



FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION Number 2010-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ADOPTING A FAIR HOUSING POLICY, MAKING KNOWN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF FAIR HOUSING, AND DESCRIBING ACTIONS IT SHALL UNDERTAKE TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING.

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended requires that all applicants for Community Development Block Grant funds certify that they shall affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 declare a national policy to prohibit discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing and financing of housing or land to be used for the construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin; and

WHEREAS, fairness is the foundation of the American system and reflects traditional American values; and

WHEREAS, discriminatory housing practices undermine the strength and vitality of America and its people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County hereby wishes all persons living, working, doing business in or traveling through this County to know that:

1. Discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing and financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988; and that it is the policy of the Santa Cruz County to implement programs, within the constraints of its resources, to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin; and
2. Within available resources the County will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against in housing issues on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap familial status or national origin to seek equity under existing federal and state laws to file a complaint with the Arizona Attorney General's Office or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

3. That the County shall publicize this Resolution and thereby encourage owners of rental properties, developers, builders and others involved with housing to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances; and that the County shall undertake the following actions to additionally "affirmatively further fair housing:"

1. Mail copies of this resolution to realtors, banks, community organizations and the local media (list attached).
2. Post copies of this resolution at the County Complex in Nogales and the North County Facility.
3. Post Fair Housing posters in the County Complex in Nogales and the North County Facility.
4. Make Fair Housing brochures available at the front reception desk and the central permits desk at the County Complex in Nogales.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF MARCH, 2010.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Not present
John Maynard, Chairman

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Manuel Ruiz, Vice Chairman

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Rudy Molera, Member

ATTEST:

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Melinda Meek, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Leslie G. Spira, Chief Deputy County Attorney