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## Community Development Hosts Fair Housing Meetings

Amarillo, TX – As part of Community Development’s 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the City of Amarillo to undertake a Fair Housing Study. The purpose of this study is to enlist the public’s input on potential barriers to fair housing and help prioritize the needs of our neighborhoods. The input forums will give citizens the chance to discuss:

- Attitudes and values concerning the role of government in the provision of housing
- Perceptions concerning the availability of affordable housing and entitlement grant funded initiatives for all segments of the local community
- Perceptions concerning lending, rental, and leasing practices that serve to impede or enhance fair housing
- Perceptions of rental practices as a barrier to affordable housing
- Perceptions and values concerning the role of government, community housing development organizations, nonprofits and advocacy organizations in promoting entitlement initiatives
- Thoughts about what could be done that is not currently being done to further fair housing choice.

The request for citizen input forums will be held at the following dates, times, and locations in Amarillo:

Requested Attendees	Date	Time	Location	Address
<b>General Public and Interested Citizens</b> (i.e. churches, neighborhood/tenant associations, community organizations)	Tuesday, October 28, 2014	6 – 8 p.m.	Downtown Library Rooms A & B	413 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Amarillo, TX
<b>Housing Providers</b> (i.e. realtors, lenders, developers, home builders, landlords)	Wednesday, October 29, 2014	9 – 10 a.m.	City Hall Room 306	509 S.E. 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Amarillo, TX
<b>City Staff and Non-Profit Agencies</b> (i.e. staff, government officials, social service providers, non-profits)	Wednesday, October 29, 2014	2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	City Hall Room 306	509 S.E. 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Amarillo, TX

Written comments regarding the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice should be sent to James Allen, City of Amarillo Community Development Administrator, P.O. Box 1971, Amarillo, TX 79105. Written responses will be provided if a name and return address are provided.

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