

# NEIGHBORHOOD & HOUSING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## *Assessment of Fair Housing*



The City of San Antonio (the City) is the recipient of federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As such, the City has an obligation to affirmatively further fair housing as required by the Fair Housing Act (the Act) of 1968. The Act prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings and in other real estate-related transactions because of race, color, religion, gender, familial status, national origin or disability. In addition, it requires that the City administer HUD-funded programs and activities relating to housing and urban development in a manner that affirmatively furthers the policies of the Act.

HUD's Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Rule, previously the Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice, provides an effective planning approach to aid program participants in taking meaningful actions to overcome historic patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, and foster inclusive communities that are free from discrimination.

The Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) requires program participants to:

1. Analyze data and other information and engage the community in fair housing planning;
2. Conduct and submit to HUD an AFH that identifies, at a minimum, certain types of fair housing issues in the jurisdiction and region;
3. Identify and prioritize significant contributing factors for each fair housing issue identified;
4. Set fair housing goals for overcoming the effects of the prioritized contributing factors, and related fair housing issues;
5. Integrate the goals and priorities established in the AFH into subsequent plans for the use of HUD funds (Consolidated Plans, annual action plans, and PHA Plans) consistent with the statutory requirements and goals governing such programs; and
6. Certify that the program participant will take meaningful actions to further the goals identified in its AFH and take no action that is materially inconsistent with its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing.

To assist with this very important planning process, HUD has provided the City with technical assistance through the National Association of Latino Community Asset Builders.

The City initiated the SA Speak Up on Fair Housing Campaign on March 4, 2019 and is conducting a Fair Housing Survey which can be accessed online at [www.saspeakup.com](http://www.saspeakup.com) through May 3, 2019. Additionally, the City held a Community Input Session on March 13, 2019 and is holding a second Community Input Session on April 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Central Library Auditorium (600 Soledad). To date, the City has collected about 250 surveys. In May, the City will compile and analyze the input provided and develop the draft Assessment of Fair Housing. On June 2, 2019, the City will post the draft AFH for review and public comment.

For more information, visit [www.sanantonio.gov/gmainaction](http://www.sanantonio.gov/gmainaction) or call (210) 207-6600.