



Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tony Gomillion
FROM: Sheila Fitzgerald
DATE: April 6, 2016
SUBJECT: Fair Housing Workshop

INFORMATION ITEM

The County will be holding a fair housing workshop on Thursday, March 14th at 9:30 am to explain the Fair Housing Ordinance for all of the protected classes (race, color, familial status, handicap, national origin, religion and sex) and to provide additional information on this topic. The workshop has been publicly advertised and the public is encouraged to attend. The workshop will be conducted by the Grants & Special Projects Division.

BACKGROUND

Santa Rosa County is a fair housing advocate and supports the goal of HUD and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to improve efforts to affirmatively further fair housing. Conducting fair housing activities, such as holding a Fair Housing Workshop to further educate the public, is one way that the county can ensure fair housing practices. Further, Santa Rosa County intends to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Federal Fiscal Year 2015 funds. By conducting a Fair Housing Workshop, Santa Rosa County is able to demonstrate outstanding performance in Fair Housing which will result in a more competitive grant application.