

RESOLUTION 17-3136

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAKE HAVASU CITY, MOHAVE COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING A FAIR HOUSING POLICY, MAKING IT KNOWN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPAL OF FAIR HOUSING, AND DESCRIBING ACTIONS IT SHALL UNDERTAKE TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING.

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended requires that all applicants for Community Development Block Grant Funds certify that they shall affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 declare a national policy to prohibit discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, and financing of housing or land to be used for the construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, fairness is the foundation of the American system and reflects traditional American values; and

WHEREAS, discriminatory housing practices undermine the strength and vitality of America and its people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Lake Havasu City that it hereby wishes all persons living, working, doing business in or traveling through Lake Havasu City to know that: Discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, and financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988; and that it is the policy of Lake Havasu City to implement programs, within the constraints of its resources, to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin; and within available resources Lake Havasu City will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against in housing issues on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin to seek equity under existing federal and state laws to file a complaint with the Arizona Attorney General's Office or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and that Lake Havasu City shall publicize this Resolution and thereby encourage owners of rental properties, developers, builders, and others involved with housing to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances; and that Lake Havasu City shall undertake the following actions to additionally "affirmatively further fair housing:"

Print Fair Housing information in the local paper in addition to posting this Resolution in public areas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, this 14th day of March, 2017.

APPROVED:

Mark S. Nexsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Williams, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

REVIEWED BY:

Kelly Garry, City Attorney

Charlie Cassens, City Manager