

FAIR HOUSING

City of Racine Fair Housing February 2023 Activity Report

*TOTAL # OF INTAKES:	1
*CALL-INS / WALK-INS:	22
ASSESSED / REFERRED:	36
Dept. of Ag. Trade & Cons. Prot.	4
Environmental Health Department	0
Building Department (RENTS)	3
Racine Fire Department	0
Clerk of Courts (Small Claims)	0
Housing Authority	0
Legal Action of Wisconsin	8
Tenant Resource Center	4
ELCA Outreach Center	0
WI Bar Association	7
Neighborhood Watch/COP House	1
Housing Resources Inc./FEC	0
HOPES Center	0
St. Vincent De Paul	0
Salvation Army	0
Energy Assistance	0
HALO	0
Racine Kenosha Community Action	0
Disability Rights WI	1
LIFT Wisconsin	1
Affordable Housing Resources List	2
AA/HRC Complaint Racine	0
HUD Discrimination Referral	0
HUD Nondiscrimination Referral	0
Discrimination ERD Referral	0
Investigated	1
Survey Test	0
Complaint Driven Test	0
Workforce Development Center	0

*All call-ins / walk-ins in the section assessed and referred may be multiple referrals.

*Intakes are specifically related to filing complaints with HUD/ERD.

OUTSIDE RACINE:

- 3 calls from outside Racine: Caledonia(1); Sturtevant (1); Kenosha (1)

MEDIA INTERVIEW:

- None

PRESENTATION/COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- None

Investigations Conducted:

- Complainant is a black, single female, disabled, with two adult children and a grandchild. The CP wanted to get a mortgage to buy a home, but was told she only qualified for a \$38,000 mortgage. CP felt this was discriminatory. Staff explained that because she was the only applicant on the mortgage and her income was only social security, this is what they could offer. Staff advised that if her children would be living in the home, they should be on the mortgage, allowing for a larger mortgage. CP will talk to her children about joining the mortgage and referred the CP to Housing Resources, Inc.

FILED (Alleged) COMPLAINT (S) w/HUD or ERD:

- None.

COMPLAINT UPDATE:

- Complainant is a white, single female, with two children. The heat in her unit was stuck at 81 degrees and could not be turned down. CP called the LL who said he will get to fixing it. Staff referred the case to the RENTS inspectors who recommended a new thermostat. The thermostat was replaced and the CP is now able to control the heat properly. Staff referred the CP to energy assistance to pay for the high bills and referred the CP to Weatherization to see if the house could become more energy efficient. Energy Assistance is working with the CP and the landlord to schedule energy efficiency upgrades.

COMPLAINTS RESOLVED/CLOSED:

- No Fair Housing cases reached full resolution this month.

Fair Housing Test Conducted:

None

SPECIAL NOTES:

Staff is looking for groups to speak with about Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. Please share potential contacts with staff.

April is Fair Housing Month.