

FREE REGIONAL TRAINING:

Enforcing the Fair Housing Rights of Returning Citizens



March 20, 2015

East Bay Center for the Performing Arts

339 11th St., Richmond, CA, 94801

10a.m. – 3p.m.

This training will be hosted by Bay Area Legal Aid under a HUD/FHIP Grant, and is intended to highlight fair housing issues raised by discriminatory admissions practices for individuals with criminal records. Panelists, will discuss strategies that can be used by fair housing and reentry advocates and policy makers to increase equity in housing opportunity.

This training is eligible for 5 California MCLE credits.

Panelists:

Chris Brancart has been litigating housing discrimination cases on behalf of plaintiffs in federal and state courts since 1989 and recently filed suit against the City of Costa Mesa for its discriminatory zoning practices and interference with "Sober Living Environments".

Zoë Polk is the Director of Policy Division for the San Francisco Human Rights Commission and Oversees enforcement of the "Fair Chance Ordinance" to reduce discrimination based on prior convictions in housing Employment.

Tamisha Walker is a Richmond resident, researcher, and organizer for the "Safe Return Project" – a group instrumental in the successful campaign to "ban the box" in Richmond and Contra Costa.

Training Focus:

- *The Link Between Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System and Housing Discrimination*
- *Administrative, Policy and Litigation Strategies to Mitigate Discriminatory Admissions Policies*
- *Case Study: Overview of Structural Barriers to Low-Income Housing in Contra Costa for Individuals with Criminal Records*

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REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

There will be a complimentary light breakfast at 9:30 a.m., and lunch will also be provided.

Please forward your registration to othammasen@baylegal.org or fax it to Oravanh Thammassen at Bay Area Legal Aid at 510-236-6846, and you may call 510-233-9954 with questions (TDD 800-735-2929). This facility is wheelchair accessible, and please let us know if you need any accommodation in order to participate in the program.