

Fair Housing Survey for Orange County Residents

A group of 16 Orange County cities¹ is conducting a study to evaluate fair housing conditions in their communities, and is interested in gathering information from residents on any experience they may have had with housing discrimination. Your input is greatly needed to provide a clear picture of the situation within these areas, which will in turn assist the group in developing a plan to improve equal and fair housing choice for all residents. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey. Your answers will be kept confidential. You can also respond to the survey on-line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OC-AI16CitiesSurvey> ENGLISH. For additional information, please contact: Robert G. Vasquez, GRC Associates, Inc., (626) 331-6373, rvasquez@grcassoc.com.

1. **Please identify the ZIP code of your residence.** _____

2. **Have you ever encountered any form of housing discrimination in one of the 16 Orange County cities?**

- YES City name _____
- NO
- NOT SURE

(If YES or NOT SURE, proceed to questions 3-7.
If NO, skip to question 8)

3. **If yes, which of the following best describes the person responsible for discriminating against you?**

- A landlord/property manager
- A real estate agent
- A lending institution
- A City staff person
- Other: _____

Examples of discrimination include:

- A rental advertisement that says, "Perfect for couples or singles without children" or "No Pets" without an exception for service animals.
- A real estate agent "steers" you to houses in neighborhoods different than the ones you have requested and think you can afford.
- A landlord refuses to let you install a ramp in your shower (at your own expense) to accommodate your disability.

4. **Which of the following best describes the location where the act of discrimination occurred?**

- An apartment complex
- A trailer or mobile home park
- A single-family neighborhood
- A subsidized housing project
- A condominium development
- When applying for City programs
- When applying for a loan

5. **Please explain how you believe you were discriminated against:** _____

¹ The following 16 cities are participating in the regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice: Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, La Habra, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Orange, Newport Beach, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, Santa Ana, and Tustin.

6. On what basis do you believe you were discriminated against? Check all that apply:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Race | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color | <input type="checkbox"/> Ancestry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Origin | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gender | <input type="checkbox"/> Marital Status |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age | <input type="checkbox"/> Source of Income (i.e. welfare) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Status (e.g. due to children) | |

7. Did you report the incident?

- YES - If Yes, who did you contact? _____
- NO - If No, why not?
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know where to report | <input type="checkbox"/> Afraid of retaliation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too much trouble | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't believe it makes any difference |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

8. Have you ever been denied "reasonable accommodation" (flexibility) in rules, policies, or practices that you required to accommodate a disability related to housing?

- YES
- NO
- If YES, what was your request? _____
- _____
- _____

9. How well informed do you feel yourself to be about housing discrimination laws?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very well informed | <input type="checkbox"/> A little informed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat informed | <input type="checkbox"/> Not informed at all |

10. What would you do if you encountered housing discrimination?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tell the person you believe they are discriminating | <input type="checkbox"/> Report it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do nothing and seek other housing options | <input type="checkbox"/> Wouldn't know what to do |

11. Do you believe there is housing discrimination occurring in Orange County and, if so, what types of discrimination problems do you think are the worst? _____

Your input is greatly appreciated!

Please return the survey by **October 15, 2015** to:

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