



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Fair Housing Committee

AGENDA

Meeting Date: April 2, 2025
Location: Zoom
Time: 8:30 a.m.

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1. Approval of March 2025 minutes
2. FHC Future
3. Fair Housing Training
4. Subcommittee Updates
 - Membership & Nominating Sub-Committee
 - Fair Housing Award Sub-Committee
5. FHC Priorities

FH Protected Groups

- Promote housing choice for diverse populations to advance Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), with focus on race/ethnicity, public subsidy, family status, and disability
- Promote Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging in Newton
- Promote effective processes/practices for new affordable homeownership and resales
- Promote improved practices for real estate professionals to achieve more housing choice for diverse populations
- Identify and work to overcome barriers to successful tenancies and to improve processes/practices for tenant selection in lottery and market rate multifamily rental housing

Learning/Teaching

- Enhance FH literature and website information and access for the public
- Promote FH training for real estate professionals, landlords, tenants, the public and committee members

Data and Analysis

- Promote data collection on multi-family rental and new homeownership occupancy
- Enhance Project Review of Housing Developments to advance AFFH
- Support AI/Consortium Fair Housing Testing and FH testing in Newton

Collaboration

- Collaborate with Related Newton Commissions and Committees to increase affordable housing for households of various sizes and lower incomes; such efforts to include supporting efforts to broaden the range of available housing types in Newton

- Collaborate with related Newton commissions, committees, and officials to promote affordable housing production and to encourage increased funding for affordable housing
- Promote affordable housing production in coordination with other City commissions and committees
- Support federal, state and city initiatives that promote AFFH
- Collaborate with Human Rights Commission on Fair Housing Complaint Process
- Contribute to Newton's FH-related plans
- Address committee membership appointments with representation from Human Rights Commission and legal counsel with FH specialty

6. Adjournment

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