

# 2015 ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS

The City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) regularly updates the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). The AI reviews public and private policies, practices and procedures to identify possible barriers to fair housing choice and also serves as a basis for fair housing planning.

In the fall of 2014, HCDD launched a citywide public participation process to gather information from residents about housing discrimination to inform the 2015 AI. As a result of public input and data analysis, the 2015 AI identified 14 barriers (or impediments) as negatively affecting Houstonians' housing choices. The 14 impediments are categorized under four fair housing and neighborhood rights.

## IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE



### The Right to Choose:

Houstonians have a right to live in a decent home in a neighborhood of their choice, free from discrimination

1. Discrimination in Housing
2. Lack of Knowledge about Fair Housing
3. Lack of Affordable Housing Options
4. Lack of Accessible Housing for Persons with Disabilities
5. Lack of Income/Lack of Funding
6. Segregated Housing Patterns Based on Race, Ethnicity, and Economic Status



### The Right to Equal Treatment:

Houstonians should live in communities where infrastructure, public services and facilities, and other public resources are provided equitably to all neighborhoods

9. Imbalanced Distribution of Amenities, Services, and Infrastructure Between Neighborhoods
10. Not In My Back Yard (NIMBY) Resistance
11. Lack of Transportation Options
12. Low Educational Attainment Among Minorities
13. Increased Health Hazard Exposure in Certain Neighborhoods



### The Right to Stay:

Houstonians living in transitioning neighborhoods should benefit from revitalization without displacement

7. Affordability
8. Lack of Financial Education



### The Right to Have a Say:

Houstonians have a right to be informed about, and have an input in, decisions that affect their communities

14. Lack of Communication Between Government and Residents

The City of Houston will implement various actions, as listed in 2015 AI, to address these 14 impediments in an effort to decrease housing discrimination and promote fair housing choice in the city through 2020. To view the 2015 AI, please visit: [www.houstontx.gov/housing/ai-fairhousing.pdf](http://www.houstontx.gov/housing/ai-fairhousing.pdf).