CREATING A HOME FOR EVERYONE:
How can REALTORS® promote integration?

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Welcome & Introductions

Welcome & Recognition of Sponsors
Taniqua Huguley
Outreach Director, Open Communities Alliance
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The Challenge

Impact & Contributing Factors
Erin Boggs Esq.
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Historical Role of Realtors & Long Island Testing
Fred Freiberg
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The Solutions

The National Realtors Action Plan & Roles Realtors Can Play
Bryan Greene
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Questions & Discussion
Discussion
Moderated by Taniqua Huguley

Closing and Next Steps
Erin Boggs
Erin Boggs has worked on issues of equity, particularly in the context of housing, for almost 20 years. After dedicating six years to a range of fair housing issues, such as the foreclosure crisis, the housing challenges faced by people with disabilities, and housing discrimination based on a range of characteristics such as the presence of children, the use of government housing subsidies, and race and ethnicity, Ms. Boggs recognized the need for an organization specifically focused on the intersection of inequality and geography. Prior to joining the Alliance, Ms. Boggs served in a range of roles including as Deputy Director of the Connecticut Fair Housing Center. While at the Center she spearheaded the organization’s work on opportunity and race. Ms. Boggs also worked for the CT American Civil Liberties Union as a Staff Attorney and Interim Legal Director and practiced law with a national antitrust firm. Ms. Boggs worked at the Harrison Institute for Public Law at Georgetown University Law School and at the Center for National Policy, both in Washington, D.C. Ms. Boggs has extensive fundraising experience, successfully obtaining funding from national and local foundations as well as state and federal funding sources. She served as a member of a group convened by the Ford Foundation to explore innovative approaches to sustainable development and housing integration. Ms. Boggs has also participated as a fair housing advisor in two Sustainable Community Initiative grants in the Connecticut region. These interagency collaborative federal grants are an effort to bring together considerations of sustainable and equitable growth to foster better regional planning. Ms. Boggs has been involved in the production of a range of publications including those addressing zoning, opportunity, equity, and affirmatively furthering fair housing. She made substantial contributions to the Connecticut Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. Ms. Boggs is a graduate of Wesleyan University and Georgetown University School of Law. A native of Washington, D.C., Ms. Boggs attended the D.C. Public Schools.
Prior to co-founding the Fair Housing Justice Center in 2004, Mr. Freiberg worked for the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice where he directed a national testing program that he helped to establish in 1992. From 1999 – 2002, Mr. Freiberg directed the field work in two national research projects conducted by The Urban Institute involving testing – a study of mortgage lending practices and the national Housing Discrimination Study (HDS). During the 1980s, Mr. Freiberg worked as a fair housing consultant for private and public fair housing organizations. Mr. Freiberg was a founder and the first Executive Director of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council from 1977-1981. Mr. Freiberg’s professional activities for fair housing span more than forty years during which time he has testified in dozens of fair housing cases, published articles on fair housing, and received numerous awards for his accomplishments in the fair housing field. He was also the Executive Producer for the documentary, A Matter of Place. Mr. Freiberg is one the nation’s leading experts on the use of testing as an investigative tool to enforce civil rights laws.
Bryan is responsible for representing NAR on all fair-housing-related federal regulatory and legislative matters to ensure the interests of consumers and the real estate industry interests are protected. He also manages NAR’s new 45-member Fair Housing Policy Committee which allows NAR to focus more attention on the public policy issues surrounding fair housing and equal opportunity while better supporting its strategic priority of enhancing housing equality.

Before joining NAR, Bryan served for ten years as the highest-ranking career official in HUD’s Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO), where he oversaw the policy direction and operational management of the 600-person office enforcing the nation’s housing anti-discrimination laws. Under Bryan’s leadership as FHEO General Deputy Assistant Secretary, HUD pursued large-scale, high-profile cases that addressed systemic discrimination and provided widespread relief. Bryan also managed HUD’s Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) and HUD’s Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP), which together provide over $70 million to state and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations fighting discrimination in local communities. Bryan held several senior positions at HUD over three decades at the agency, including a stint as the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs in HUD’s Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R), where he worked to reduce regulatory barriers to affordable housing. Bryan was the 2007 recipient of the Presidential Rank Award, the highest federal honor bestowed upon federal senior executives for outstanding service. Bryan earned his degree in Government from Harvard University.
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