# **How Can I get More Information?**

**Visit the AFH Website:** 

www.Boston.Gov/DND/Assessment

Information about the City of Boston's Assessment of Fair Housing, including the draft documents, maps, demographic information and meeting dates, times and locations are posted.

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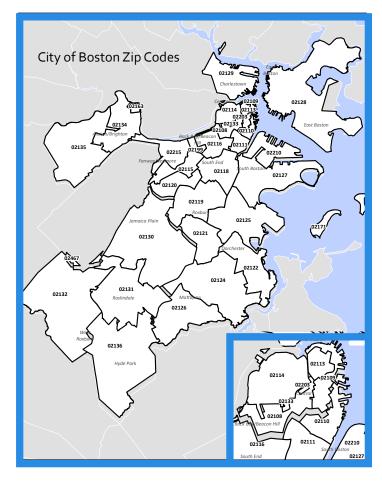
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# **ASSESSMENT**OF FAIR HOUSING

A Zip Code Should Not Determine a Child's Future



Help make ALL of Boston's neighborhoods a great place to grow up!









### What is the Fair Housing Act?

The Act protects peoples housing options from discrimination because of: Race, Color, National Origin, Religion, Sex/Gender, Familial Status, Disability/Handicap.

### What is the Assessment of Fair Housing?

The Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) is a new planning process that the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires cities that receive HUD funds to complete to meet their obligation to provide equal access to housing. The AFH is a comprehensive evaluation of four fair housing issues:

- 1. Patterns of integration and segregation;
- 2. Racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty;
- 3. Disparities in access to opportunity; and
- 4. Disproportionate housing needs.

## What is the Purpose of the AFH?

- understand and identify local conditions and policies that may limit housing choice:
- identify concrete priorities and set goals that increase fair housing choice;
- build opportunity for all residents;
- strengthen our community through consultation with community residents and organizations.

## **Why Should YOU Participate?**

Every person has a unique set of needs, experiences, life circumstances and perspectives. Low-income homeowners may need financial help with the cost of home repairs. A young couple just starting out in their careers may need to be able to find an affordable apartment. A single mom with several children may need a 3-bedroom, lead-safe apartment near her children's school. We want to hear from as many people as possible, especially those who might not normally attend meetings. We want to hear from YOU.

### What Difference Will It Make?

The AFH will identify key priorities and goals for the City, the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) and the community to work together on over the next 5 years to support fair housing These priorities and goals will help guide how HUD /federal resources are invested.

## **How Can You Participate?**

- Sign up to receive e-mail notices about all of the activities regarding the Assessment of Fair Housing. dndassessment@boston.gov
- · Comment on the draft plan
- Attend one or more of a series of community meetings held by the City, the BHA, and various community organizations will be holding be tween now and when the AFH is due on 10/4/17.
- Public housing residents may participate through Resident Advisory Board, Local Tenant Task Force and other resident groups and organizations.
- Complete an online survey: boston.gov/dnd/assessment