

Fair Housing Presentation
to

Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs



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SILVER STATE
FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL



Silver State Fair Housing Council

- ❑ Private nonprofit agency funded by grants from HUD and local jurisdictions
- ❑ Mission: Ensure equal housing opportunity for all residents of Nevada
- ❑ Offices in Las Vegas and Reno
- ❑ Programs:
 - Fair housing enforcement – assistance in filing housing discrimination complaints, housing discrimination testing
 - Education and outreach – provide housing consumers and providers with resources to understand and comply with fair housing laws
 - Assessing barriers to equal housing opportunity
- ❑ We are here to be a resource for you and your constituents!

Fair housing laws

Under the **federal Fair Housing Act**, it is illegal to discriminate in the provision of housing and housing-related services based on:

- Race
- Color
- National origin
- Religion
- Sex

• Gender • Harassment • Sexual orientation • Gender identity

- Familial status
- Disability

In addition, **Nevada State Law** provides protections for:

- Ancestry
- Sexual orientation
- Gender identity or expression



All entities that control and/or have an effect on housing or housing choice are covered by FHA

- Property owners
- Property management companies, agents, onsite workers
- Service contractors
- Real estate agents, brokers
- Lending institutions, title companies, escrow companies
- Appraisers
- Homeowner Associations (HOA)
- Cooperatives
- Developers/contractors
- Public Housing Authorities
- Agencies that receive funds to provide housing

Remedies

- ❑ Administrative complaints to HUD or to Nevada Equal Rights Commission
 - Up to one year from last alleged incident of discrimination



- ❑ Judicial Process – federal or state court
 - Up to two years from the last alleged incident of discrimination



Silver State Fair Housing Council



Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) is a non-profit agency advocating for equal access to housing in Nevada since 1989. SSFHC has office locations in Reno and Las Vegas to better address inquiries about housing discrimination for consumers, housing providers, and local jurisdictions. SSFHC also provides services in rural communities through personal interactions, meeting utilizing remote technologies, and community partnerships. SSFHC strives to break down barriers to equal housing opportunity and build opportunities for community members to relate to each other as neighbors by addressing the needs of all members of the community. SSFHC provides education and outreach about fair housing rights; processes discrimination complaints, investigations, and referrals; and assesses barriers to fair housing in Nevada. SSFHC works to guarantee the right of all people to freely choose where they want and can afford to live.

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