

CIVIL RIGHTS ERA

National Fair Housing Month



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In 1963, William Byron Rumford, the first African American member of the California Assembly, introduced the Rumford Fair Housing Act, which barred landlords from denying housing because of ethnicity, religion, sex, marital status, physical handicap, or familial status. After its passage, massive resistance to the Act led to voter passage of Proposition 14, a constitutional amendment that prohibited any limits on a landlord's absolute discretion to refuse to sell or lease real property. As a result, the federal government immediately cut off all housing funds to California. Later, the U.S. Supreme Court declared Proposition 14 unconstitutional in *Reitman v. Mulkey* (1967) 387 U.S. 369. Today housing discrimination is unlawful under the Fair Employment and Housing Act, which is enforced by the Department of Fair Employment and Housing. The DFEH investigates, conciliates, mediates, and prosecutes violations of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), Unruh Civil Rights Act, Ralph Civil Rights Act and Disabled Persons Act. 2011 ushers in a new civil rights era filled with a renewed commitment to providing public service, outreach, advocacy and resource. www.dfeh.ca.gov.

DFEH Events This Month

- **April 12** - DFEH Housing Regional Administrator Beth Rosen-Prinz speaks at the Housing Rights Center's Fair housing Summit, The California Endowment, 1000 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles 90012. Register at <http://www.hrc-la.org/include/media/documents/Summit%20Registration.pdf>
- **April 14** - DFEH Housing Regional Administrator Beth Rosen-Prinz speaks at the at the Inland Fair Housing & Mediation Board Conference, Candlelight Pavilion, 455 Foothill Blvd., Claremont, Register http://www.index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1&Itemid=6t.
- **April 20** - DFEH Elk Grove Housing District Administrator Charles Akhidenor speaks at the Contra Costa Association of Realtors Diversity Committee's FairHousing Workshop Shadelands Civic Arts Center, 111 N. Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. Register <http://www.ccarlive.com/>
- **April 22** - The State Bar Fair Housing & Public Accommodations Subsection of the Real Property Law Section holds its Third Annual Symposium at Golden Gate University School of Law, 536 Mission St., Room 2201, San Francisco, CA 94105. Keynoters are UCSF Professor Tim Igelsias and HUD Assistant Secretary John Trasvina, introduced by DFEH Director Phyllis Cheng. Topics include zoning and group homes, First Amendment, and hoarding and mental disability. Register at <http://realpropertylaw.calbar.ca.gov/Education/FairHousingSymposium.asp>
- **April 28** - DFEH Chief Counsel Susan Saylor gives the keynote address to the San Mateo County Employment Law Section Luncheon, Redwood Shores.
- **April 29** - DFEH Director Phyllis Cheng gives the keynote presentation at the Fair Housing Council of Central California's 15th Fair Housing Conference, Pardini's, 2257 West Shaw Avenue, Fresno.



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10	11	12 Housing Rights Center Summit	13	14 Inland Fair Housing & Mediation Board Conference	15	16
17	18 Passover (sundown)	19	20 Contra Costa Association of Realtors Diversity Committee's Fair Housing Workshop	21	22 State Bar Fair Housing & Public Accommodations Subsection Symposium	23
24	25	26	27	28 San Mateo County Employment Law Section Luncheon	29 Fair Housing Council of Central California Conference	30
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