

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AMENDMENT**  
**AND**  
**ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING PLANNING PROCESS**

**Purpose and Summary:** The Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency (MDHA) is in the process of conducting a joint Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) with Metro Nashville. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires cities and public housing authorities that receive federal funds for housing and community development to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH). To fulfill this requirement as recipients of these funds, MDHA and Metro Nashville must conduct an AFH which includes an analysis of fair housing data, an assessment of fair housing issues and contributing factors, and an identification of fair housing priorities and goals. The purposes of the AFH is to assess whether individuals and families have the information, opportunity, and options to live where they choose without unlawful discrimination related to **race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, or disability** and assess whether housing options are realistically available in integrated areas and areas with access to opportunity.

MDHA is amending its Citizen Participation Plan to incorporate the Assessment of Fair Housing and describe the process for stakeholder and community engagement.

In undertaking the AFH, MDHA will utilize the HUD-provided local government assessment tool, which is available for public viewing at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5216/assessment-of-fair-housing-tool-for-local-governments/>. Also available for public viewing are HUD-provided data and maps: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/affh/resources/#affh-data-and-mapping>. MDHA will supplement the HUD-provided data and maps with local and state data and input from stakeholders and citizens obtained through the citizen participation process. Additional AFFH resources are available at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/affh/resources/#tools-for-fair-housing-planning-under-the-affh-rule>.

**Public Hearing:** MDHA will host a public hearing on the Citizen Participation Plan Amendment, discuss the AFH planning process, and review the AFH planning tools on:

**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee, Inc.**  
**937 Herman Street**  
**Nashville, TN 37208**

**Public Comment Period:** The Citizen Participation Plan Amendment is available for public examination and comment. Members of the public may download copies from MDHA's website at <http://www.nashville-mdha.org/?p=2011> or may request copies by contacting the MDHA Community Development Department at 615-252-8505 or TDD at 615-252-8599. Also, copies will be available at MDHA's Community Development Department, located at 712 South Sixth Street, Nashville, TN 37206, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. MDHA will receive written comments through 4:00 p.m., central time, on Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Comments may be submitted electronically at [fairhousingplan@nashville-mdha.org](mailto:fairhousingplan@nashville-mdha.org), faxed to 615-252-8533 (Attention: Fair Housing Plan), mailed to MDHA Community Development Department, Attention: Fair Housing Plan, P.O. Box 846, Nashville, TN 37202, or hand-delivered to MDHA Community Development Department, Attention: Fair Housing Plan, 712 South Sixth Street, Nashville TN 37206.

**Request for Accommodations:** MDHA makes every effort to provide reasonable accommodations and services to assist persons with disabilities or sensory impairments. Additionally, translation services may be offered upon request. Any person needing such assistance/services should contact 615-252-8555 or TDD at 615-252-8599 no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 13, 2017.

**Para asistencia en Español llame al 615-252-8505.**

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