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**“Fair Housing: It’s Not An Option, It’s The Law”**

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# **Greater Flint Area Fair Housing Conference**

**Sponsored by:**

**City of Flint Human Relations Commission  
Flint Area Community Housing Resource Board  
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission  
United Way of Genesee County**

**April 26, 2008**

**Sarvis Conference Center  
1231 E. Kearsley Street  
Flint, Michigan 48503**

**GREATER FLINT AREA FAIR HOUSING CONFERENCE  
PROGRAMME**

**Mistress of Ceremony**

**Commissioner Sandra Epps, Chairperson**  
*HRC Fair Housing Committee*

**PLENARY SESSION**

**Greetings**

**Marvin A. Jennings, Jr., Aide to the Mayor**  
*City of Flint*

**Councilwoman Carolyn A. Sims, Commissioner**  
*Human Relations Commission*

**Marcus Randolph, Assistant Treasurer**  
*City of Flint*

**Brenda Clack, State Representative**  
*Michigan, 34 District*

**Best Practice Fair Housing Awards**

**Carl Thompson, Associate Planner**  
*Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission*

*Human Relations Commission Fair Housing Committee*

**PRESENTATION**

***"Building Community!"***

**First Time Homebuyers**

**David Lucas, Personal Banker**  
**Chase Bank**

**Genesee County Land Bank**

*Genesee County Land Bank*

**Fair Housing Impediment Study for Genesee County,  
Including the City of Flint**

**Patricia Baird, Research Coordinator**  
*Fair Housing Centers of Eastern Michigan*

**FAIR HOUSING FORUM**

**Rebuilding Our City: One Neighborhood at A Time**

**MODERATOR**

**, On Air Personality**

**PANELIST**

**Gail Freeman, President**  
*Flint Area Association of Realtors*

*Genesee County Land Bank*

*Flint Board of Education*

**Rev. Freeelon Threlkeld, Jr.**  
**Faith Baptist Temple**

**David Magee, Project Coordinator**  
**Big Brothers & Big Sisters**

## LUNCHEON

Mistress of Ceremony

Sharon Hurd, President  
*Flint Area Community Housing Resource Board*

Greetings

Lottie Ferguson, Chairperson  
*City of Flint Human Relations Commission*

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Phyllis Tarpley, Equal Opportunity Specialist  
U. S. Department of HUD FH&EO

Keynote Speaker

David Youngblood, Equal Opportunity Specialist  
U. S. Department of HUD FH&EO

## WORKSHOPS

Workshop Instructions

Rosia Anderson Murphy, Fair Housing Specialist  
*City of Flint Human Relations Commission*

### REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS:

*Instructor:*

Patricia Baird, Research Coordinator, Fair Housing Centers of Eastern Michigan  
Phyllis Tarpley, Equal Opportunity Specialist, Programs Office of FH & EO

*Facilitator:*

### HOME FORECLOSURE PREVENTION:

*Instructor:*

Janice Gooley - Director of Housing Services, Urban League of Flint

*Facilitator:*

### LANDLORD/TENANT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

*Instructor:*

Rosia Anderson Murphy - Fair Housing Specialist, City of Flint Human Relations Commission

*Facilitator:*

### REPAIRING & IMPROVING YOUR CREDIT - FINANCIAL LITERACY:

*Instructors:*

Charlotte Edwards - Assistant Vice President Legal & Compliance, Citizens Bank

Sharon Hurd - Emerging Market Mortgage Loan Originator, Fifth Third Bank

Patricia Franklin-Lindsey - Assistant Vice President, Chemical Bank

Denise Green - Community Lending Officer, Chase Bank

Tasha Taylor - Community Home Loan Consultant, Countrywide Home Loans

*Facilitator:*

### HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

The City of Flint established a Fair Housing Ordinance in 1967 following evidence of housing discrimination and bias practices. The Human Relations Commission established a Fair Housing Committee to facilitate and promote neighborhood harmony, to ensure that Federal and Michigan Statutes relating to equal housing opportunities are enforced, and to provide activities which increase the education and awareness of the Fair Housing Law.

### GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

The primary responsibility of the CCMPC is to provide the staff to administer the Community Development Block Grant Program and the Transportation Planning Program and includes the monitoring of the overall development for the County. The Commission provides technical planning assistance to local units of government, the Board of Commissioners and various other agencies and reviews applications for federal assistance for projects or programs proposed by the County.

### FLINT AREA COMMUNITY HOUSING RESOURCE BOARD

The Flint Area Community Housing Resource Board (CHRB) was created by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It was formed as a non-profit board to:

1. Educate residents of Flint/Genesee County to identify discriminatory housing practices.
2. Provide information regarding the Federal Fair Housing Act and Michigan Civil Rights legislation.
3. Correct the effects of past discrimination by working cooperatively with the Flint/Genesee community.

The Flint Area Community Housing Resource Board conducts public awareness events, publishes fair housing information and co-sponsors fair housing activities during April, Fair Housing Month and October, Housing Education Month.

### CHRB Participating Organizations

Beecher Community Schools ~ Chase Bank ~ Chemical Bank ~ Citizens Bank ~ City of Flint Department of Budget Management & Grants ~ Court Street Village, Inc. ~ Fair Housing Center of Eastern Michigan ~ Fifth Third Bank ~ Flint Area Association Of Realtors ~ Flint City Council ~ Flint Community Schools ~ Flint/Genesee County Neighborhood Roundtable ~ Flint Human Relations Commission ~ Flint Housing Commission ~ Flint Neighborhood Improvement & Preservation Project ~ Flint North Central Weed and Seed ~ Flint Park Lake Citizen District Council ~ Genesee County Department of Human Services ~ Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission ~ Greater Eastside Community Association ~ Intake Assessment Referral Center ~ Metro Housing Partnership ~ Michigan Department of Civil Rights ~ Mid-Michigan District Women's Missionary Society CME Church ~ Mission of Peace Housing Counseling Agency ~ National Association for the Advancement of Colored People-Flint Branch ~ Salem Housing Community Development Corporation ~ Spanish Speaking Information Center ~ State Representative Brenda Clack ~ State Senator John Gleason ~ The Disability Network ~ T. R. Harris Community Development Corporation ~ United States Department of Agriculture ~ United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Field Office ~ United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Center ~ Valley Area Agency on Aging.

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