

FEDERAL LAWS COVERING HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (as amended) is the primary federal law banning discrimination in housing accommodation because of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, disability, or familial status.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color and national origin in federally assisted housing programs.

Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Section 504) prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin and sex in federally assisted community development activities.

STATE LAW COVERING HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

Fair Employment and Housing Act, which include the California Fair Housing Law (often called the “Rumford Fair Housing Act”), is the primary state law banning discrimination in housing accommodations because of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, ancestry, disability and familial status.

Unruh Civil Rights Act of 1959 provides for the right to be free from discrimination in public accommodations. This Act has been interpreted by the courts to prohibit arbitrary discrimination by business establishments on any basis other than economic status such as level of income.

LOCAL LAWS COVERING HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

Berkeley Municipal Code (Chapter 13.24) prohibits discrimination against families with children including illegal acts such as eviction, harassment, surcharges or unreasonable rules, based upon the presence of children.

Berkeley Municipal Code (Chapter 13.28.040) prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Berkeley Municipal Code (Chapter 13.30.050) prohibits discrimination based on the fact of having AIDS or associated conditions.

Oakland Ordinance #10308 prohibits discrimination against families with children, including actions such as eviction, harassment, surcharge or unreasonable rules, based on the presence of children.

Oakland Ordinance #10723 prohibits discrimination against persons who have the medical condition known as AIDS or ARC or related conditions.

Richmond Ordinance #94.44.040 prohibits discrimination in housing against people with AIDS and related conditions.