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# WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND EIGHT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS INVITE YOU TO PROVIDE INPUT TO THE REGIONAL FAIR HOUSING PLAN THAT WILL SHAPE THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN THE REGION.

## THE DRAFT PLAN HAS REGIONAL AND LOCAL GOALS AND ACTIONS THAT WILL:

- Increase access to housing
- Increase access to all neighborhoods
- Increase fair housing enforcement
- Remove barriers to housing choice
- Increase housing choice for persons with disabilities



**Review** the Regional Fair Housing Plan at [www.mwcog.org/fairhousingplan](http://www.mwcog.org/fairhousingplan).

**Questions?** Email [fairhousing@mwcog.org](mailto:fairhousing@mwcog.org) or leave a voicemail at 202-962-3794.

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**Areas included in the plan:** Alexandria, District of Columbia, Gaithersburg, and counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Montgomery, and Prince William.

Federal law protects your right to housing and makes it an unlawful housing practice for any person to discriminate in connection with housing because of an individual's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status (being pregnant or having children under 18), or physical or mental disability. Additional state and local protections also include gender identity, sexual orientation, and source of income among others.

Eight local governments are partnering with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) to prepare a Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (Regional Housing Equity Plan). The jurisdictions are required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to affirmatively further fair housing. The Regional Fair Housing Plan will fulfill this HUD requirement and aims to increase collaboration, innovation, and effectiveness of strategies to affirmatively further fair housing throughout the metropolitan area.