

LGBT Discrimination Study

Overview

Secretary Shaun Donovan and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are launching a groundbreaking national study of housing discrimination against members of the LGBT community in the sale and rental of housing.

HUD has historically been a leader in combating housing discrimination, having undertaken important research in 1977, 1989 and 2000 to study the impact of discrimination on the basis of race and color. This year, HUD's study will examine housing discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity for the first time. While there have been no national assessments of LGBT housing discrimination, state and local studies have suggested this sort of bias exists.

This initiative will be led by HUD Assistant Secretary Raphael Bostic and his staff in the Office of Policy Development and Research.

As HUD designs this historic research effort, Assistant Secretary Bostic is conducting a national listening tour to solicit feedback. Town Hall Meetings have been held in San Francisco and Chicago, and another event is scheduled for New York City on Monday, March 15th, 2010. [Learn more about the New York City event.](#) The agency wants to hear from community members beyond these 3 cities about their views on the key areas where housing discrimination takes place (e.g. in the showing of rental or ownership properties).

In addition, we are looking for suggestions on how best to execute the study. For example, how would you signal in a conversation with a landlord that an individual, as opposed to a couple, was LGBT?

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on these issues. This is not a place to lodge complaints about a particular incident. If you believe you have been a victim of housing discrimination, you may [file an online complaint with](#)

HUD, or call HUD's Housing Discrimination Hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

Please click on the link below to submit your suggestions.

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