



Lancaster Supports FAIR HOUSING

Be an active, supportive member of a caring community

Diversity strengthens the very fabric of our community. When neighbors of diverse backgrounds come together, surprising things can happen. New friendships blossom, acceptance and understanding improve while tensions subside. By sharing experiences, we discover just how much we have in common.

The City of Lancaster supports Fair Housing and encourages everyone to get to know their neighbors. Building these bonds create stronger, more resilient neighborhoods and lasting friendships that see beyond the attributes which make us different and find the values we share.

Regardless of your race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, familial status, source of income, disability, genetic characteristics, or age, you are entitled to fair and equal treatment when seeking a place to live.

Landlords, property owners, lenders, and their agents may not discriminate against you based on any of these characteristics.

If you believe you have experienced illegal discrimination or harassment, report it. The proper authorities will investigate your claim and if substantiated, will take appropriate action. Wherever possible, a mediator will try and resolve the complaint amicably, but if necessary, the authorities may file suit to ensure your rights are upheld.

To report suspected discrimination, contact the L.A. County Housing Rights Center (HRC) at 800-477-5977, or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at 800-669-9777.

Embrace **DIVERSITY**. It's our strength.



FAIR HOUSING:
It's the law and the right thing to do.

Common Violations of Fair Housing Laws

- Refusal to sell or rent housing based on any personal or family characteristic
- Representing that a home is not available for inspection, sale, or rental when in fact it is
- Denial of a home, home loan, or homeowner's insurance based on discriminatory factors
- Offering different terms or conditions for the sale or rental of a home to some which are different than those offered to others
- Refusal to grant reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services, or refusal to permit reasonable modifications at the occupant's expense to persons with disabilities
- Creating policies, practices, terms, or conditions which result in unequal access to housing
- Intimidating, threatening, or interfering with any person's ability to exercise fair housing rights

All of these may be violations of the Fair Housing Act. To learn more, visit www.hud.gov/fairhousing.