FAIR HOUSING

City of Racine Fair Housing July 2017Activity Report

*TOTAL # OF INTAKES: 0

*CALL-INS / WALK-INS: 7

ASSESSED / REFERRED: 10

Dept. of Ag. Trade & Cons. Prot.	2
Dept. of Regulation & Licensing	0
Environmental Health Department	4
Building Department	0
Clerk of Courts (Small Claims)	0
Housing Authority	1
Legal Action of Wisconsin	0
Tenant Resource Center	2
Misc.	1
AA/HRC Complaint Racine	0
HUD Discrimination Referral	0
HUD Nondiscrimination Referral	0
Discrimination ERD Referral	0
Investigated	0
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.

MEDIA INTERVIEW: None

PRESENTATION:

• July 19, 2017 – Presented at A Home for Everyone Conference on Immigrant Rights in Fair Housing – 24 people present

Investigations Conducted: 0

• Complainant is a renter, CP is African American female with one child. The lease is set to expire at the end of June. The Landlord sent 28 day of nonrenewal notice. LL was also sending threatening letters and notes to the tenant. CP feels her fair housing rights may have been violated. Staff explained the process to file a complaint and CP wanted to talk to family members about filing.

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

• No complaints filed.

COMPLAINT UPDATE:

• No updates at this time.

COMPLAINTS RESOLVED/CLOSED:

• No updates at this time

Fair Housing Test Conducted: None

SPECIAL NOTES:

Fair Housing Update:

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Landlord Tenant Case:

• CP is a renter in a single family home. She is a single mother and has five children. The neighbor say many disparaging remarks about her being a single mother, not being a good mom, and not maintaining her property. The neighbor has called the CP's landlord, whom investigated and found nothing wrong, the police, whom investigated and found nothing wrong. The neighbor called the city to place a citation on the tenant's door due to weeds. The neighbor wrote a note to the neighbor explaining that her lawnmower was broke and she won't be able to cut the lawn right away. City did cite the CP for the weeds on the side of the garage. CP's landlord stated if he had to pay the ticket the CP would have to move. This case did not fall under Fair Housing Violations, but an officer from the Cop House on 16th Street agreed to reach out and help the neighbors come to an understanding.