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TWC to host Fair Housing Conference and Webinar Series

Several events scheduled for National Fair Housing Month in April

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has partnered with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to present a webinar series and is hosting other events in April to honor National Fair Housing Month. TWC reminds all Texans that the Federal Fair Housing Act and Texas Fair Housing Act ensure that all individuals have equal access to housing.

These laws prohibit discrimination in housing based on disability, race, color, religion, national origin, sex and familial status. TWC, through its Civil Rights Division, enforces fair housing laws, and has resolved more than 384 cases involving allegations of housing discrimination in fiscal year 2015.

TWC and the TDHCA are hosting a Fair Housing Webinar Series beginning on April 12 at 1:30 p.m. Attendees will learn the basics about fair housing in Texas; how to apply information in a review of potential scenarios; the basics about the reasonable accommodation process; and fair housing considerations for tenant selection criteria. Registration for the first webinar is [now open on THDCA's website](#).

Also in recognition of [National Fair Housing](#) Month in April, TWC and the City of Austin Equal Employment and Fair Housing Office are hosting the 2016 Fair Housing Conference with panels and presentations from various notable individuals, including the U. S. Department of Justice Housing & Civil Enforcement Section Civil Rights Division Deputy Chief Timothy Moran and U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Fort Worth Regional Fair Housing Equal Opportunity Director Garry Sweeney. The event will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at 8 a.m. at the Palmer Events Center located at 900 Barton Springs Road in Austin. Registration is available on the [City of Austin website](#) until March 25.

Other fair housing month events include the Greater Houston Fair Housing Center's 14th Annual Fair Housing Luncheon with U.S. Rep. Gene Green and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Houston Field Officer Edward L. Pringle as honorees. The event will be held on Thursday, April 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lionel Castillo Community Center located at 2101 South St. in Houston. For more information and to register, call 713-641-3247.

TWC urges all Texans to work together for fair housing. Learn more information about your rights as consumer or your responsibilities as a housing provider on the [civil rights discrimination website](#).

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