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## **RESIDENTS INVITED TO RESPOND TO FAIR HOUSING SURVEY**

### ***Data Needed to Improve Housing Opportunities***

Have you experienced discrimination in housing in connection to your age, religion, or disability? Or are you facing foreclosure, or at risk? These are sample questions that are contained in a survey to obtain information about barriers that affect the rights of residents to fair housing opportunities, which are protected by federal and state laws.

The San Diego Housing Commission, working in conjunction with other jurisdictions in the county, is encouraging residents to take the survey online through July 6, 2009.

“Without a strong survey response, the voices of residents will not be heard,” said Rick Gentry, President & CEO of the San Diego Housing Commission.

The survey can be accessed by visiting, <http://www.sandiegofairhousingsurvey.org/>.

The information will be detailed in a report called the *San Diego Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice* to be published by the Fair Housing Resource Board. The report will assess the causes of unfair housing due to public and private policies and practices.

The report is published every five years and is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD ensures that jurisdictions that receive grant monies are “affirmatively furthering fair housing.”

To view the *2005 San Diego Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Report*, visit <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/sdhcd/docs/sandiegoai.pdf>

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