Regional Analysis of Impediments Overview

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Purpose

The purpose of AHA presenting to the board is to provide an overview of the county's regional analysis of impediments (AI) and recommended actions we believe we can commit to as well as to encourage participation in the County's comment period tentatively starting January 17, 2025.







What is an Analysis of Impediments?

- Every 5 years HUD requires that jurisdictions provide a Regional Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice as part of a greater effort to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH).
- Alameda County leads the effort to form an action plan comprised of recommended actions to identify, evaluate and address potential obstacles deliberately affecting a person's ability to choose their place of housing.

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What is an Analysis of Impediments?

- The largest issues found were affordable housing and availability.
- The analysis looks closely at impediments to fair housing choice based on race, color, sex, disability, familial status or national origin and any effect that such factors may have on restricting the availability of housing.
- These factors are based on discriminatory practices before the passing of the Fair Housing Act on April 11, 1968!







Timeline



- July 16, 2015: HUD passes the AFFH provision of the Fair Housing Act and requires development of an AFH plan addressing racial disparities and discriminatory practices.
- September 30, 2018: CA passes AB 686, reinforcing fair housing practices to overcome patterns of segregation.

AFFH is the law in CA and independent of federal action!

- July 2020: Federal government rescinds 2015 rule by executive order, deregulating compliance with AFFH obligations.
- February 9, 2023: HUD publishes notice to uphold 2015 ruling for AFFH.





County Goals

- 1. Promote fair housing
- 2. Address displacement and gentrification
- 3. Creation of affordable housing
- 4. Opportunities for special needs
- 5. Coordination across region





AHA's Proposed Commitments

- Action 2A & 2B: address challenges of displacement among residents in high cost and gentrifying areas
- Action 3A: continue to support the creation of new affordable housing opportunities
- Action 4B: expand housing opportunity for people with special needs
- Action 5D: enhance coordination across jurisdictions to promote collaboration in meeting regional challenges





Approval for recommended actions

The above goals fall in line with current actions taking place within the Housing Authority of the City of Alameda and its community.









