

CHAPA Fair Housing Month 2022 Round Up

Throughout the month of April, we shared some of our favorite Fair Housing resources. If you missed them, not to worry! We've compiled them all here for you. Just because Fair Housing Month is over, it doesn't mean you can't commit to learning more about it and working to improve housing access in your community. Feel free to use and share all of these resources and don't hesitate to reach out to our Municipal Engagement Team for assistance.

Movies + TV Shows

[Episode 3 - Race - The Power of an Illusion - The House We Live](#)

Episode 3 of the documentary Race, The Power of an Illusion, "The House We Live In" which explores the nuances of the history of race and housing in America.

[GBH's Basic Black on Affordable Housing in Greater Boston](#)

Watch an episode of GBH's Basic Black on Affordable Housing. Despite a building boom in Boston, many residents are facing an affordable housing crisis. About 65% are renters, with residents paying upwards of 30% of their income going toward rent. Saving to buy a home seems impossible in Boston, as homeownership rates for people of color is dramatically low, forcing many longtime residents to relocate in gateway cities to find more affordable housing.

["Priced Out" \(documentary film\)](#)

The documentary "Priced Out" (2017) follows Nikki Williams, a single mom and Portland resident, who looked around one day to realize she was the only Black resident left on her street.

[Last Week Tonight on Housing Discrimination](#)

Last Week Tonight's episode on the long history of housing discrimination, its impacts, and what is needed to rectify and redress the legacy of harms in our country.

[Segregated by Design](#)

This film, based on the book The Color of Law, examines the forgotten history of how our federal, state and local governments unconstitutionally segregated every major metropolitan area in America through law and policy.

["Owned" \(documentary film\)](#)

"Owned: A Tale of Two Americas" (2018) examines the unequal impact of post-war housing policy for Black and White Americans.

[Explained: Racial Wealth Gap](#)

This episode of the Netflix series 'Explained' explores the confluence of factors that lead to the racial wealth gap in America and paints the picture of what it all means.

[Sifting and Winnowing and Filmburning](#)

PBS Wisconsin special "Sifting and Winnowing and Filmburning" explores the controversial history of the film, 'Racial Housing Discrimination', which was sealed and

archived by the University of Wisconsin for over 60 years and uncovered disturbing truths with the use of hidden cameras.

Books

[Furthering Fair Housing Prospects for Racial Justice in America's Neighborhoods](#)
[Edited by Justin P. Steil, Nicholas F. Kelly, Lawrence J. Vale, and Maia S. Woluchem](#)

Looking for a good read? Check out *Furthering Fair Housing: Prospects for Racial Justice in America's Neighborhoods*, which analyzes Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing federal policy to advance racial equity in housing.

[Books for kids on Fair Housing](#)

Want a way to engage with children during Fair Housing Month? Check out these essential Fair Housing readings for both you and the little ones in your life!

[The Fair Housing Center for Rights and Research: Fair Housing Reading List](#)

The Fair Housing Center has updated their Fair Housing Reading list and there is something for kids, young adults, and adults. Check it out!

Video Clips

[CODE SW!TCH NPR Podcast "Housing Segregation in Everything"](#)

This NPR CODE SW!TCH Podcast video, "Housing Segregation in Everything", explores the deep history of housing segregation and the effect on today's society. Disclaimer: Strong language is used.

[HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge on the HUD Pave Task Force](#)

Secretary Fudge recently shared the HUD PAVE Task Force and Action Plan to Advance Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity, which outlines the historical role of racism in the valuation of residential property and how government and industry stakeholders will advance equity. <http://pave.hud.gov>

["Fair Housing Opens the Doors"](#)

Check out HUD's short video "Fair Housing Opens the Doors" which contextualizes the history of the Fair Housing Act.

[Nadine Cohen on why Fair Housing Matters](#)

Listen to Open Door Champion Awardee Nadine Cohen in 2020, making the case for Fair Housing.

News Articles

[Black and Hispanic people are more likely to be denied mortgage loans in Boston | WBUR News](#)

This WBUR News article outlines alarming numbers based on an analysis of mortgage lending between 2015 and 2020, which found Black and Hispanic people are more likely to be denied mortgage loans in Boston and explores some of the baked-in inequities perpetuating the racial wealth gap.

[Say It with Your Chest: Race Matters in Lending](#)

This recent article explores the use of 'special purpose credit programs' as a means to narrow the racial homeownership wealth divide and the reluctance to legally name 'race' in remedying historical patterns of discrimination.

[Housing Advisory Board, Planning Board reduce Brookline's 'local preference' standard](#)

Learn about the Open Door Champion Awardee Town of Brookline's efforts to lower the Local Preference threshold as a crucial step in ensuring equity and access for all.

[Arlington Finalizes Plan to Guide Equitable Housing Access](#)

Learn about Open Door Champion Awardee Town of Arlington's leadership in the creation of Arlington's Fair Housing Plan and commitment to promote fair housing for all.

[AG's Office settles housing discrimination cases in Wellesley, Ashland](#)

This article shows why more fair housing enforcement and education is necessary in MA. Thank you to Open Door Champion Awardee DHCD Undersecretary Jennifer Maddox for supporting the new Fair Housing Initiative to increase testing.

Websites and Other Resources

[CHAPA Fair Housing Page on Website](#)

Check out CHAPA's fair housing page where we share information on our Fair Housing Committee, fair housing protections and reporting discrimination. Also, find links to our "Housing Toolbox" fair housing page for additional resources.

[NFHA launches FRONTDOOR](#)

The National Fair Housing Alliance has launched an interactive tool connecting families across the country with rental assistance programs.