



Source of Income Discrimination and the negative effects on Affordable Housing

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Preamble to 1949 Housing Act, Congress
declared its goal of “*a decent home in a
suitable living environment for every
American Family.*”

The Problem

SOURCE OF INCOME
DISCRIMINATION

Source of Income Discrimination

In searching for a dwelling, many households face discrimination by landlords who are unwilling to rent to voucher holders. As a result, several states and municipalities have adopted laws prohibiting housing discrimination based on source of income.

Source of Income Discrimination

Discrimination based on one's "source of income" – which can include, but is not limited to, housing choice vouchers, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), unemployment insurance, or veteran's benefits – is against the law in Miami-Dade County.

Yet voucher holders face
blatant discrimination
when searching for
housing.

Continuing
discrimination in
housing markets
limits housing
CHOICES for
minorities and thereby
reinforces segregation.

In many instances, a housing voucher is the only thing that stands between a family and homelessness.

As well, discrimination
against housing voucher
holder, far too often, is
merely a guise for
discrimination based on
race, national origin or
familial status.

SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM

- ▶ Create an ordinance that prohibits Source of Income Discrimination
- ▶ Enforce the ordinance that prohibits Source of Income Discrimination

Miami-Dade County Ordinance Chapter 11

Sec. 11A-1. - Declaration of policy and scope.

(1)

Policy. It is hereby declared to be the policy of Miami-Dade County, in the exercise of its police power for the public safety, health and general welfare, to eliminate and prevent discrimination in employment, family leave, public accommodations, credit and financing practices, and housing accommodations because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, marital status, familial status, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. It is further hereby declared to be the policy of Miami-Dade County to eliminate and prevent discrimination in housing based on source of income.

Enforce the ordinance that prohibits Source of Income Discrimination



ACTION PLAN

- ▶ Increase Tenant Knowledge
- ▶ Increase Landlord Knowledge
- ▶ Increase Professional Knowledge
- ▶ Increase County Official Knowledge
- ▶ Enforce The Law of Source of Income Discrimination

INCREASE TENANT KNOWLEDGE



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROHIBITS

SOURCE OF INCOME DISCRIMINATION

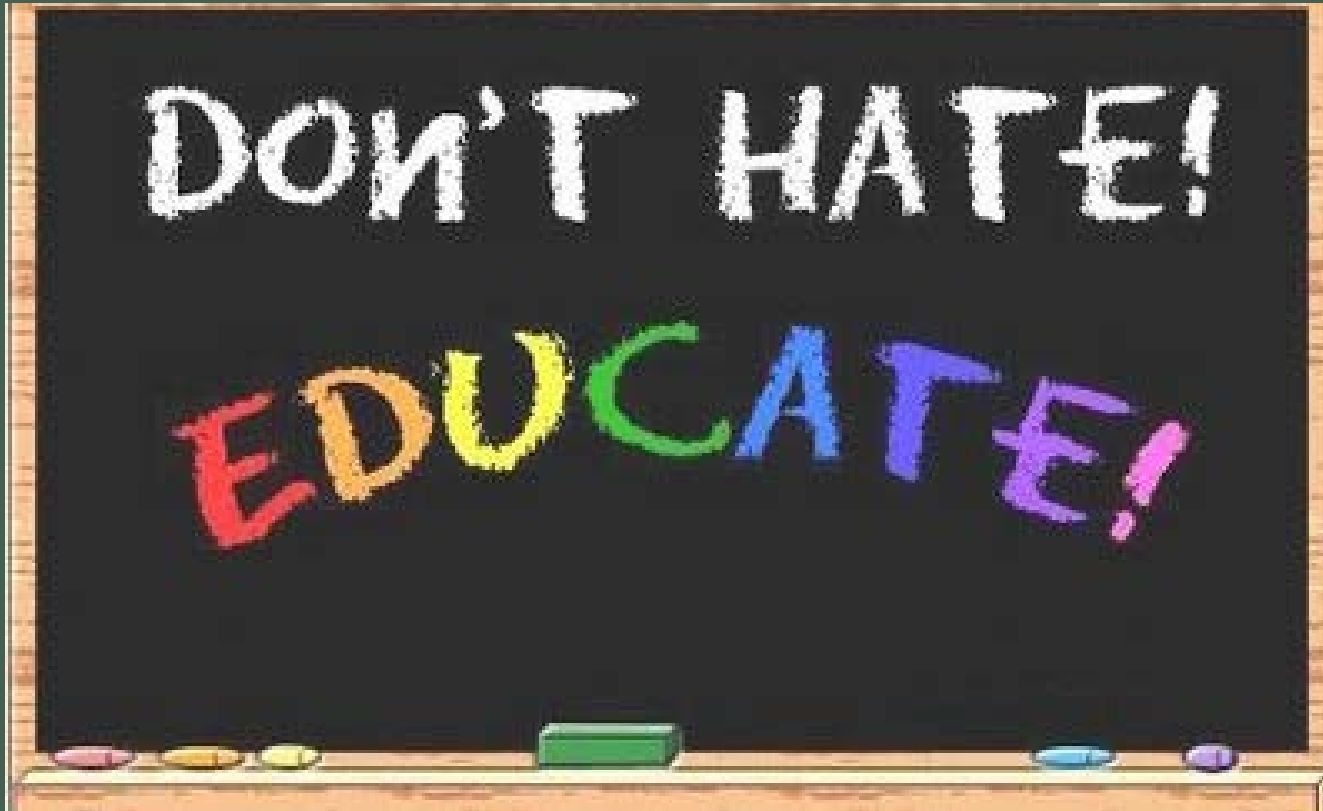
- SOCIAL SECURITY
- SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INSURANCE
- VETERANS BENEFITS
- SECTION 8 VOUCHER
- UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
- DISABILITY
- ANY LEGAL SOURCE OF INCOME

Public Service Announcements



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INCREASE LANDLORD'S KNOWLEDGE



Landlords Should Receive

- Mailers to in tax bill
- Opportunities to attend workshops
- Incentives to work with voucher recipients


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INCREASE
PROFESSIONAL'S
KNOWLEDGE



Realtors & Property Managers

- Educate
- Advocate
- Encourage
- Appreciate

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INCREASE PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S KNOWLEDGE



Leaders should:

- Stay Current on Progressive Housing Policy
 - Encourage Stricter Enforcement
 - Inform constituents of the ordinance
 - Assist in filing complaints

In Conclusion

Affordable Housing Units
in the marketplace can be
increased simply by
increasing knowledge
about a law already in
place.

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