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On September 26th, CSA San Diego County participated in “Brigades to Action on Human Trafficking” event at First United Methodist Church in San Diego. Director Estela De Los Rios attended on our behalf to meet with leaders of the San Diego region to identify key issues and areas of concern that require collaboration and attention from multiple stakeholders. The event facilitated by the San Diego Interfaith Collaborative sought “to become acquainted with other leaders so that common understanding, support and collaboration can be shared in the midst of crisis and disaster.”

Estela De Los Rios gave a presentation on labor trafficking, a booming crime that has sought “to become acquainted with other leaders so that common understanding, support and collaboration can be shared in the midst of crisis and disaster.”

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CSA Builds Bridges to Action on Human Trafficking

Catch Up with CSA at Upcoming Events in October...
Oct 4th El Cajon Library Fair Housing Q&A Workshop 1-3 pm
Oct 5th National City Library Fair Housing Q&A Workshop 5-6 pm
October 10th La Mesa Library Fair Housing Q&A Workshop 3-4:30 pm
October 16th NCRC Training Art of Inclusive Communication, Little House
October 16th National City Library Fair Housing Q&A Workshop 5-6 pm
October 17th SOCAN Meeting 1-3 pm Bonita Library
October 18th El Cajon Library Fair Housing Q&A Workshop 1-3 pm
October 19th ECAN Meeting El Cajon Library 1-3 pm
October 20th Resource Fair ECS Headstart Chula Vista, 9-11:30 am
October 23rd National City Library Fair Housing Q&A Workshop 5-6 pm
October 24th SOCAN Meeting, 1-3 pm @ Bonita Library
October 24th La Mesa Library Fair Housing Q&A Workshop 3-4:30 pm
October 27th Dancing for your Health @ 6-9pm, Loma Linda Recreation Center Chula Vista
October 30th National City Library Fair Housing Q&A Workshop @ 5-6 pm

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What is a reasonable accommodation?

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines a reasonable accommodation as “One type of disability discrimination prohibited by the Act is the refusal to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services when such accommodations are necessary to afford a person with a disability the equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling.”

An accommodation is necessary when there is an identifiable relationship between the requested accommodation and the individual’s disability. Some examples of reasonable accommodation include: permitting an assistance animal in a no pets building for someone is deaf, blind, has seizures or has a mental disability; or assigning a parking space for a person with a mobility impairment.

How should you request one?

A written request for a reasonable accommodation is advisable because it spells out exactly what you need, lowers the chances of a misunderstanding, and provides documentation of your request, should you later need it. Tenants and prospective tenants, however, can also make accommodation requests verbally. If a landlord denies your request or refuses to consider it because they didn’t make it in writing, be aware that they are misstating the law. If you need an accommodation, the request doesn’t have to come from you directly. A family member, friend, roommate, or anyone else you designate can do it on your behalf.
Our senior fair housing counselor George Ibarra was honored with the 2017 RISE award early October. His work with CSA San Diego County has been invaluable towards assisting our fair housing services in our San Diego region. George Ibarra manages an office that holds a diverse workforce and qualified counselors who speak Spanish, Farsi and Tagalog. Through CSA, George helps low to moderate income families in all areas of San Diego such as East County, North County, Alpine, the US/Mexico border and San Diego areas of San Diego such as East County, North County, Alpine, the US/Mexico border and San Diego.

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9 Steps for Writing a Reasonable Accommodations Request

1. Indicate that you qualify as a person with a disability as defined by civil rights laws (if this is so). It is not necessary to reveal the nature or severity of your disability. For example: “I qualify as an individual with a disability as defined by the Federal Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988.”

2. State where you live and who is responsible for the building. Example: “I live at 123 West Street, Apt #12. This building is managed and owned by you, Jane Doe.”

3. Describe the policy, rule, or architectural barrier that is problematic to you. Example: “There is not any reserved accessible parking in our building’s lot.”

4. Describe how this policy or barrier interferes with your needs, rights, or enjoyment of your housing. Example: “I am unable to park in regular sized parking spaces because I need additional space to transfer from my car to a wheelchair.”

5. In clear and concise language; describe the change you are seeking in the policy, rule or barrier. Example: “I am requesting that you designate a reserved parking space for my use next to the curb on the west side of the parking lot.”

6. Cite the applicable law which protects your rights. For accommodations use: “Under the Federal Fair Housing Act Amendments, it is unlawful discrimination for a management company to deny a person with a disability a reasonable accommodation of building rules or policies if such an accommodation may be necessary to afford such person full enjoyment of the premises.”

7. Ask for a written response within a certain amount of time. Example: “Please respond in writing to my request within 10 days of the date of this letter.”

8. Sign and date the request. Remember to keep a copy of your request for your files as well as any documents you attached.

9. If the request is denied, contact CSA San Diego County’s Fair Housing Staff to determine if your rights have been violated.

Source: Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia Inc (HOME)