

**INTRODUCTION TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING AND THE NEW RULE TRANSCRIPT
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>> I SERVE AS EXECUTIVE SPONSOR FOR AFFIRMING HOUSING INITIATIVE. WELCOME TO THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF A SERIES OF VIDEOS WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER TO DESCRIBE THE IMPORTANT END FEATURES OF THE AFFIRMATIVELY FAIR HOUSING RULE. THE FIRST INSTALLMENT WILL FOCUS ON IT AND WE'RE FORTUNATE TO HAVE PARTICIPANTS TO INCLUDE THE SECRETARY OF HUD, AND MOST OF THE PRINCIPLES ASSISTANT SECRETARIES WHO WILL DESCRIBE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE NEW RULE. SOME UPCOMING SESSIONS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE WILL INCLUDE A VIDEO ON THE HISTORY OF POLICY FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATE, THE ASSESSMENT TOOL, AND VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE CONCEPTS AND PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THE INITIATIVE. I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO PART OF MY OUTSTANDING CREW. VICTORIA AND KATE DID INCREDIBLY GOOD WORK IN HELPING PUT THIS TOGETHER. AND JUST THE PROGRAM, TODAY. AND ALSO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO REGGIE, DOING STELLAR WORK IN HELPING GET THIS STARTED. THANK YOU TO REGGIE AND CREW FOR THE GREAT WORK YOU'VE DONE. WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO TURN TO THE VIDEO. AT THE END THERE WILL BE A HALF HOUR OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH A PANEL. AND I'LL INTRODUCE THAT PANEL AT THE END OF THE VIDEO. RIGHT NOW, HERE IS THE VIDEO.

>> HELLO EVERYONE, I'M HUD SECRETARY JULIAN CASTRO. I'D LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO THE AFFIRMATIVELY FAIR HOUSING UNIT. WE KNOW A STRONG COMMUNITY IS A SPRING BOARD TO HELP FAMILIES BUILD PROSPEROUS FUTURES, WHERE A PERSON LIVE MATTERS. A REPORT VERIFIED WHAT MANY OF US ALREADY KNEW. THE CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN GOOD NEIGHBORHOODS DO THOSE THAT ARE STUCK IN POVERTY, WHICH IS WHY WE MUST GIVE EVERY YOUNG PERSON ACCESS TO A COMMUNITY OF OPPORTUNITY. THAT IS WHY WE RELEASED A FUEL TO REVITALIZE DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES AND LET FOLKS LIVE IN AREAS WHERE THEY CAN THRIVE. THIS CAN CHANGE LIVES. AFSH IS GIVING EVERY PERSON AN EQUAL CHANCE TO ACCESS GOOD SCHOOLS, NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE, WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE, HOW THEY WORSHIP OR WHERE THEY'RE FROM. ENSURING AMERICAN FAMILIES CAN LIVE WHERE THEY CHOOSE IS A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT OF 1968. AND IS A CRITICAL ISSUE TODAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO GIVE EVERY AMERICAN A CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NAYS'S PROCESS AND ARE GOING TO REAFFIRM OUR NATION'S STANDING FOR TODAY, TOMORROW, AND GENERATIONS STILL TO COME. THANK YOU, AND ENJOY THE WEBINAR.

>> HELLO, I'M HELEN KANOSKI. GENERAL COUNSEL OF DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. I'M SPEAKING TO YOU ABOUT THE LEGAL OBLIGATIONS FOR AFFIRMATIVELY FAIR HOUSING. OVER SEVERAL YEARS, HUD REVIEWED THE MECHANISMS IN PLACE FOR PROGRAMS TO FULFILL THE AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING MANDATE AND IN HUD'S REGULATIONS. HUD CONCLUDED THAT THE EXISTING FOLLOW LOSS FIS NEEDED TO BE IMPROVED. WE SET OUT TO INTEGRATE FAIR HOUSING PLANNING INTO THE WILLFUL PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING. THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REENFORCED THIS POSITION IN A 2010 REPORT. THEY FOUND THERE HAD BEEN UNEVEN ATTENTION PAID TO THE FAIR HOUSING PLANNING PROCESS BY LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN PART BECAUSE SUFFICIENT GUIDANCE AND CLARITY WAS VIEWED AS LACKING. THE RULE FILLS THAT NEED BY PROVIDING GUIDANCE, DATA, AND A STANDARDIZED PROCESS IN ORDER TO ENABLE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS TO INCORPORATE FAIR HOUSING PLANNING INTO OTHER PLANNING

PROCESSES. THIS WILL ALLOW THEM TO LEAD THE LEGAL OBLIGATION FOR AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING. THE FAIR HOUSING ACT DECLARES THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE WITHIN CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS FOR FAIR HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. THE FAIR HOUSING ACT ALSO REQUIRES THAT HUD PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES BE ADMINISTERED IN A MANNER WHICH AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERS THE POLICIES OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT. THESE ARE CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 3608 D AND E OF THE ACT. THE MANDATE FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING IS NOT ONLY TO REFRAIN FROM DISCRIMINATION, IT IS ALSO A MANDATE TO TAKE THE TYPE OF ACTIONS THAT UNDO HISTORIC PATTERNS OF SEGREGATION IN ORDER TO AFFORD ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY LONG DENIED. IN THE 1972 SUPREME COURT CASE, THE METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, THE COURT QUOTED THE ACT'S CO-SPONSOR IN NOTING THE FAIR HOUSING ACT WAS ENACTED BY CONGRESS TO EQUATE THE ETHNIC AREAS WE ONCE CALLED GHETTO WAS TRULY BALANCED LIVING PATTERNS. JUST THIS YEAR, THE SUPREME COURT IN TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS WORKING IN CLOSE COMMUNITY PROJECT ACKNOWLEDGED THE RULE IS TO MOVE THE NATION FORWARD A MORE INTEGRATED SOCIETY. THE FAIR HOUSING ACT PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION IN THE SALE, RENTAL, AND FINANCIAL DWELLINGS IN ANOTHER HOUSING RELATED TRANSACTION BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, FAMILIAL STATUS, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR DISABILITY. THESE CHARACTERISTICS ARE THE SEVEN PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS UNDER THE ACT WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED IN THE FAIR HOUSING PLANNING PROCESS. CONGRESS HAS REPEATEDLY REENFORCED THE MANDATE FOR AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING REQUIRING THAT THE CRANSTON GONZALES AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT OF 1998 THAT PARTICIPANTS MUST CERTIFY AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDS THAT THEY WILL AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING. COURTS EXAMINED RELATED STATUTES AND CONFIRMED THE PURPOSE IS TO ENSURE THAT HUD'S PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS DO MORE THAN NOT DISCRIMINATE. THOUGH MUST TAKE MEANINGFUL ACTIONS TO ADDRESS SEGREGATION AND RELATED BARRIERS FOR GROUPS WITH CHARACTERISTICS PROTECTED BY THE ACT. THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF RACIAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC DATA STATING THAT THE AGENCY MUST UTILIZE SOME INSTITUTIONALIZED METHOD IN CONSIDERING SITE OR TYPE SELECTIONS IT HAS BEFORE IT THE RACIAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ITS DUTIES UNDER THE 1964 AND 1968 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT. THE COURT OF APPEALS EXPLAINED THAT THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT SHOWS CONGRESS INTENDED THAT HUD DO MORE THAN SIMPLY NOT DISCRIMINATE ITSELF. IT ASSISTS IN ENDING THE SEGREGATION TO THE OPEN HOUSING INCREASES. THE SECOND CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS EXPLAINED THE FAIR HOUSING ACT REQUIRES ACTION MUST BE TAKEN TO FULFILL AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE GOAL OF OPEN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING PATTERNS AND PREVENT THE SEGREGATION IN GHETTOS WITH RACIAL GROUPS WITH LACK OF OPPORTUNITIES. COURTS ARE PROVIDING GUIDANCE ON THIS ISSUE AND RECOGNIZED THE PRINCIPLES BY PHILLIP HART WHERE A FAMILY LIVES, WHERE IT IS ALLOWED TO 11 IS BOUND UP WITH BETTER EDUCATION, JOBS AND GOOD LIVING CONDITIONS. HUD BELIEVES NEW APPROACHES WILL BETTER ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF FAIR HOW LONGING. THIS MEANS YOU WILL SEE SOME SEGREGATED NEIGHBORHOODS AND MORE PEOPLE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION, JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER ACTIONS. HUD'S NEW RULE ECHOS THE PRINCIPLE OF THE COURT AND IS INTENDED TO ACHIEVE THE ROLE OF INTEGRATED HOUSING PATTERN. THE RULE DEFINES FAIR HOUSING ISSUES A CONDITION THAT RESTRICTS FAIR HOUSING CHOICE IN ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY SUCH AS LOCAL OR HACK OF INTEGRATION AND WILL ADDRESS SEGREGATION AND INTEGRATION SO THAT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS CAN ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF OPEN, INTEGRATED HOUSING PATTERNS. EXECUTIVE ORDERS THIS ADDRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPLYING WITH INTEGRATION. THE DUTY FOR AFFIRMATIVELY AFFIRMING FAIR HOUSING DOES NOT PRECLUDE AS A MATTER OF LAW SO LONG AS IT DOES NOT RESULT IN DISCRIMINATION. AND WILL SET OUT GOALS, STRATEGIES, AND ACTIONS TO OVERCOME THEM. PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS HAVE LATITUDE BASED ON INFORMATION, DATA, AND ANALYSIS IN

THE ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING SO LONG AS THE STRATEGY IN ACTIONS AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERS FAIR HOUSING. THE RULE ENCOURAGES COMMUNITIES TO ADOPT A BALANCED APPROACH. EFFORTS TO IMPROVE NEIGHBORHOODS OF COLOR THROUGH PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES, TO PROVIDE MOBILITY OPTIONS ARE ALL WORTHY GOALS THAT MAY REDUCE BARRIERS TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO LIVE WHERE THEY CHOOSE. THROUGH ISSUANCE OF THE RULES, HUD DOES NOT COME OUT ONE OF THESE GOALS AT THE EXPENSE OF ANOTHER. THE RULE MAKES CLEAR THAT AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING MEANS TAKING MEANINGFUL ACTION IN ADDITION TO COMBATTING DISCRIMINATION THAT OLDER PATTERNS OF SEGREGATION AND FOSTER COMMUNITY FREE FROM BARRIERS. SPECIFICALLY, FURTHERING TAKING TOGETHER REPLACED SEGREGATED LIVING PATTERNS, TRANSFORMING RACIALLY CONCENTRATED AREAS OF POVERTY INTO AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY AND MAINTAINING OPPORTUNITY. AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING EXTENDS TO ALL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND SO THEY MAY IDENTIFY ISSUES BY CONTRIBUTING FACTORS AND SET GOALS FOR OVERCOMING CONTRIBUTING FACTORS AND RELATED ISSUES THROUGH THESE EFFORTS, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO FULFILL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION FOR BOTH PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS, AND HUD, IT IS A LEGAL MANDATE AND MORAL RESPONSIBILITY.

>> THANK YOU, HELEN. THE AFHS RULE FOCUSES ON FAIR HOUSING PLANNING AND PROVIDES FOUNDATION FOR AFH. THE RULE PROVIDES COMMUNITIES WITH GREATER CLARITY ON THEIR FAIR HOUSING RESPONSIBILITIES IN ORDER TO ENABLE TO MEET THEIR OBLIGATION WITH INFORMATION TO IN GUIDANCE THAT WILL ANALYZE FAIR HOUSING ISSUES. THE FACTORS IN SETTING GOALS TO OVERCOME THE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS IN RELATED FAIR HOUSING ISSUES IN THEIR COMMUNITY. TO FURTHER MANNING THE FAIR HOUSING GOAL WILL BE INCORPORATED IN EXISTING PROCESSES, FAMILY THE PLAN AND PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLAN. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO ASSESS FAIR HOUSING PRIORITIES, GOALS, STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS TO SEE WHAT WORKED AND WHAT HAS NOT WORKED IN ORDER TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS AND PROGRESS IS MADE. THE RULE IS IN RESPONSE TO STAKE HOLDER ADVOCATES AS WELL AS A GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT THAT RECOMMENDED HUD GIVE GRANTEE BETTER GUIDANCE FROM THEIR OBLIGATION AND RECOMMEND IT WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE IF HUD USES RESOURCES TO REVIEW ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING ISSUES AND GOALS AS PART OF THE PROCESS. THE GOAL IS TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH AN EFFECTIVE PLANNING APPROACH TO AID THEM IN TAKING MEANINGFUL ACTION TO OVERCOME HISTORIC PATTERNS OF SEGREGATION AND FOSTER COMMUNITIES THAT ARE FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION. THE RULE OUTLINES A FRAMEWORK THAT ENABLES PARTICIPANTS TO IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS LIVING PATTERNS, TRANSFORM RACIALLY CONCENTRATED AREAS OF POVERTY. WE USE THESE PARADIGMS IN ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY AND RESPOND TO THIS HOUSING NEED. TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CLARITY, THEY HAVE DECLINED THE TERM MEANINGFUL ACTION. THE RULE IS DEFINED AS TAKING MEANINGFUL ACTION IN ADDITION TO COMBATTING DISCRIMINATION THAT OVERCOMES PATTERNS OF DISCRIMINATION AND FOSTER COMMUNITIES FREE FROM BARRIERS THAT RESTRICT ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY BASED ON CHARACTERISTICS. AND MEANS TAKING MEANINGFUL ACTIONS TAKEN TOGETHER ADDRESSING HOUSING NEEDS AND ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY. REPLACING SEGREGATED LIVING PATTERNS WITH BALANCED LIVING PATTERNS. TRANSFORMING AREAS OF POVERTY INTO AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY AND THIS DUTY EXTENDS TO ALL PROGRAMS RELATING TO HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. THE RULE DEFINES MEANINGFUL ACTIONS AS SIGNIFICANT AND CAN BE REASONABLY EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE A MATERIAL CHANGE THAT INCREASES CHOICE, NOW, IT TURN IT OVER TO HENRY TRACONI.

>> THIS RULE APPLIES TO PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT SOL DATED MANS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS, EMERGENCY SOLUTION

GRANTS, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANTS, HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS. PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY IS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTIONS 8 OR 9 OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF 1937. IN THE RULE, AND IN THIS PRESENTATION WE'LL REFER TO THOSE GRANTEEES AS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS. THE DUTY APPLIES TO ALL OF THE PROGRAMS PARTICIPANTS, ACTIVITIES, AND PROGRAMS RELATED TO HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. AND WITH THE RULE HUD HOPES IT WILL HELP MAKE MEANINGFUL DECISIONS JUST NOT PART OF THE HUD FUNDED PROGRAM BUT ALL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. FOR A PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS, IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ASSESSMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE PREPARED OR SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY. THE DUE DATE IS BASED ON EACH GRANTEE'S PLAN CYCLE OR PUBLIC HOUSING PLAN CYCLE BEGINNING WITH THOSE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2017, AND NO GRANTEE WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT AN ASSESSMENT UNTIL AT LEAST NINE MONTHS APPLICABLE TO THAT PARTICIPANT. HUD PROVIDED FOR FLEXIBILITY TO ENCOURAGE COLLABORATIONS ON ASSESSMENTS OF FAIR HOUSING. UNTIL GRANTEEES HAVE COMPLETED AN ASSESSMENT UNDER THE RULE THEY MUST CONTINUE TO FOLLOW REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ANALYSIS AND CERTIFY UNDER THE PRIOR LANGUAGE. AS SUCH, FOR GRANTEEES THAT ARE IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A 2015 OR 2016 PLAN, HUD RECOMMENDS GRANTEEES PROCEED TO DO THOSE UPDATES. HUD CREATED A MODEL TO ALLOW STATES TO WORK WITH EACH OTHER TO SUBMIT AN ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING. THE RULE PROVIDES FLEXIBILITY AND GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE TO HELP PARTICIPANTS FORM THESE TYPES OF PARTNERSHIPS. MANY ISSUES FOSTER ADDITIONAL BOUNDARIES BECAUSE HOUSING MARKETS ARE REGIONAL AND ALL JURISDICTIONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONDUCT A REGIONAL ASIS SIS AND PARTNERING WITH ANOTHER GRANTEE CAN SAVE COSTS, AND REDUCE DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS AND ALLOW NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS TO MAKE THEIR GOALS AND SOLUTIONS MORE LIKELY TO BE EFFECTIVE. IT MAY YIELD A MORE COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE AND LEAD TO COLLABORATION. TO PROMOTE COLLABORATION, HUD IS ALLOWING GRANTEEES TO CHANGE THEIR SUBMISSION DATES TO REDUCE BOTH BURDEN AND TIMING CONCERNS. IN EFFORTS TO PROVIDE TIME TO GEAR UP FOR THE ASSESSMENT, HUD PROVIDED ADDITIONAL TIME TO ADOPT THIS IMPROVED FAIR HOUSING PLANNING PROCESS. JURISDICTIONS RECEIVING \$500,000 OR LESS AND STATE AREAS WILL HAVE MORE TIME TO SUBMIT THEIR FIRST ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING. THANK YOU. HARRIET. BECAUSE IN PREPARING AN ASSESSMENT OF THEIR HOUSING, THAS WILL HAVE SEVERAL OPTIONS. THEY CAN WORK WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS OR STATE ENTITY, OR, THEY CAN WORK WITH OTHER HOUSING AUTHORITIES, OR, A PHA CAN PREPARE THE ASH ON THEIR OWN. IF THEY CHOOSE TO PARTNER WITH LOCAL JURISDICTION, THE FINAL ASSESSMENT TOOL SHOULD BE USED. FOR PARTNERING HOUSING AUTHORITY ASH WILL BE DUE BASED ON SUBMISSION DATES FOR THE LEAD ENTITIES. IF CHOOSING NOT TO PARTNER IT WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE RULE REQUIREMENTS UNTIL NINE MONTHS AFTER ITS OWN VERSION OF THE ASSESSMENT TOOLS HAVE BEEN ISSUED. AND THIS WILL GO THROUGH APPROVAL. HOUSING AUTHORITIES WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE FEED BACK WITH HUD. WE'LL CONSIDER ALL COMMENTS AND THE FIRST ASH FOR NONQUALIFIED PHAS, THOSE WITH OVER 550 COMBINED PUBLIC HOUSING AND HOUSING UNITS, OR THOSE TROUBLED HAD BEEN DUE APRIL 6TH OF 2017 AND THE FIRST QUALIFIED PHAS, UNDER 550 COMBINED PUBLIC HOUSING THAT ARE NOT TROUBLED WILL BE DUE APRIL 6TH OF 2018. HUD WILL PROVIDE HOUSING TRAINING AND GUIDANCE AS THEY BEGIN PLANNING AND WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK WAYS TO REDUCE THE BURDEN ON ALL GRANTEEES THAT WILL BE PREPARING THE ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING. PLANNING DECISIONS, OR TO TAKE MEANINGFUL ACTION, THOSE DECISIONS ARE IN THE HANDS OF HOUSING AUTHORITIES AND WILL SET GOALS THAT ENABLE THEIR COMMUNITIES TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING BASED ON HUD-PROVIDED DATA, LOCAL DATA, KNOWLEDGE, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT. TO A BALANCE ADD APPROACH WOULD INCLUDE AS APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING. REMOVAL OF BARRIERS THAT PREVENT PEOPLE FROM ASSESSING THE COMMUNITY, THE

DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE COMMUNITY, THE HOUSING MOBILITY PROGRAMS, AND, OR, CONCERTED HOUSING PRESERVATION IN COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION EFFORTS WHERE ACTIONS ARE DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE FAIR HOUSING OUTCOMES SUCH AS REDUCING HOUSING NEEDS, TRANSFORMING RACIALLY CONCENTRATED AREAS OF POVERTY BY ADDRESSING THE COMBINED EFFECTS OF SEGREGATION, COUPLED WITH POVERTY, INCREASING INTEGRATION AND INCREASING ACCESS TO SCHOOLS, TRANSPORTATION, AND JOBS. AND CAN INCLUDE IMPROVING MOBILITY FOR PEOPLE PROTECTED UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AS WELL AS STRATEGIES SUCH AS THE CHOICE HOUSING ADMINISTRATION TO RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS SUCH AS BEING A HOUSING HOUSING ONLY PHA MUST CONSIDER THIS ISSUE IN THEIR JURISDICTION AND IDENTIFY THE CAUSES. HUD ENCOURAGES HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO BE INNOVATED WORKING WITH A LOCAL ENTITLEMENT JURISDICTION, A STATE OR ANOTHER PHA MAY BE AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF COMBINING RESOURCES OR WORKING TO OVERCOME THE ISSUE IN YOUR JURISDICTION AND REGION. AND NOW, I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO GEORGE WILLIAMS, PROVIDING AN OVERVIEW OF THE RULES. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. I WILL TALK ABOUT HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FINAL RULE. SOME INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT THAT PARTICIPANTS ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES TO INVOLVE FOLKS WHO MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE BE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROCESS. IT REQUIRES YOU USE AN ASSESSMENT TOOL PROVIDING DATA THAT IS IN ORDER TO ANALYZE FAIR HOUSING ISSUE AND CONTRIBUTE FACTORS IN THE REGION. PARTICIPANTS MUST SET GOALS AND TO FOLLOW THROUGH THOSE ACTIONS BY IDENTIFYING GOALS SHOWING UP IN THE ON SOL DATED PLAN. THE RULE REQUIRES MEANINGFUL ACTION WILL FURTHER FAIR HOUSING AND NOT TAKE ACTIONS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE DUTY OF FAIR HOUSING AND REQUIRES IT TO BE A LOOK BACK TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO ENSURES IT OCCURS. AND IF THE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT IS ON A 3 OR 4 YEAR PLANNING TYKE YIL. THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS. EVERY JURISDICTION HAS AN OBLIGATION TO TAKE FAIR HOUSING ACTIONS AND CAN SUBMIT IT INDIVIDUALLY OR JOINTLY WITH ANOTHER PARTICIPANT AND THEY CAN TAKE A THIRD OPTION WHERE PARTICIPANTS, TWO OF WHICH ARE CONSOLIDATED PLAN PARTICIPANTS TO SUBMIT ASSESSMENT. COLLABORATION FROM A BROADER PERSPECTIVE, PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COLLABORATE TO SUBMIT A SINGLE ASH, EITHER JOINT OR REGIONAL. THERE ARE REQUIREMENTS FOR RULES IN INCORPORATING ANALYSIS AND GOALS INTO THE PLAN, DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT GOALS IN ACTIONS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THEIR PLAN, ACTION PLAN, AND ARE SHOWING UP IN IF YOU PLEASING INSTRUMENT. THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROCESS IS ONE OF THE MOST-IMPORTANT FEATURES AND ELEMENTS OF THE ASSESSMENT. THE REGULATION SAYS THAT SOLICITATION OF THE VIEW AND RECOMMENDATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND OTHER PARTIES IN CONSIDERATION OF THE VIEWS AND PROCESS FOR INCORPORATING SUCH VIEWS INTO THE DECISIONS IN OUR TIME. IN OTHER WORDS THIS IS NOT GOING TO THE ACTIVITY BUT USING WHAT IS LEARNED IN THOSE ACTIVITIES TO INFORM THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS. THERE IS A MAN REQUIRING TO FOLLOW UP POLICIES DESCRIBED IN THIS PARTICIPATION PLAN ADOPTED PURSE UNITE TO VARIOUS REGULATION THAT'S GOVERN THOSE ACTIVITIES IN THE DOCUMENTS THAT MUST CONSULT REQUIREMENTS FOUND AT 24 CFR 91, 91.110 AND.235. AND THEY MUST FOLLOW POLICIES.17.19 IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING TO OBTAIN RESIDENTIAL ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMUNITY FEED BACK AND ADDRESSING COMPLAINTS. THOSE ARE VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENTS HUD WILL BE LOOKING AT. ASSESSMENT IS INTENDED TO HELP TO UNDERSTAND AND IDENTIFY LOCAL BARRIERS AND DISPARITY IN ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY. IT'S DESIGNED TO HELP JURISDICTION ANALYZE AND DISCUSS USING THE DATA AS WELL AS LOCAL DATA AND KNOWLEDGE AND USED TO HELP IDENTIFY THE HOUSING ISSUES AND TO CREATE GOALS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO OVERCOME RELATED ISSUES. DATA ANALYSIS IS REQUIRED AND SAYS, AND I QUOTE, LOCAL DATA AND KNOWLEDGE, INCLUDING INFORMATION GAINED AND WELL UNDERTAKE ANALYSIS BY AFFECTION. THEY WANT YOU TO LOOK AT LOCAL OR REGIONAL SEGREGATION AND AREAS OF POVERTY IF EXISTS TO BE LOOKED AT

AND ANALYZED. REQUIRES TO YOU LOOK AT DISPARITIES IN LOOKING AT HOUSING NEEDS. AND THAT IS CONTRIBUTING FACTORS ARE LOOKED AT WHAT FACTORS CONTRIBUTED TO THE FAIR HOUSING ISSUES IDENTIFIED. WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT A FACTOR THAT CREATES, CONTRIBUTES TO, PERPETUATES OR INCREASES SEVERITY OF ONE, OR MORE OF THE FAIR HOUSING ISSUES THEY MUST IDENTIFY THE FACTORS RELATING TO EACH OF THOR FAIR HOUSING ISSUES AND PRYER TIES THOSE FACTORS AND JUSTIFY THE PRYER -- PRYER TIEING, THE PARTICIPANTS SHALL GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO THOSE FACTOR THAT'S LIMIT, OR DENY FAIR HOUSING CHOICE FOR ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY. FOR NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE FAIR HOUSING CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE. THAT IS 5.154 D 4. FAIR HOUSING GOALS. FAIR HOUSING GOALS IN CASES ARE DESIGNED TO OVERCOME FAIR HOUSING ISSUES. IN EACH GOAL, A PARTICIPATE MUST IDENTIFY ONE, OR MORE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS THAT THE GOAL IS DESIGNED TO ADDRESS. IT SHOULD DESCRIBE OF THE GOAL RELATES TO OVERCOMING THE IDENTIFYING CONTRIBUTING FACTORS AND RELATED ISSUES AND DETERMINE WHAT FAIR HOUSING RESULTS WILL BE ACHIEVED. EACH ISSUE MUST BE ADDRESSED BY A GOAL. WHERE SEGREGATION IN A DEVELOPMENT OR AREA IS DETERMINED TO BE A FAIR HOUSING ISSUE, HUD WOULD EXPECT TO REDUCE IDENTIFYING SEGREGATION. ASSESSMENT PROVIDES PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS STABILITY SETTING GOALS. HUD IS NOT CONSTRUCTIVE, THE RULE REQUIRES THAT PARTICIPANTS TAKE MEANINGFUL ACTIONS TO FURTHER THE GOALS SET IN THE ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING. FROM GOALS TO ACTIONS THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN PLANS, AND ACTION PLANS AND STRATEGIES MUST ENHANCE MOBILITY STRATEGIES AND ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY AS WELL AS INCLUDING PRESERVATION OF EXISTING HOUSING AND HUD-ASSISTED HOUSING. THAT IS PART OF THE BALANCED APPROACH. TO HELP INCREASE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FOLKS WHO WOULD NOT HAVE IT. THE REVIEW WILL BE A REVIEW OF TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT HAS MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDING THIS ANALYSIS, AND GOAL SETTING SET FORTH IN 5.554 D. ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLAN DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE PARTICIPANT COMPLIED WITH THE STATUTORY OBLIGATION TO FURTHER FAIR HOUSING. SO IT DOES NOT SUGGEST YOU OMIT THE OBLIGATION. IT SETS THE PROCESS IN MOTION TO HELP YOU LEAD TO ACTION THAT WILL MEET YOUR OBLIGATION. IT IS DEEMED ACCEPTED 60 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DATE HUD RECEIVES THE ASSESSMENT UNLESS HUD PROVIDED NOTIFICATION THAT HUD DOES NOT ACCEPT THE AFH. WHEN WOULD HUD NOT ACCEPT AN AFH. ONE IS THAT IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH FAIR HOUSING AND CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS OR, THAT IS INCOMPLETE. SOME EXAMPLES IS THAT HUD DETERMINES THE GOALS CONTAINED IN THE AFH WOULD RESULT IN POLICIES THAT WOULD OPERATE TO DISCRIMINATE IN THE FAIR HOUSING ACT OR OTHER LAWS. IT DOES NOT IDENTIFY POLL ISYS OR PRACTICES AND FOR ACCEPTED FAIR HOUSING SHOWS THERE ARE POLICIES OR PRACTICES THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS. AND TO IGNORE THOSE, THAT COULD BE AN AREA THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH FAIR HOUSING LAW. AND IF ASSESSMENT IS DEVELOPED WITHOUT REQUIRED COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION, OR REQUIRED CONCENTRATION. AND IT FAILS IT SATISFIED A REQUIRED ELEMENT IN WHICH GOALS ARE MATERIALLY INCONSISTENT WITH THE DATA AND OTHER EVIDENCE OR NOT DESIGNED FOR OTHER ISSUES. IF DATA SHOWS SOMETHING THAT DOES NOT ADDRESS THAT MAY BE VIEWED AS INCOMPLETE. THE PROCESS FOR AFH THAT IS NOT ACCEPTED. HUD PROVIDES NOTIFICATION OF NONACCEPTANCE. AND WOULD SPECIFY WHY IT IS NOT ACCEPTED. IT WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON HOW AFH SHOULD BE REVISED IN ORDER TO BE ACCEPTED. ONCE AGAIN, THEY HAVE 45 DAYS. THEN, YOU'LL HAVE 45 DAYS TO MAKE IT SUBMITTED. ONCE RESUBMITTED IT WOULD BE DEEMED ACCEPTED 30 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER RESUBMISSION IF PARTICIPATING IN AN ACCEPTANCE, HUD WILL DISAPPROVE A PLAN INCLUDING TO MOVING TO WORK PLAN. ACCEPT OTHERWISE SUBMITTED UNDER THE PROPERTY SUBSECTION. DISAPPROVAL OF THE PLAN MAY AFFECT FUNDING. PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS MUST CERTIFY THEY'LL AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING WHEN REQUIRED BY STATUTES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE HUD PROGRAM. AND ARE MADE CAN COMPLIANCE OF PARTICIPANTS. AND GENERAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS ARE THAT THE FIRST AFH SHALL BE SUBMITTED NO LATER

THAN 270 CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PROGRAM YEAR. AFTER THE FIRST PARTICIPANTS ARE DUE, 195 CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE FIRST YEAR OF THE NEXT CYCLE. ADDITIONAL TIME LINE IS AS FOLLOWS ON RECEIPT, AFTER THE ORIGINAL 50 DAYS, IT IS DEEMED TO BE ACCEPTED UNLESS HUD NOTIFIES JURISDICTION THAT IS NOT ACCEPTED. AND THE JURISDICTION HAS A 45 DAY PERIOD IN WHICH TO MAKE THE DIRECTIONS AND RESUBMIT THEIR ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING AND HUD HAS A 30 DAY PERIOD AFTER WHICH IT IS DEEMED ACCEPTED. AND THE FIRST WILL BE DUE 270 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM YEAR THAT IS ON, OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2017, OR WHICH A NEW PLAN IS DUE PROVIDED IN 24 CFR. SECOND SUBMISSIONS IS STATES AND AREAS THE FIRST WILL BE DUE 270 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM YEAR BEGINNING ON, OR AFTER, JANUARY 31, 2017, AND FOR STATE AND AREAS AND PARTICIPANTS THAT RECEIVE LESS THAN \$500,000 IN FUNDS IN FY 2015 AND PHAS OTHER THAN QUALIFIED PHAS. FIRST AFH IS DUE 270 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM YEAR THAT BEGINS ON, OR AFTER JANUARY 1ST OF 2018 WHICH A NEW PLAN IS DUE AND PROVIDED FOR IN PART 91. THE FIRST AFH WILL BE DUE 270 DAYS PRIOR TO THE YEAR THAT BEGINS ON, OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2018, AND THIS YEAR BEGINS ON, OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2019. THANK YOU. AND NOW I WILL AND IT OFF TO HAIRY TRIGONI TALKING ABOUT POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION.

>> THANK YOU, GEORGE. THE BALANCE TO THE FINAL RULE HAS PROVEN TO BE A USEFUL TOOL IN THE PILOT FAIR HOUSING AND EQUITY ASSESSMENT COMPLETED UNDER HUD'S SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE. HUD AWARDED GRANTS TO 74 REGION THAT'S LED PLANNING PROCESSES. ALL RECIPIENTS WERE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A FAIR HOUSING EQUITY ASSESSMENT. AND THIS SERVED AS A PILOT FOR THE TYPE OF DATA REQUIRED IN THE ASSESSMENT TO PRODUCE AN EVALUATION OF CHOICE AND BARRIERS IN PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS. THE EQUITY ASSESSMENT PROVIDES FOR HISTORICAL ANALYSIS AND INCLUDES AN ASSESSMENT TO THOSE FACTORS THAT PERPETUATE FAIR HOUSING ISSUES THAT MAY LIMB WRIT OR ENHANCE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE REGION. AND IS A REQUIRED RULE. THIS INCREASES TRANSPARENCY AND IN MANY CASES, COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION RESULTED IN CRUCIAL INSITES TO BARRIERS OF HOUSING CHOICE. IT ALSO BROUGHT OFTEN UNDER REPRESENTED GROUPS TO THE DECISION MAKING TABLE AND BUILD CAPACITY FOR SUSTAINED ENGAGEMENT. THE FAIR HOUSING EQUITY ASSESSMENT, LIKE AFH ASKS COMMUNITIES TO ANALYZE OPPORTUNITY DYNAMICS TO SHAPE THE REGION AND DECIDE HOW TO RESPOND TO ANY ISSUE IDENTIFIED. AND REVEALED THE POPULATION EXPERIENCED HOUSING DISCRIMINATION, HAD TROUBLE ACCESSING HEALTH SERVICES, WERE INFORMED ABOUT INVESTMENT THAT FOLLOWS AND ASSESSMENT SIMILARLY SEEMS TO LINK PLANNING TO EXISTING DECISIONS. REASONS THAT HAVE COMPLETED THE ASSESSMENT HAVE BEGUN TO TAKE STEPS THEY BELIEVE WILL IMPACT THEIR REGION IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. LANE COUNTY, OREGON, THE TRANSIT AGENCY IS NOW WORKING TO ADDRESS SCHEDULING AND ROUTES TO BETTER SERVE LOW INCOME TRANSIT DEPENDANT HOUSEHOLDS BASED ON THE DATA AND FINDINGS. IN ANOTHER COMMUNITY, CHAMPIONSHIP, THE COUNCIL CHANGED THEIR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FORMULA FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER 20 YEARS TO PRYER TIES PROJECTS FOR THOSE IN RACIALLY CONTEN TRAITED AREAS OF POVERTY. THEY PARTNERED WITH PEER REGIONS TO LAUNCH NEW MODELS FOR VOUCHER MOBILITY. CHICAGO, BALTIMORE AND DENVER ARE COORDINATING ON A MODEL FOR COORDINATING RESOURCES BASED ON CHICAGO'S SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE. THIS INITIATIVE MAY ALLOW LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPAND THE REACH OF VOUCHERS TO ACCESS HIGH-OPPORTUNITY AREAS. THEY'VE EXPANDED THE CHARTER OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS TO INCLUDE HOUSING AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT RESPONSIBILITIES. IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXPANDED CHARTER OF THE COUNCIL TO LOCAL MPO TO INCLUDE BOTH HOUSING AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED BY FAIR HOUSING ASSESSMENT AND BALTIMORE REGIONAL PLAN. AND THEY CONDUCTED ANALYSIS AS PART OF WHAT IS CALLED AN OPPORTUNITY COLLABORATIVE. ONE IMPACT WAS BUILDING JOB READINESS SKILLS TO HELP THIS

LABOR FORCE CONNECT TO JOBS IN THRIVING INDUSTRIES. TAKE NICOLE SMITH, ABLE TO MOVE FROM A POOR NEIGHBORHOOD IN BALTIMORE TO A HIGH OPPORTUNITY COMMUNITY IN MARYLAND AND SHE AND HER SON WERE ABLE TO MOVE THROUGH THE PROGRAM AND DIRECT RESOURCES PROVIDE BENEFITS LIKE WRAP AROUND SERVICES, JOB TRAINING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETRO FITS IN RESPONSE TO IDENTIFIED NEEDS IN BALTIMORE. THIS WOULD ENABLE REDUCING AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY AND INCREASED MOBILITY, IMPROVING LIVING CONDITIONS AND SERVICES IN DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES. THESE MAY ALSO HELP CITIES, COUNTIES AND STATES TO FULFILL A LONG STANDING LEGAL OBLIGATION TO FURTHER FAIR HOUSING. HUD PROVIDING PROGRAMS WITH TOOLS AND SUPPORTS TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THEIR OBLIGATION TO FURTHER FAIR HOUSING SO THEY CAN MAKE OTHER DECISIONS IN WAYS THAT AFFORD EQUAL ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL RESIDENTS. FAIR HOUSING PLANNING PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY BY LEVERAGING OPPORTUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS AND MOVING THE NEEDLE ON IMPORTANT ISSUES. WE'LL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AS WE IMPLEMENT THE RULE AND ARE EXCITED TO SEE WHAT FAIR HOUSING PRIORITIES AND GOALS YOU CHOOSE TO APPLY IN YOUR COMMUNITIES. AND WE HAVE A ONE STOP SHOP FOR TRAINING AND RESOURCES. YOU MAY SUBMIT ANY TIME, VISIT THE HUD EXCHANGE FOR MORE INFORMATION. HUD WILL POST RESOURCES AS DEVELOPED SO STAY CONNECTED TO THIS IMPORTANT PORTAL FOR INFORMATION. THANK YOU.