

# ABOUT FAIR HOUSING LONG BEACH

The Long Beach City Prosecutor and Long Beach Housing Authority have partnered to inform the public of housing discrimination laws and to investigate and remedy housing discrimination violations.



## How to Reach Us:



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[www.fairhousinglb.com](http://www.fairhousinglb.com)

# HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IS ILLEGAL



If you feel that you are the victim of illegal housing discrimination, report any such discrimination at:

[www.fairhousinglb.com](http://www.fairhousinglb.com)

or use the QR Code below:



City Prosecutor  
Doug Haubert



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# Housing Discrimination

In the City of Long Beach, it is unlawful for a landlord to discriminate against or harass a tenant based upon any of the following:

- Sexual Preference
- Race
- Ethnic Background
- Gender
- Occupancy by Child
- Age
- Nationality
- Parenthood
- Sexual Orientation
- Religion
- Disability
- HIV / AIDS
- Pregnancy
- Marriage
- Source of Income



# Examples of Housing Discrimination

Housing Discrimination occurs when a landlord takes any of the following actions **based solely** on a prospective tenant’s race, gender, sexual preference, sexual orientation, ethnic background, nationality, religion, age, parenthood, marriage, pregnancy, disability, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) / acquired immune deficiency virus (AIDS), occupancy by a minor child, or source of income:

- Refusing to rent an apartment
- Evicting a tenant
- Refusing to make repairs
- Charging a higher rent
- Retaliating against a tenant



## Source of Income Discrimination

Rental subsidy programs, including Section 8 of the Housing Act of 1937 (commonly called “Section 8”), allow qualifying households to receive rent subsidies which are paid directly to their landlords.

It is illegal for a landlord to refuse to rent to an applicant just because they receive rent subsidies from Section 8 or other rental subsidy programs.

Persons who believe they are the victim of such Source of Income Discrimination should report any such violation.

# The Law

## Long Beach Municipal Code section 8.101.030(F)

No owner shall ...[v]iolate any law which prohibits discrimination based on race, gender, sexual preference, sexual orientation, ethnic background, nationality, religion, age, parenthood, marriage, pregnancy, disability, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), occupancy by a minor child, or source of income.

## California Government Code Section 12955.

It shall be unlawful:

(a) For the owner of any housing accommodation to discriminate against or harass any person because of the race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, familial status, source of income, disability, veteran or military status, or genetic information of that person.

...

(p)(1) For the purposes of this section, “source of income” means lawful, verifiable income paid directly to a tenant, or to a representative of a tenant, or paid to a housing owner or landlord on behalf of a tenant, including federal, state, or local public assistance, and federal, state, or local housing subsidies, including, but not limited to, federal housing assistance vouchers issued under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1437f). “Source of income” includes a federal Department of Housing and Urban Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing voucher ....