



HAMDEN

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Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and Five-Year Consolidated Plan

The Town of Hamden, Connecticut is undertaking the development of two important community planning documents. Both documents are required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order for the town to continue receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. CDBG funds finance affordable housing and community development activities for low- and moderate-income residents in Hamden.

The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice involves a review of the town's housing and housing-related programs and policies to ensure these are administered in a non-discriminatory manner. That is, that the town manages its housing and housing-related programs without regard for a person's race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, familial status or ancestry. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan analyzes housing and homeless needs to determine Hamden's priority needs for affordable housing and community development benefitting primarily low- and moderate-income residents.

One element of this joint planning process involves outreach to residents, business owners, and community leaders for input on fair housing, affordable housing, economic development, and community development needs throughout Hamden. Please consider taking this 10-minute survey and provide your input.

Your responses are important. All responses are anonymous. The survey is also available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Hamden2024> or scan the QR code below.

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Use your phone camera to scan the QR code and take this survey online!

PART A: FAIR HOUSING

The town is interested in learning about the experiences that residents may have had, or may be having, while searching for homes and apartments to buy or to rent in Hamden. The results of the survey will be used to identify what types of fair housing education programs may be needed in the town.

1. In which neighborhood do you live?

- NE
- NW
- SE
- SW
- Unknown/Unsure (Name of neighborhood, if known: _____)

2. Have you ever felt that you were discriminated against when you were looking for housing anywhere in Hamden?

- YES (Name of neighborhood: _____)
- NO
- NOT SURE

Examples of discrimination include:

- (1) a rental ad that states “perfect for couples and single persons”
- (2) a landlord refusing to rent to you because you were in a wheelchair and he said the wheelchair would damage his unit
- (3) a landlord refusing to rent to you because she didn’t want children to live in the unit
- (4) a real estate agent told you “I don’t think you’ll be comfortable in this neighborhood”.

[If YES or NOT SURE, proceed with Q3-7. If NO, Skip to Q8]

3. Which of the following best describes the person who may have discriminated against you?

- A person or persons living in the neighborhood
- A landlord or property manager
- A real estate agent
- A lending institution (bank, credit union, etc.)
- Other (list: _____)

4. Which of the following best describes the location where the act of the discrimination may have occurred?

- An apartment complex
- A neighborhood with mostly single family homes
- A trailer or mobile home park
- Public housing or other housing where your rent was only a portion of your income
- Other (list: _____)

5. Please explain how you were discriminated against:

6. On what basis do you believe you were discriminated against? Check all that apply:

- Race
- Color
- National origin (from a country other than the United States)
- Sex
- Religion
- Family status (presence of children)
- Disability
- Ancestry (based on where your parents and grandparents are from)
- Sexual orientation
- Gender Identity
- Veteran status
- Housing status
- Other (list: _____)

7. Did you report the incident of possible discrimination?

- Yes (Who did you contact? _____)
- No (Why not?
 - Didn't know who to report it to
 - Afraid of retaliation
 - Too much trouble
 - Didn't think it would make a difference
 - Other (list: _____)

8. Have you ever been denied "reasonable accommodation" (flexibility) by a landlord related to housing?

- YES (What was your request? _____)
- NO
- NOT SURE

Examples of reasonable accommodation include:

- (1) You need a ramp installed to be able to get in your house or apartment because you have a disability
- (2) Your rent is due on the 1st of each month but your check doesn't come until the 3rd of the month

9. What would you do if you experienced housing discrimination?

- Tell the person you believe they were discriminating against you
- Do nothing and look for other housing
- Report the discrimination (Who would you report it to? _____)
- File a complaint with a lawyer
- Wouldn't know what to do
- Other (list: _____)

PART B: AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This section focuses on identifying the level of need for different housing, economic development, and community development categories. For each item, rate the need as "Low," "Medium," or "High." Use the comment boxes to indicate additional needs or to comment on your selections.

1. In your opinion, what priority should be assigned to each of the following housing activities? *[each of these listed below is followed by a scale: Low, Medium, High. Please check one for each activity based on how high of a priority you feel the activity is]*

Activity	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Homebuyer Assistance			
Rental Assistance			
Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation			
Rental Housing (new construction)			
Rental Housing (rehabilitation)			
Transitional Housing			
HIV/AIDS Housing			
Senior Housing			
Housing for Persons with Disabilities			
Housing for Larger Families			
Lead-based Paint Removal			
Fair Housing Services (education, outreach and help with filing discrimination complaints)			
Homebuyer/Homeowner Counseling			
Energy-Efficiency Improvements			
Historic Preservation			
Demolition of Blighted Structures			
Elevating structures for climate resilience			
Building setbacks for climate resilience			

Indicate other activities or provide additional comments.

2. In your opinion, what priority should be assigned to each of the following economic development activities?

Activity	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Workforce Development Programs			
Job Creation/Retention			
Start-up Business Assistance			
Small Business Loans			
Commercial/Industrial Rehabilitation			
Business Mentoring			
Literacy Programs/GED Preparedness			

Indicate other activities or provide additional comments.

3. In your opinion, what priority should be assigned to each of the following special needs and services activities?

Activity	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Services for Persons with Disabilities			
Accessibility Improvements for Persons with Disabilities (<i>residential</i>)			
Accessibility Improvements for Persons with Disabilities (<i>public facilities</i>)			
Homelessness: Emergency Shelters/Homeless Services/Mental Health Services			
Substance Abuse Services			
Foster Youth Services			
Youth Transitioning Out of Foster Care			
HIV/AIDS Services			
Domestic Violence Services			
Elderly Services			
Veterans Services			
Hunger and Nutrition Services			

Indicate other activities or provide additional comments.

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4. In your opinion, what priority should be assigned to each of the following neighborhood / commercial district revitalization activities?

Activity	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Building Facade (Exterior) Improvements			
Historic Preservation			
Sidewalk Improvements			
Street/Alley Improvements			
Street Lighting			
Streetscape Improvements (including landscaping)			
Parking Improvements			
Demolition of Blighted Structures			

Indicate other activities or provide additional comments.

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5. In your opinion, what priority should be assigned to the following public infrastructure projects?

Activity	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Sanitary Sewer System Improvements/Extensions			
Water System Improvements/Extensions			
Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities			
Storm Sewer Projects			
Road Reconstruction			
Sidewalk Reconstruction			
Transportation			

Indicate other activities or provide additional comments.

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6. In your opinion, what priority should be assigned to each of the following community facilities?

Activity	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Community Centers			
Senior Centers			
Childcare Centers			
Substance Abuse Centers			
Employment Centers			
Healthcare Facilities			
Mental Health Facilities			
Parks & Recreation Facilities			

Indicate other activities or provide additional comments.

7. In your opinion, which of the following factors do you feel contribute to the lack of available affordable housing?

Activity	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Lack of Jobs			
High Construction Costs			
Shortage of available land			
Government regulations			
Lack of funding			
Developer profit motives			

Indicate other activities or provide additional comments.

8. Please provide any additional comments or feedback related to housing, economic development, and community development needs in your town.

9. In your opinion, what are the highest priority needs for the next five years?

PART C: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following questions are optional and you do not need to provide a response in order to complete the survey. However, it would be helpful if you would tell us about yourself.

REMEMBER: THIS ENTIRE SURVEY WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS AND NO ONE WILL KNOW YOUR ANSWERS.

1. What is your household's yearly income?

- Less than \$15,000
- \$15,000 to \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$34,999
- \$35,000 to \$44,999
- \$45,000 to \$59,999
- \$60,000 or higher

2. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- Yes
- No

3. What is your race? If you are multi-racial, please check all that apply.

- African American/Black
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Caucasian/White
- Native American/Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian
- Pacific Islander
- Other (please specify: _____)
- I prefer not to answer

4. Do you own or rent your home?

- Own
- Rent

5. Does your household include a person with a disability?

- yes
- no

6. What is your gender?

male

female

other

I prefer not to answer

7. What is your age?

Under 18

18 - 24

25 - 44

45 - 54

55 - 64

65 - 74

75 or older

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Your participation is appreciated

END OF SURVEY