Fair Housing Rights

HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IS ILLEGAL!

If you are trying to rent or buy an apartment, a house or any other type of residence, it is illegal for a landlord or home seller to discriminate against you based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability. A landlord or home seller cannot legally use any of those discriminatory factors to:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing
- Refuse to negotiate for housing
- Make housing unavailable
- Deny a dwelling
- Set different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Provide different housing services or facilities
- Falsely deny that housing is available for inspection, sale, or rental
- Try to persuade owners to sell or rent to manipulate neighborhood housing prices for personal profit (also known as “blockbusting”)
- Deny anyone access to or membership in a facility or service (such as a real estate multiple listing service) related to the sale or rental of housing

If you believe that a landlord, home seller, real estate agent, mortgage lender or other business or person has violated your Fair Housing rights, you can call the HUD Fair Housing Hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

You can get more Fair Housing information at the following websites:

New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority: http://www.housingnm.org/resources/fair-housing

Albuquerque:

https://www.cabq.gov/humanrights/discrimination/housingdisc

Las Cruces:
http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/community-development/housing-and-

Santa Fe:

https://www.santafenm.gov/fair_housing