



LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

2005 FAIR HOUSING ANNUAL REPORT

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**EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY**



A MESSAGE FROM HOUSING COMMITTEE CHAIR CONNIE MORTON

I am pleased to present the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission's FY2005 Fair Housing Annual Report. This report is dedicated to the housing related activities of the Commission.

In this report you will find an overview of the work of the Commission's Compliance housing enforcement program with information about the housing complaints received and closed by the protected class basis, complaints closed, and how they were closed. You will also find information about housing complaints that were closed with settlements or other benefits.

Education and Outreach are an important part of the Commission's housing program and we are proud to partner with several area organizations, associations, housing advocates and housing providers to promote fair housing and equal opportunity in our community. In addition, we continue in our work with Harrison Elementary School's housing and diversity initiative.

We held our Tenth Annual Fair Housing Luncheon and were inspired by the story of our luncheon speaker, Darcy Talbert, who shared with us her journey to homeownership. Prior to the luncheon, we held a workshop "Affordable Home Ownership in Lexington: Strategies for the Future", which examined the state of local affordable home ownership and ways to preserve and promote affordability in our community.

December 2005 marks the end of my term and my service on the Commission. Despite decreasing resources and the increasing challenges of promoting fair housing and equal opportunity, the Commission must continue to find solutions to age old problems. I wish the Commission well in their future endeavors and respectfully ask that you join me in supporting this important work.

HOUSING COMMITTEE



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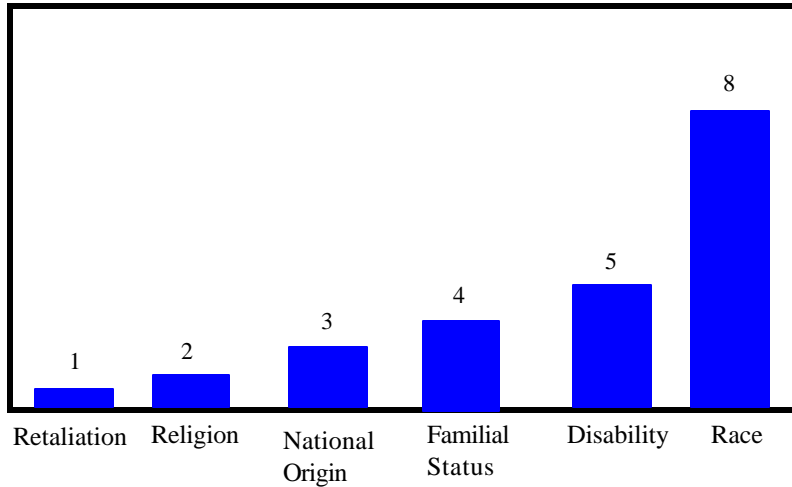


Angela Slaton

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission Housing Committee makes fair housing policy for the Commission, subject to approval of the full Commission. The Housing Committee oversees the staff fair housing education and outreach programs and monitors the Commission's compliance fair housing enforcement plan. The Housing Committee also recommends enforcement strategies to the staff and the Commission.

COMPLIANCE FY 2005

HOUSING COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY BASIS



Settlements/Conciliations - when both parties enter into a mutually satisfactory agreement in which the Commission is a party. Settlements can range from monitoring the equal housing opportunity policy enforcement of the housing provider, to requiring changes in the policies of the housing providers, and settlements can be monetary. **In FY 2005, the total amount of monetary settlements was \$103,838.00 in the 30 fair housing settlements made during the fiscal year.**

The Human Rights Commission Remembers the Apartment Association's Brad Houts



Investigator Ray Sexton presents the resolution to Apartment Association Executive Vice President Brenda Wells at the Fair Housing Luncheon

Whereas We the members of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission have been informed of the death of Mr. William Bradley Houts.

Whereas We the members of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission would like to acknowledge Mr. Houts' generous spirit and infinite optimism.

Whereas We further wish to acknowledge Mr. Houts' as a strong ally in the rental housing industry and his involvement in fair housing issues.

Now Therefore be it resolved that, The members of the Commission and Staff do hereby express our gratitude to Mr. Houts' family and friends for his invaluable contributions to the Commission and the Citizens of Fayette County, and further we express our sincere and heartfelt sympathy for your loss.

Be It further resolved, that a copy of the Resolution be presented to the friends and family of Mr. Houts and also spread upon the minute book of the Commission, dated at Lexington, Kentucky this 21st day of March 2005.

10TH ANNUAL FAIR HOUSING LUNCHEON & WORKSHOP



*Luncheon Guest Speaker
Darcey Talbert*

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission held its Tenth Annual Fair Housing Luncheon on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. Over 170 people joined the Commission to celebrate April as Fair Housing Month and to hear guest speaker Darcey Talbert share her story of homeownership.

The luncheon was preceded this year by a workshop on affordable housing. The workshop, "Affordable Home Ownership in Lexington: Strategies for the Future," examined the state of local affordable home ownership and ways to preserve and promote affordability. Panelists from the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Divisions of Community Development and

Planning discussed the comprehensive plan and ways to define affordable housing and representatives from the Community Reinvestment Alliance of Lexington and Habitat for Humanity Lexington discussed local impediments to affordable home ownership and possible solutions.

After the workshop, attendees joined the Commission for its Tenth Annual Fair Housing Luncheon where they were addressed by Lexington Mayor Teresa Isaac, Commission Chair Gloria Rie, and Krista Mills, Director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Kentucky Office.

The highlight of the luncheon was the Harrison Elementary Fair Housing Coloring Contest and the guest speaker, Darcey Talbert. Third-grade students from Harrison Elementary School accepted awards for their participation in the fair housing coloring contest as part of a larger Commission program that works to get housing information to the guardians and parents of the students and to expose students to fair housing and diversity information. Ms. Talbert shared with the audience her experience of buying a home through the Lexington Urban League's housing program.



(L) Mayor Teresa Isaac, Housing Chair & Commissioner Connie Morton with Tamara Kanatzer, a Harrison Elementary Fair Housing Coloring Contest Finalist



*Over 170 people attended the Commission's Tenth Annual Fair Housing Luncheon
Thank you for your support!*

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORKSHOP PANELISTS



Paula King, Director
Lexington-Fayette Urban County
Government, Division of
Community Development



Grant Eaton Phelps, Executive
Director, Lexington Habitat for
Humanity



Dorothy Coleman, Community
Reinvestment Alliance of Lexington



Chris King, Director
Lexington-Fayette Urban County
Government, Division of Planning



Krista Mills, Field Director
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