



# All Things Being Equal

*Fair Housing is all about equal rights for everyone*

When looking for a home or home loan, you should not have to worry about what you look like, what you believe in, or the makeup of your family.

Regardless of your race; color; religion; gender; sexual orientation; gender identity or expression; national origin; familial or marital status; disability; ancestry; or other characteristics protected by law, you should be treated fairly and honestly when seeking housing.

The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they buy or rent a home. Landlords, as well as home sellers and their agents, can examine your credit worthiness and housing history when making a decision on selling or renting a home to you, but they cannot show bias based on your personal or familial characteristics.

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.



## 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](http://www.hud.gov/fairhousing).