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The City of New Orleans and HANO to Host 2nd Public Hearing on the Draft 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan

*City and HANO continue work with stakeholders and community to
develop furthering fair housing goals and strategies*

New Orleans, LA (September 6, 2016) - The City of New Orleans and the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) will hold the second in a series of public hearings to discuss the development of the **Draft 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan** and the importance of community participation. The hearing will take place on Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 10:00 am to Noon at the Treme Recreation Community Center located at 900 North Villere Street.

In 2015 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a revised legal requirement that federal agencies and federal grantees further the purpose of the Fair Housing Act. The obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH) Rule has been in the Fair Housing Act since 1968. The purpose of the AFFH Rule is to ensure meaningful action is taken to combat discrimination, overcome patterns of segregation, and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics.

The City of New Orleans and HANO continue to work with stakeholders and community leaders to further fair housing, to ensure the elimination of housing discrimination and segregation due to race, color, gender, religion, national origin, familial status or disability. A series of meetings have been scheduled to allow for public comment on how the agencies can further fair housing, by assessing fair housing challenges and developing goals and strategies to overcome factors that limit choice and access to opportunity.

The Draft 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan is available for review on the City's website at www.nola.gov, and the Housing Authority's website at www.hano.org, and

comments will be accepted by the City and HANO **until October 3, 2016**. Feedback on the draft plan will be accepted also during this public hearing.

For more information on the AFFH Rule visit <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD>. To request a reasonable accommodation, please contact the City of New Orleans at 658-4200, or HANO at 670-3300. AFFH information will be available in Spanish and Vietnamese upon request.

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Public Service Announcement (PSA)

Attention Orleans Parish residents! Join the City of New Orleans and HANO on Saturday, September 10th from 10:00 am to Noon at the Treme Recreation Community Center located at 900 North Villere Street to discuss the development of the 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan, and the importance of community participation.

The City and HANO have partnered with housing advocates to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing to ensure the elimination of housing discrimination and segregation due to race, color, gender, religion, national origin, familial status or disability. A series of meetings have been scheduled to allow for public comment on how we can further fair housing by assessing fair housing challenges and developing goals and strategies to overcome factors that limit choice and access to opportunity.

To view the **Draft 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan** and to comment, visit the City's website at www.nola.gov, and the Housing Authority's website at www.hano.org until October 3, 2016.