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**YOUR FAIR HOUSING CONCERNS SHOULD BE A PART OF THE
DALLAS REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING REPORT**

Frustrated with the local housing market? Feel there are too many neighborhoods off limits to you? Think your neighborhood is being ignored by decision makers? Have a housing voucher but can't use it? Been a victim of housing discrimination?

Now is the time to get your fair housing concerns heard. Cities, counties, housing authorities and any entity in the Dallas Metroplex who receive federal housing dollars must report to HUD about local fair housing issues and what they plan to do about them. Several cities including Dallas, Plano, McKinney and Frisco have scheduled public participation meetings to hear your concerns this summer. This report, written this year by the University of Texas at Arlington, is done only every five years. Don't miss out. This is your chance to have your voice heard!

For more information, contact Voices for Opportunity at vfo@inclusivecommunities.net or call (214) 658-1331.

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The federal Fair Housing Act was passed in 1968 during the wake of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination. It aims to protect persons from housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability. The Act also requires governmental entities to deliver housing programs in a way that affirmatively furthers fair housing and opens up neighborhoods, which goes beyond a mere commitment to not discriminate.

The Inclusive Communities Project (ICP) is a Dallas-based not-for-profit organization that works for the creation and maintenance of thriving racially and economically inclusive communities, expansion of fair and affordable housing opportunities for low income families, and redress for policies and practices that perpetuate the harmful effects of discrimination and segregation. (www.inclusivecommunities.net)