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**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Leslye Krutko

**SUBJECT:** NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING  
MONTH ACTIVITIES

**DATE:** April 3, 2009

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## INFORMATION

This April marks the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the enactment of the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, which prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, lease, or negotiation for real property based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, and disability. Consistent with the Act, the City of San Jose is committed to promoting equal housing opportunities for individuals, families, and households. During the month of April, which is known nationally as Fair Housing Month, the City of San Jose Housing Department and its partner agencies will hold a series of events to continue promotion of fair housing awareness and education including the following events:

### April 16, 2009, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Event:** Free educational workshop for apartment owners provided by the City of San Jose, Tri-County Apartment Association, and Project Sentinel

**Purpose:** The workshop will cover: how the fair housing laws apply to various stages of rental management; important information owners and managers need to know about code enforcement; and issues regarding rental applicants who have gone through the foreclosure process.

**Location:** San Jose City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St., San Jose, CA 95112 in Wing Rooms 118 & 119

**Contact:** Robert Lopez at 408-975-4402.

### April 23, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Event:** Foreclosure Prevention and Resource Fair

**Purpose:** This Fair will bring together lenders and borrowers in one location to perform loan modifications or workouts, with the intent that a newly underwritten mortgage will allow the family or individual to make affordable monthly payments and allow them to keep their homes by avoiding foreclosure. The City's first foreclosure prevention fair in August 2008 drew a large attendance. It is anticipated that the upcoming April fair will also be highly attended due to the growing impact of foreclosures on the community.

**Location:** Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Rd., San Jose, CA 95111

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In addition to the educational workshop, the Housing Department will air a fair housing educational television segment on the City of San Jose cable television channel during the month of April. The Housing Department will also provide educational fair housing materials in the lobby of San Jose City Hall on an ongoing basis.

The public will be notified about these events through flyers distributed at public gathering places as well as various media outlets.



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