

CELEBRATING VICTORIES AND MOVING FORWARD... THE LEGACY CONTINUES

**SEVENTH ANNUAL FAIR HOUSING SYMPOSIUM
TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008**

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

9:00 – 10:00 – REGISTRATION

10:00 – 10:30 – OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty

Kim Kendrick, Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

OHR "Know Your Fair Housing Rights Video"

10:30 – 11:45 - 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT: CELEBRATING VICTORIES AND MOVING FORWARD...THE LEGACY CONTINUES

THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS The OHR received substantially equivalency from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2000 to enforce fair housing laws in the District of Columbia. OHR will provide an update on the type of complaints filed at OHR and discuss new initiatives for informing consumers about their fair housing rights.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S (DHCD) fair housing program is a leader nationwide in ensuring that the agency and the District affirmatively further fair housing through compliance with the Fair Housing Act and other fair housing and equal opportunity laws, policies and regulations. DHCD will discuss how its Fair Housing Program is implemented across all program areas, and how the Department has taken a proactive approach to educate its staff, sub-recipients, and District residents about fair housing matters.

THE NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING ALLIANCE (NFHA) was founded in 1988 as a consortium of private, non-profit fair housing organizations, state and local civil rights groups and concerned individuals all dedicated to ensuring equal housing, lending and insurance opportunities under the Fair Housing Act (FHA). Less than one percent of the estimated 4 million instances of housing discrimination in rental and sales transactions are reported each year. NFHA will present on the history of housing discrimination and residential segregation and how that has led to the current foreclosure crisis; the state of fair housing; highlight sample cases and complaints brought by NFHA and its members under the FHA and other civil rights laws and offer thoughts on how to move forward and reclaim civil rights.

"PASSING THE TORCH" – Youthbuild fair housing contest winners will present the importance of understanding the Fair Housing Act for the next generation. Youthbuild shows young people how to build new homes for people in need, and new lives for themselves. Each year, youth who participate in Youthbuild receive a combination of classroom academic and job skills development and on-site training in a construction trade. With support from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Youthbuild participants are able to put their newly acquired skills to good use rehabilitating and building housing for low-income and homeless people in their COMMUNITIES.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW FAIR HOUSING CLINIC

The Law School has received a substantial grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to design, organize and operate a fair housing legal-clinical program and to develop fair housing legal curricula that will train and educate law students and lawyers about fair housing rights and obligations. Brian Gilmore, Clinical Supervising Attorney will share program accomplishments.

11:45 – 12:00 BREAK

12:00 – 1:45 LUNCHEON

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO YOUTHBUILD FAIR HOUSING CONTESTANTS BY CITY COUNCIL

JOHN RELMAN OF RELMAN AND DANE, will discuss the impact of relevant fair housing cases around the country since the inception of the Fair Housing Act, which also will include significant cases in the District of Columbia.

In addition, the work of Bernie Kleina, fair housing civil rights advocate and photographer, who documented the first fair housing movement in Chicago during the 1960's will display his photography exhibit.

1:45 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. – CLOSING REMARKS