

**Notice of 30 Day Comment Period and
Public Hearing on Barriers to Fair Housing.**

The Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) will accept public testimony on barriers to fair housing in Multnomah County, including discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, source of income and/or the presence of children in the household (family status). Individuals and organizations are invited to testify on any barriers to fair housing and housing choice, including any bias encountered in financing, renting or buying a home. In addition, testimony will be accepted related to the City of Portland's policy for the location of new publicly funded affordable housing units will also be welcome. The public hearing will be held at the Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne, First Floor, Boardroom on:

July 6, Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Testimony will be used to develop a new Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI), a report that describes current barriers and makes recommendations for addressing them. The AI will also include an updated location policy for the City of Portland. The AI will be issued in Fall 2005.

The hearing will be accessible to people with mobility impairments. Translation services and sign language interpreters will be available upon request. Please notify Ruth Benson, Bureau of Housing and Community Development, (503) 823-2392, (503) 823-6868 (TTY) at least seven days before the hearings if you need these services.

Testimony can also be submitted by email to bhcdinfo@ci.portland.or.us or by letter attention Fair Housing, Bureau of Housing and Community Development, 421 SW 6th Ave., Room 1100, Portland, OR 97204. All testimony must be received by July 29, 2005.