



April 6, 2021

Aloha:

As we recognize and acknowledge April as Fair Housing Month, we would like to highlight Article 10, Standards of Practice 10-5 of the NAR Code of Ethics that was approved in November 2020 that states "REALTORS must not use harassing speech, hate speech, epithets, or slurs based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation, or gener identity.

REALTORS agree to:

- Provide equal professional service without regard to the race, color, religion, gender (sex), disability (handicap), familial status, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity of any prospective client, customer, or of the residents of any community.
- Keep informed about fair housing law and practices, improving my clients' and customers' opportunities and my business.
- Develop advertising that indicates that everyone is welcome and no one is excluded;, expanding my clients and customer's opportunities to see, buy, or lease property.
- Inform my clients and customers about their rights and responsibilities under the fair housing laws by providing brochures and other information.
- Document my efforts to provide professional service, which will assist me in becoming a more responsive and successful REALTOR®.
- Refuse to tolerate non-compliance.
- Learn about those who are different from me, and celebrate those differences.
- Take a positive approach to fair housing practices and aspire to follow the spirit as well as the letter of the law.
- Develop and implement fair housing practices for my firm to carry out the spirit of this declaration.

Fair Housing 2021: More Than Words - The theme for this year's Fair Housing Month is "More than Just Words." Experts from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) and Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i will present the most current information and answer questions regarding the most current federal and state Fair Housing laws. Various topics will be covered in each weekly session. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year's training will be held virtually via Cisco Webex Meetings at the following schedule. The events are sponsored by: HUD; HI Civil Rights Commission; Legal Aid Society of Hawaii; County of Kauai; City & County of Honolulu; County of Maui and the County of Hawaii.

- April 1, 2021 – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Fair Housing 101: An Overview

- April 8, 2021 – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Eviction Moratorium and Fair Housing Experts Panel
- April 15, 2021 – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Race, Color & National Origin: Fair Housing Protections Training and Panel Discussion
- April 22, 2021 – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Sex, Gender, Familial Status: Fair Housing Access and Safety
- April 29, 2021 – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Disability & Reasonable Accommodation

To sign up for these free sessions, please register online starting Monday, March 22, at [Register here](#)

During the past few months, many neighborhoods were inundated with heavy rains, flooding and landslides. Homeowners and tenants are encouraged to consult with their insurance carrier to assure that their property and contents have adequate coverage should a disaster occur.

FEMA-NAR Toolkit: Flood Preparation The following collection of materials includes resources, webpages, fact sheets, infographics, and publications available for use by real estate professionals and lenders. Professionals can use the materials to promote the financial protection flood insurance offers and explain various flood insurance requirements to homeowners and business owners.

<https://www.nar.realtor/national-flood-insurance-program/fema-nar-toolkit-flood-preparedness-re-sources>

Am I in a Dam Evacuation Area? The State Dam Safety Program of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Engineering Division, has provided state regulated dam location information on our Flood Hazard Assessment Tool (FHAT). In support of the County Emergency Response Agencies, county dam evacuation information is also included when conducting a parcel search. To begin your search, use the FHAT by visiting www.hawaiiinfip.org and click on Flood Hazard Assessment Tools.

To learn more about the specific dam(s) that pose a hazard to the subject parcel, visit the State Dam Safety Program website at: <http://dlnreng.hawaii.gov/dam/> and click on the “Dam & Reservoir Online Database” button.

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