CSA will host Facebook Live Sessions to discuss pressing Fair Housing issues, challenges and best practices. We will be discussing Familial Status, as well as Challenges and Best Practices for Realtors and Housing Providers.

The purpose of the Facebook Live sessions is to inform consumers, Real estate Agents and Housing Providers about their rights and responsibilities as well as how to recognize and eliminate possible discrimination issues faced in San Diego County.

HOMESEEKERS BEWARE!

CSA recently published an article in the
East County Magazine that discusses an all too familiar scenario many face when seeking housing. However, similar to the couple in the article, many home seekers are unfamiliar with their rights under the fair housing laws and are unaware of how to file a complaint.

CSA writes these articles to raise awareness about housing discrimination and how to file complaints to stop discriminatory acts. It also teaches housing providers about their obligations under the law and the benefits of expanding fair housing choice.

Read more about the home seekers Kim and James.

**Housing Discrimination is Illegal!**

CSA ran a month-long series of cable commercials on COX media channels to bring awareness of housing discrimination to the communities CSA serves. The 30 second commercials were in both English and in Spanish reaching thousands of residents in San Diego County.

Click on the image to watch the commercial.
What is a Request for a Reasonable Accommodation?

While landlords are accustomed to accommodating tenants with mobility issues, it's more difficult to define reasonable accommodations for other disabilities or medical conditions.

In 2004, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Justice defined a reasonable accommodation as a “change, exception, or adjustment to a rule, policy, practice, or service that may be necessary for a person with a disability to have an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling, including public and common use spaces.”

This means that reasonable accommodation might include:

- Allowing an interpreter to negotiate a lease for a hearing-impaired applicant,
- Replacing the carpet in a unit for an asthma patient,
- Assigning preferential or assigned parking to a tenant recovering from a medical procedure.

It might also include working with a tenant who has violated a lease agreement because of a mental health condition instead of starting eviction procedures.

For over 50 years, CSA has provided critical fair housing services to help persons in need. More than 50% of the fair housing cases per year are related to disability. The main cause of the issues with disability related accommodation requests is usually due to a lack of understanding and housing providers not having proper fair housing training. Education is the key and should be an ongoing tool for housing providers to avoid claims of housing discrimination.
For more information, to obtain training or to speak with a counselor please contact us at the link below. You can also visit CSA's website at www.c4sa.org to learn more about Fair Housing for people with disabilities.

Contact us!

COVID-19 Resources and Information

During these uncertain times, CSA is open and continues to provide services to assist San Diego County residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. There are also many local, state and federal resources available and many local cities are enacting eviction bans, rental assistance programs and other helpful resources.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Fair Housing is Your Right!
CSA receives and investigates hundreds of housing discrimination cases annually. If you feel that you have been discriminated against, contact CSA today.

Phone: 619-444-5700
TTY 1-800-855-7100 / Email: outreach@c4sa.org

About Us:
CSA San Diego County is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. We have decades of experience as advocates for fair housing and in mediating tenant/landlord issues, and we continue to do so today. Other issues CSA addresses include: hate crime prevention, civil rights of first generation immigrants, human trafficking, youth education, and voter education.

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