

2018 Leckey Forum

Confronting Diversity:
Housing Policies for a
Truly Inclusive
Community

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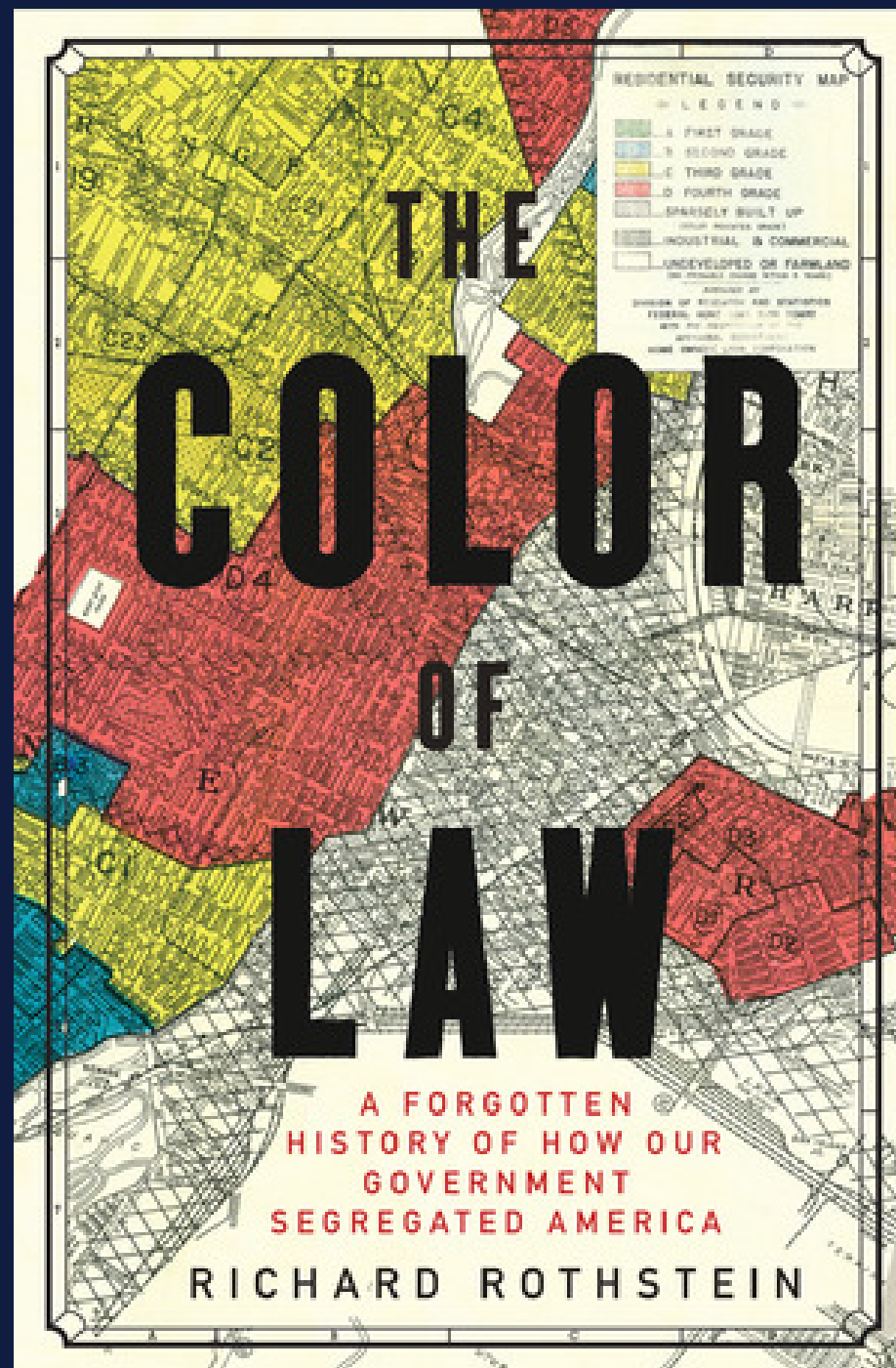


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Learning from the Past

A Brief Overview of Arlington's History of
Racial and Ethnic Housing Segregation





Freedman's Village – National Park Service

Only 4 Homes Await Negro Warworkers

**Situation Revealed After an Appeal
To Register Available Quarters**

Washington Post, June 11 1943

“Only four homes are available to essential Negro warworkers with families in the entire Washington area, War Housing Center figures revealed yesterday.”

Restrictive Deed Covenants - Example from Dominion Hills:

| HILTON, PEAR & TRAMONTE ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA | | Case No. |
|---|---|---------------|
| Arlington Homes Corporation, a Virginia Corporation, et al | Kind of Conveyance..... Restrictions..... | |
| | Book 685 Page 506 | |
| | Dated 10/22/45 | |
| | Date of Ack 10/24/45 Ack. Before..... | |
| | Date of Record 10/24/45 | |
| To | Execution..... Acknowledgment..... | |
| | Consideration \$1.00 | |
| | Granting Clause..... | |
| | Warranty..... | |
| | Ten. by Ent.—Joint Ten.—Ten. in Com. (with survivorship) all | |
| Conveys | ARLINGTON HOMES CORPORATION, owner of/lots in the Subdivision of DOMINION HILLS, does hereby establish as restrictive covenants affecting all lots in said | |

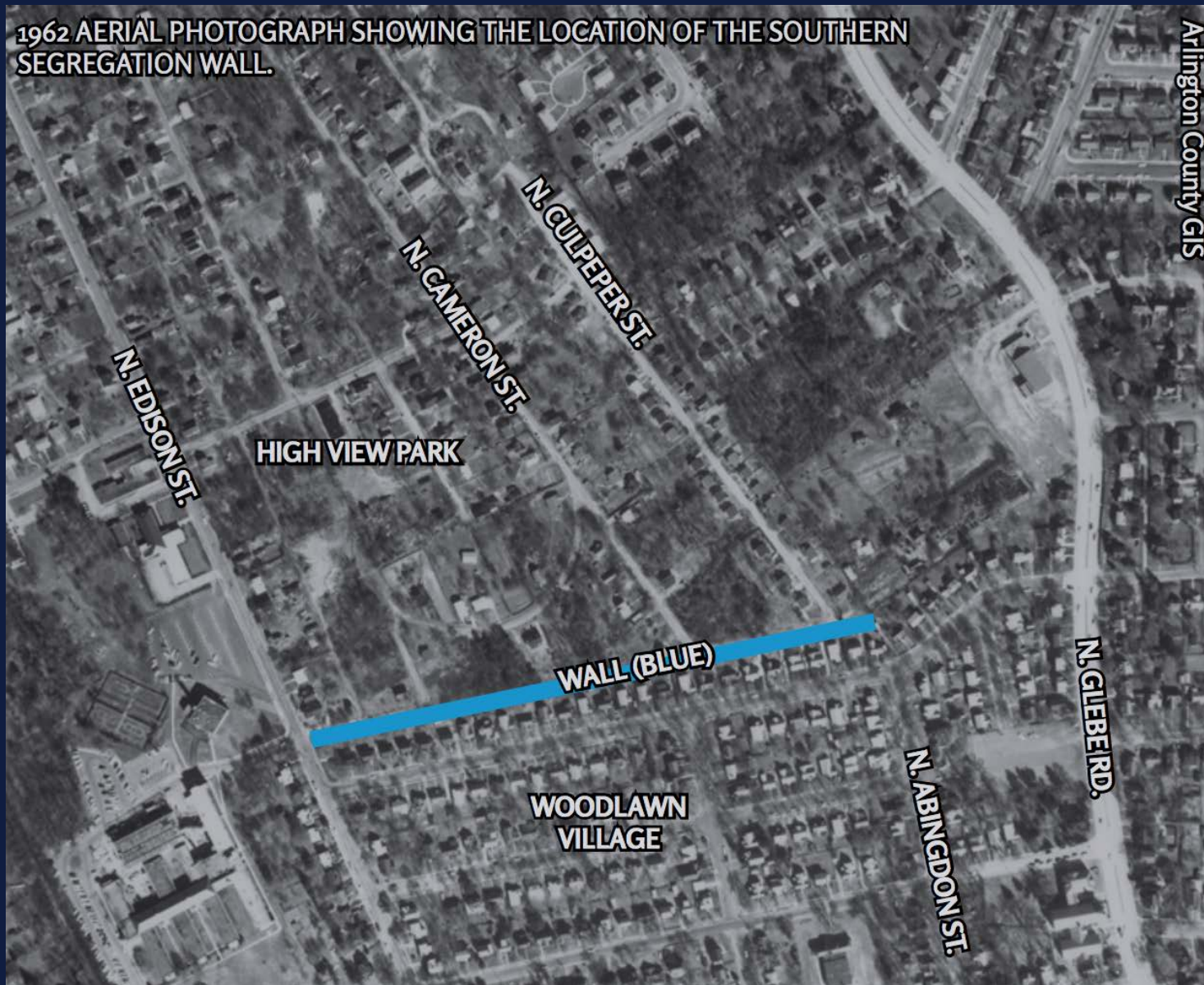
5. Neither the land hereby conveyed, nor any parcel thereof, nor lot therein, shall ever, at any time, be occupied by, leased to, sold to, devised to, or in any manner alienated to, anyone not a member of the Caucasian Race, except that this covenant shall not prevent the use by any owner or tenant of said land, or any parcel thereof, or lot therein, of domestic servants not members of the Caucasian Race.

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Example from Bellevue Forest:

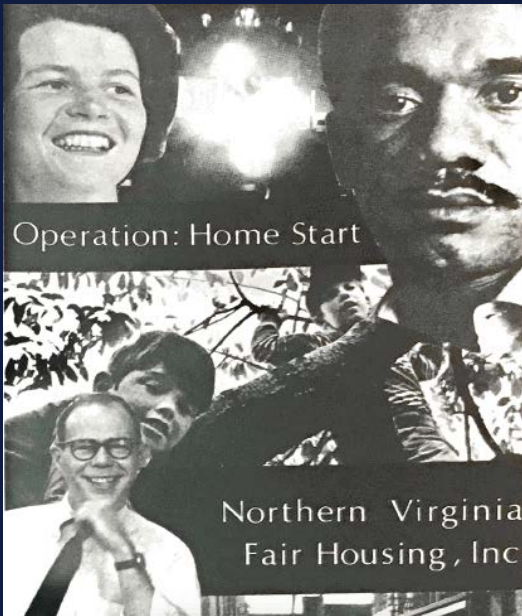
"No lot or lots hereby conveyed, or any interest in it or them, shall ever be used, occupied by, sold, demised, transferred, conveyed unto, or in trust for, leased, rented, or given, to negros [sic], or any person or persons of Negro blood or extraction, or to any person of the semetic [sic] race, blood, or origin, which racial description shall be deemed to include Armenians, Jews, Hebrews, Persians and Syrians, except that, this paragraph shall not be held to exclude occupancy of the premises by domestic servants of the owner or owners of said lot or lots, his or their heirs or assigns."

Hall's Hill Wall



Historical Marker erected in 2016 by Arlington County, Virginia in honor of the 150th Anniversary of Hall's Hill
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Northern Virginia Fair Housing, Inc.



Metropolitan Washington is webbed with walls of prejudice and indifference which prevent Negro families from moving out from the city to the suburbs.

OUR OBJECTIVE

Whoever we are, the problem of segregated housing affects us all. It is of our making. It infects our society. We can solve it, if we will. And make our community a better place for ourselves and our children. The solution is to encourage and help Negro families buy or rent in neighborhoods of their choice as freely as anyone else. To this end, Northern Virginia Fair Housing, Inc., was organized in 1963.



ACCESS March in Virginia Will Highlight Negro Housing

By Gail Bensinger

Washington Post Staff Writer

A three-day, 14-mile trek through Northern Virginia to dramatize the contrast between white and Negro suburban housing was announced yesterday by the Action Coordinating Committee to End Segregation in the Suburbs.

The march will begin at 2 p.m. Oct. 7 in Gum Springs, a predominantly Negro area in Fairfax County, and end two days later with a 5 p.m. rally in Lubber Run Park in Arlington. Intermediate demonstrations will be held at an all-Negro public housing unit in Alexandria, Arlington's Negro Green Valley neighborhood, and Buckingham Apartments, an all-white development in North Arlington.



The Washington Post

CHARLES JONES

... announces march

final rally in Lubber Run Park.

ACCESS chairman Charles Jones said that police and local government officials have been sent "statements of our intentions to walk." He said the group will provide its own marshals to keep order in the line of march.

Police in Arlington and Alexandria said they had made no specific plans for handling the march. The chief of Fairfax County Police could not be reached for comment last night.

Marched Previously

ACCESS has marched long-distance once before—around the entire District on the Capital Beltway last June, protesting segregation in all Washington suburbs.

The first leg of the march



Washington Post, Sept. 29, 1966

Fair Housing Drive Gets 44,511 Names

Washington Post, March 25, 1965

Committee for Open Occupancy Legislation



a cool report

Committee for Open Occupancy Legislation P.O. Box # 277, Falls Church, Va.

April 19, 1968

In the News:

Sunday, April 14, 1968

By Richard Corrigan
Washington Post Staff Writer

The drive for local open-housing measures in Virginia will probably accelerate rather than slow down because of Congressional passage last week of a national open-housing law.

Northern Virginia remains the only part of Metropolitan Washington where no action has been taken on State or local open occupancy laws.

It is questionable whether any Virginia jurisdictions will enact local ordinances stronger than the Federal law, but even passage of comparable ordinances could improve race relations. . . .

But support for open-housing—in principle if not in action—has been developing steadily in recent months, aided by the promptings of the Defense Department. Expressions of support for voluntary action have been given by several local governing bodies in Northern Virginia and in other areas.

A draft open-housing

COOL REPORTS:

The passage by Congress of a Federal Fair Housing Law reflects the widespread recognition of the need for such legislation. The substantial majorities that the bill had in both houses of Congress - the vote was 71 to 20 in the Senate and 250 to 171 in the House - should give courage to Northern Virginia lawmakers concerned about the political implications of voting for local fair housing laws.

People are asking whether local ordinances



So what's happening in Fair Housing?

ARLINGTON COUNTY - A strong draft open occupancy ordinance has been drawn up by a group of volunteer attorneys at the request of the Arlington County Board majority. The draft is a modified version of the COOL ordinance. It also has some additions that are in the Federal legislation. Copies of the draft are now available at the County Manager's Office. The draft is being circulated throughout the County this month for study and suggestion. It is expected that the Board will hold public hearings on the final draft in May. The outlook is good that Arlington will soon have an open occupancy ordinance. It is also expected that the ordinance, if passed, will be subject to an immediate court test to determine its legality.

The Arlington COOL Committee is planning to contact Church and Civic groups to enlist their aid in preparing public acceptance of the ordinance. A Speakers Bureau has been set up.

FAIRFAX COUNTY - Over 180 speakers have signed up for one or another of the coming three public hearings in Fairfax County - April 30, May 2 and 3. Anyone wishing to present a statement can still sign up by calling the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors (Cr. 3-2000). The Fairfax Division of the Council of Churches of Greater Washington has endorsed the COOL proposed ordinance. So also have the Board of Directors of the Fairfax County YWCA and the Fairfax Federation of Civic Associations Executive Committee.

ALEXANDRIA - the COOL model ordinance has been sent to numerous organizations and groups with the request that they endorse the proposal. The Alexandria League of Women Voters and the Alexandria City Democratic Committee have already done so. A Speakers Bureau has also been set up.

CITY OF FALLS CHURCH - the City Council passed a resolution urging voluntary open housing. They also appointed a sub-committee to study the possibility of an ordinance.

FAIRFAX CITY - The COOL Committee is meeting this week with local realtors to work out areas of possible cooperation. They are also planning to contact nearby places of employment to try to coordinate the search for jobs and housing for negroes. A kit of materials is being prepared for Church and Civic organizations. A Speakers Bureau is being set up also. In a future newsletter we hope to have the results of an Apartment survey now being made.

VIENNA - Vienna Good Neighbors are pressing for legislation both in Fairfax County and in Vienna. They hope to cooperate with the Committee on Human Relations in urging neighborly cooperation and acceptance of fair housing.

1968 Fair Housing Act Passes



Vietnam Refugees Turn to Shopkeeping, Prosper in Arlington's 'Mekong Delta'

MEKONG, From A1

my customers say things about the Vietnamese similar to what I heard them say 20 years ago about the Jews, things like, 'They don't belong in Arlington.' "

Despite the resentment, what has happened in Arlington mirrors a national trend, according to Thomas C. Parker, deputy county planning director.

"The same thing happened in Miami when the Cuban refugees came in," Parker said. "They moved into a dying commercial area like Clarendon after a lot of established white businessmen had moved out."

In 1975 when the Vietnamese began opening shops, Parker noted, Clarendon already had been eclipsed by regional shopping malls like Tysons Corner and severely disrupted by subway construction. Business was so bad that more than 90 of an estimated 200 stores had closed.



NGUYEN VAN HOAN
... business degree from Vanderbilt

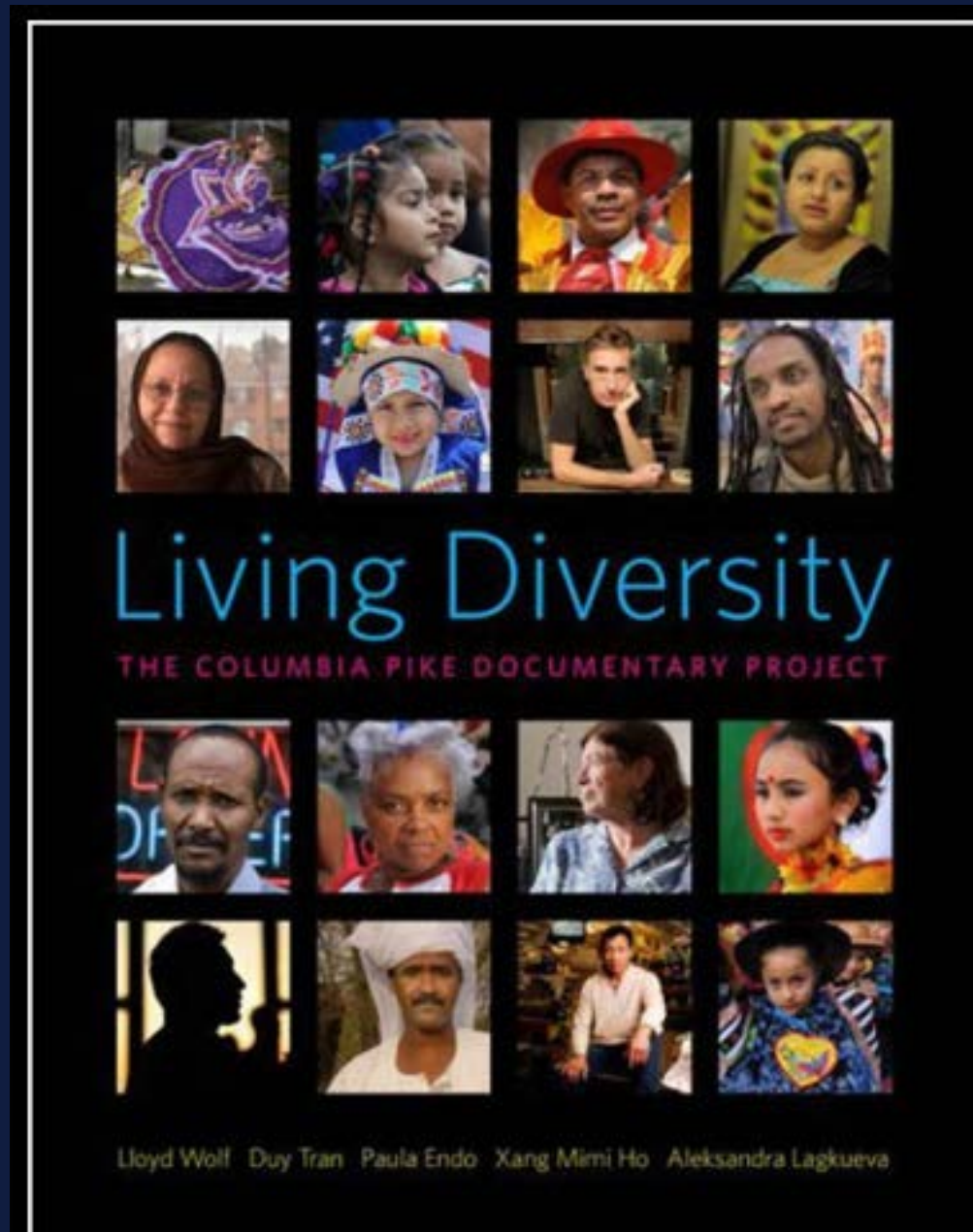
"Like all Orientals the Vietnamese like to stay together, because living in America they feel isolated," said Hoan, who came to the United States in 1969 and has a business degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville. "Coming to Clarendon makes them feel less lonely."

Many Clarendon merchants, Hoan included, come from affluent, if not wealthy, white-collar backgrounds.

Several of those interviewed said they were able to raise the initial \$5,000 to \$10,000 necessary to start a small business because they managed to smuggle cash or jewelry out of Vietnam. Others, the woman who owns Saigon Market, who came to the United States 11 years ago as a secretary for the South Vietnamese Embassy, for instance, were in America when Saigon fell or like jewelry store owner Do had children who were attending American universities.

The riviledged backgrounds of some Vietnamese merchants arouse resentment among some American business

Echoes of Little Saigon, <https://littlesaigonclarendon.com/little-saigon/>



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*“Where the changing of a well-ingrained
social pattern is involved, never
underestimate the power of your
expressed opinions.”*

-Northern Virginia Fair Housing, Inc.

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