



2021 FAIR HOUSING ROUNDTABLES

APRIL 26, 2021-APRIL 30, 2021

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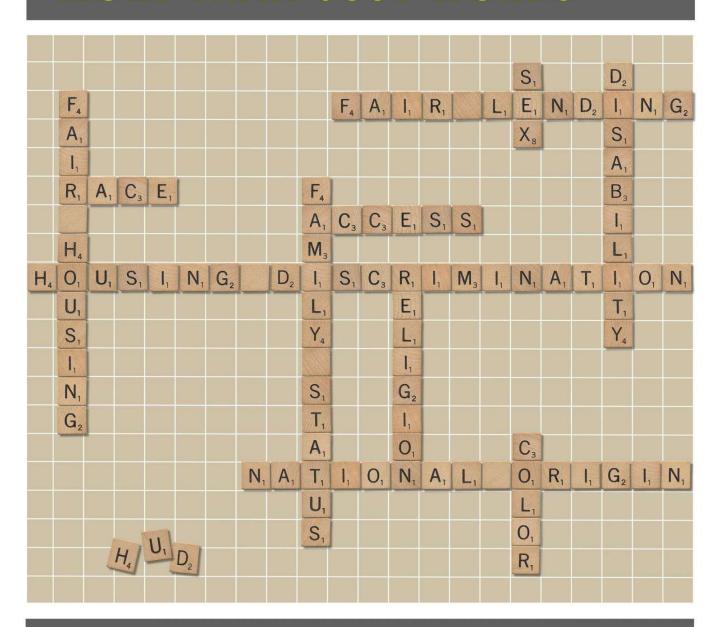




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Fair Housing: MORE THAN JUST WORDS



FAIR HOUSING: More than just words on a gameboard, IT IS THE LAW.





KNOW YOUR RIGHTS! If you feel you have experienced housing discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and family status, contact HUD at 1-800-669-9777 (voice), 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay), online at www.hud.gov/fairhousing, or your local fair housing organization.





Thank you for joining us in celebrating National Fair Housing Month. The Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc. staff and Board of Directors appreciate your participation. On behalf of the Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc., I would like to extend a special thanks to the Inland Valley Association of Realtors (IVASR) for their support in coordinating the Fair Housing Roundtables.

The challenges that 2020 brought due to COVID-19 have affected us all. FHCRC hopes to bring light to the housing needs of the Inland Empire communities which will result in dramatic changes to help our area thrive.

Your feedback and participation will be integral in making this a productive event!

Rose Mayes, Executive Director FHCRC



DAY 1: Monday, April 26, 2021		
Topic	Disability Related Housing Discrimination	
11:00 am-11:15 am	Opening remarks and introductions	
11:15 am-12:00 pm	Speaker: Morgan Williams, National Fair Housing Alliance	
12:00 pm-12:30 pm	Roundtable Discussion	
DAY 2: Tuesday, April 27, 2021		
Topic	Sex Discrimination	
11:00 am-11:15 am	Opening remarks and introductions	
11:15 am-12:00 pm	Speaker: Margaret Elder, Law Offices of Elder & Spencer	
12:00 pm-12:30pm	Roundtable Discussion	
DAY 3: Wednesday, April 28, 2021		
Topics	Impediments to Affordable Housing & Impediments to Fair Housing	
11:00 am – 11:15 am	Opening remarks and introductions	
11:15 am-12:00 pm	Speakers: Bruce Kulpa, CEO RHDC & Jamila Reed, Program Manager FHCRC	
12:00-12:30pm	Roundtable Discussion	



DAY 4: Thursday, April 29, 2021		
Topic	Fair Housing Post COVID-19	
11:00 am-11:15 am	Opening remarks and introductions	
11:15 am-12:00 pm	Speaker: Christopher Brancart, Law Offices of Brancart & Brancart	
12:00-12:30pm	Roundtable Discussion	
DAY 5: Friday, April 30, 2021		
Topic	Design and Construction Accessibility requirements	
11:00 am-11:15am	Opening remarks and introductions	
11:15 am-12:00pm	Speaker: Morgan Williams, National Fair Housing Alliance	
12:00-12:30pm	Roundtable Discussion	

Speakers' Biography and Picture Day 1

Topic

Disability related housing discrimination

Morgan Williams, Esq. - National Fair Housing Alliance



Morgan Williams is responsible for leading NFHA's strategic and tactical legal initiatives and affairs. Mr. Williams leads NFHA's efforts to pursue pioneering litigation under the federal Fair Housing Act, often utilizing testing-based evidence and working in partnership with NFHA's network of local fair housing centers. He coordinates NFHA's actions to file amicus briefs to promote sound fair housing jurisprudence. Mr. Williams also provides training and technical support to local fair housing centers across the country on investigation and enforcement strategies, as well as training to housing providers and services on a range of complicated and emerging topics. In addition, he assists with NFHA's federal public policy advocacy, in coordination with legislative offices and federal agencies, and helps local advocates address state and local legislative matters.



Speakers' Biography and Picture Day 2

Topic

Sex discrimination

Margaret Elder, Esq. - Law Offices of Elder & Spencer



Ms. Elder is a civil rights attorney, specializing in fair housing and habitability litigation. Ms. Elder graduated Cum Laude from Western State University, College of Law. Following law school, she was a staff attorney at the Fair Housing Council of Orange County. Ms. Elder left the Fair Housing Council in 1998 and became an associate at a defense firm for seven years. As a defense attorney, Ms. Elder defended owners of apartments accused of housing discrimination. Her background as both a staff attorney at a Council and a defense attorney gives her a unique perspective in housing cases, and has allowed her to obtain settlements as high as seven figures. Ms. Elder has successfully tried housing cases to jury verdict in both Federal and State courts.



Speakers' Biographies and Pictures Day 3

Topic	Impediments to Affordable Housing
Topic	Impediments to Fair Housing



Bruce Kulpa, President/CEO

Riverside Housing Development Corporation

Mr. Kulpa has over 30 years of experience in banking, real estate, and organization management. He has over 25 years of experience in the administration of governmental housing programs. Mr. Kulpa's knowledge of administrating government programs comes from volunteer service as well as his 24 years of direct employment experience as Executive Director of the Riverside Housing Development Corporation. Previously, Mr. Kulpa was Section Manager for Bank of America's Commercial Appraisal Group covering all of Riverside and San Bernardino counties.



Jamila Reed, Program Manager

Ms. Reed has been affiliated with Fair housing Since 2017 as a tester and became a full-time employee in 2019. Jamila received her Bachelor in Science from the University of Phoenix and her goal is to develop partnerships with organizations that will continue to educate the community with resources. She enjoys taking walks around the neighborhood with her children.



Speakers' Biography and Picture Day 4

Topic

Fair Housing Post COVID-19

Christopher Brancart, Esq.



Christopher Brancart started the Brancart and Brancart firm in 1989 with Elizabeth Brancart. Chris graduated with honors from the University of Texas School of Law in 1985, clerked for the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court (1985-1986), taught appellate advocacy and administrative law at Western State College of Law (1987-1988), and worked as a staff attorney and then the supervising attorney at the Pomona legal services office (1987-1989). Since entering private practice, Chris has focused on litigating cases that expand fair housing rights, devising methods that improve fair housing investigations, and supporting fair housing attorneys and advocates through trainings and co-counseling. Chris is a member of the State Bars of California, Nevada, North Dakota, and Maine, and admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, Courts of Appeals for the Ninth and Eighth Circuits, and the United States District Courts in California, Nevada, North Dakota, and the Southern District of Indiana



Speakers' Biography and Picture Day 5

Topic

Design and Construction Accessibility requirements

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Moderators' Biographies and Pictures



Rose Mayes, Executive Director

Ms. Mayes has over 28 years of experience in Business Management, Civil Rights, and Fair Housing. Ms. Mayes is a community leader and serves on numerous boards and commissions at the local and regional levels. She was recently acknowledged at a HUD conference for her foresight in addressing the foreclosure crisis that still affects many families.



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FAIR HOUSING =

PROTECTING provider
EVERYONE'S
ACCESS TO reason to
CIVIL RIGHTS & discriminate
EQUALITY IN HOUSING

It is prohibited under the Fair Housing Act for any landlord or housing provider to discriminate against LGBTQ persons because of their real or perceived gender identity or any other reason that constitutes sex based discrimination.

If you or someone you know have been discriminated against, call the Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc.



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