



ONE VOICE

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VOICE YOUR OPINION ON HOUSING CHALLENGES IN THE AUSTIN AREA

What is your housing story? What challenges do you face in finding the housing you need? Can your family find quality schools and employment? Do you think you have experienced housing discrimination? Take the regional Analysis of Impediments survey to help Central Texas cities, counties and housing authorities learn more about why you live where you live and what housing challenges you face.

The City of Austin, Travis County, Williamson County, Pflugerville, Round Rock, and area housing authorities are collaborating on this regional housing and economic opportunity study to identify meaningful actions to overcome historic patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, and foster inclusive communities free from discrimination.

In 2016, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) launched a new approach to identifying fair housing challenges in a city and region, called the Assessment of Fair Housing. This



The goal of The Central Texas Fair Housing Assessment is to help communities like Austin improve economic conditions for all residents, in a way that best fits the community.

approach encouraged communities to embrace a more comprehensive planning process, focusing on economic, as well as housing barriers.

This survey will inform the decision about whether Central Texas receives federal housing and community development funds from HUD. This requirement originates from the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which mandates that HUD administer programs and activities relating to housing and urban development in a manner that affirmatively furthers the policies of the Act.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- ✓ **TAKE THE SURVEY:** <http://centraltexasfairhousing.org/get-involved/>
- ✓ **WHEN:** Before June 30
- ✓ **DETAILS:** The survey takes about 15 minutes, and it's available in six languages.
- ✓ **NEED HELP?** Call 1-800-748-3222 ext. 236, email jgarner@bbcresearch.com, or visit www.centraltexasfairhousing.org.

Our Mission & Vision

To cultivate sustainable affordable housing communities and partnerships that inspire self-reliance, growth and optimism. We envision neighborhoods where poverty is alleviated, communities are healthy and safe, and all people can achieve their full potential.

WHAT DOES HOME MEAN TO YOU? YOUR POSTER COULD WIN \$100!



NAHRO is holding a Housing America poster contest! Twelve HACA winners will win a \$50 gift card. The 12 winners also will be forwarded to regional councils or to the national council for consideration for the National NAHRO award. Twelve national winners will receive a \$100 Visa gift card. The grand prize is an iPad and a family trip to Washington D.C.!

To enter, create a 22" x 28" picture showing "What Home Means to Me." The contest is open to all HACA youth (i.e., public or Section 8) from elementary to high school. Submissions must be created by only one person. Entries created by two or more people will not be accepted. ALL posters must be submitted to HACA. Any submissions sent directly to NAHRO will be disqualified. **Deadline for submission to HACA is July 2.**

Poster Specs:

- Please consider that posters will need to be packaged, mailed and reproduced.
- All entries must be mailed flat to: HACA-2019 Poster Contest, Attn: Felisa Epps, 1124 S. IH-35, Austin, TX 78702
- All contestants must sign a release making their entry the property of HACA and NAHRO and permitting duplication/publication. The release should be secured to the back of the entry.
- All contestants must provide a short narrative on the inspiration, vision and importance of their poster design. The narrative should be secured on the back of the entry.
- Contestants' name, grade level and housing authority must be written on the back of each poster entry.
- Posters will not be returned.

For additional entry forms and information, visit <http://www.housingamericacampaign.org/what-home-means-to-me.html>.

FREE MINDS IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE GRADS

Free Minds is looking for its next group of learners! The organization offers a free two-semester college course in the humanities for adults driven to turn a new page in their lives. Students explore literature, philosophy, history, art history, and writing with top faculty, earning six credit hours from ACC upon completion.

Classes are twice a week in East Austin between August and May. Tuition, books, child care and support services are free to participants. Free Minds alumni re-enter the world more engaged in their communities and their families' educations, with renewed vigor and drive to take control of their futures.

For more information, or to apply, visit our www.freeminds.org, or call (512) 610-7961. Applications are due July 6.



HACA KIDS ARE MAD ABOUT SCIENCE!

Right: HACA is home to future scientists! Several Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area East Club members recently participated in a science fair at Chalmers Courts. Hypotheses ranged from “Is there life on Mercury?” to “Why does a volcano erupt?” Other experiments explored the life cycle of a plant, or provided instruction on how to make slime.



Left: The West Point Society of Central Texas raised funds for travel of HCV participant Mia Hernandez to travel to West Point Military Academy in New York for a week long STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) camp. To celebrate, Mia and her mom recently attended a picnic and send off at Camp Mabry. Congrats, Mia!



COMPUTER HELP IS NOW AVAILABLE AT SALINA/ROSEWOOD COURTS

We're excited to announce the computer lab in the Salina Apartments Community Room is now officially open for Salina and Rosewood Courts residents! Lab apprentices and Austin Community College District interns will now be available on site to provide residents with computer assistance. Residents may now register for classes and will also have the opportunity to earn a computer! Learn more about Austin Pathways' Unlocking the Connection digital inclusion initiative at www.austinpathways.org, or contact Tracy Yetter at (512) 477-4488 or tracyy@hacanet.org.



GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY

Are you reading One Voice? For a chance to win a \$10 gift card, call (512) 477-4488 ext. 2601, and leave a message with your name, phone number, property name and unit number. Say the key word: “SUMMER” The first 15 callers could win one of 10 gift cards. Contest open only to subsidized and public housing residents.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

HACA Administration (512) 477-4488
 Resident Call Center (888) 842-4484
 Maintenance Work Orders (512) 477-8518
 Section 8/Housing Choice (512) 477-1314
 Fire/Police 911
 Non-Emergency Police 311
 Poison Center (800) 222-1222
 Quit Smoking (877) 937-7848
 RAD Hotline (844) HACA-RAD

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All submissions must include a name and phone number to be considered. Copy may be edited because of space limitations.



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Editor's Note: Scheduled meetings are subject to change.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Rent due Resident Council: 11 a.m. @ Georgian 1:30 p.m. @ Santa Rita Courts	2
3	4 Resident Council 1 p.m. @ Bouldin Oaks	5	6 Resident Council: 10:30 a.m. @ Northgate 2 p.m. @ Lakeside	7 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Gaston	8	9
10	11 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Meadowbrook	12 Citywide 10 a.m.	13 Resident Council: 11 a.m. Coronado 1:30 p.m. North Loop	14 Flag Day HACA Board Meeting	15	16
17 Father's Day	18 Resident Council 1 p.m. @ Thurmond	19 Juneteenth Resident Council 11 a.m. @ BTW	20	21 First Day of Summer Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Rosewood/Salina	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Resident Council: 10:30 a.m. Chalmers 11 a.m. Goodrich 1 p.m. Shadowbend/ Man. Village/Man. 11	29	30