571-3662

**Suffolk County Human Rights Commission**  
H. Lee Dennison Building  
100 Veterans Memorial Hwy., 3rd Fl.  
Hauppauge, NY 11788  
(631) 853-5480

**Fair Housing Justice Center (FHJC)**  
5 Hanover Square, 17th Fl.  
New York, NY 10004  
(212) 400-8201

**Long Island Housing Services, Inc.**  
640 Johnson Ave., Suite 8  
Bohemia, NY 11716  
(516) 292-0400 Nassau or (631) 567-5111 Suffolk

