

# HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE



## LEADERSHIP

Chair: April Buffum

Vice Chair: Molly Parde

## MEETING DETAILS

- Every second Tuesday, 1:00pm-2:00pm
- RAL Board Room

## Overview:

Committee members meet to discuss local housing issues pertaining to affordability, fair housing standards and how to overcome obstacles within the current housing market. The committee invites community partners in to give an update on what their organization is doing and what they need from the Association to help them grow and assist more people.

## Value:

The Housing Advocacy Committee provides a unique look at what the local community is dealing with in terms of housing affordability and obstacles that different groups face when purchasing or selling a home. Because the committee works directly with other advocacy organizations, they can stay focused on what the community's needs are and how the Association can help fulfill those needs. By supporting these other organizations, hosting education opportunities for Association members and actively trying to assist those in need, the Housing Advocacy Committee helps promote fair and accessible housing and mitigates discrimination in the real estate industry.



## Past Speakers and Topics:

- Bridges to Hope
- Family Service Lincoln
- Habitat for Humanity
- NIFA
- People's City Mission
- Home Buyer's Assistance Foundation
- NeighborWorks

## Committee Purposes:

1. To partner with other groups in the community who develop and advocate new approaches to making housing more attainable to underserved members of the community.
2. To promote resources and programs educating REALTORS<sup>®</sup> about counseling consumers on the home buying process. Keeping REALTORS<sup>®</sup> informed of developments in applicable civil rights laws, Fair Housing Laws and programs of the National Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup>.
3. To raise awareness in the community, by emphasizing the promotion of affordable housing which improves neighborhoods and impacts first-time purchasers, low and moderate-income persons, minorities, seniors, individuals with disabilities, renters, single-parent households, as well as all property owners in the community. Increased awareness creates a positive effect on the overall quality of life and economic climate of Lincoln and surrounding areas.
4. To create a positive public position for the REALTORS<sup>®</sup> Association of Lincoln and members in the fields of affordable housing, civil rights, and equal opportunity in housing.
5. To promote the use of the Fair Housing Logo by individual members and member firms of the REALTORS<sup>®</sup> Association of Lincoln. Provide educational materials and training for members on the duties, obligations, and rights of individuals under Fair Housing Laws.
6. To sponsor outreach and training programs to acquaint and recruit underserved members of the community regarding the purpose and operation of the REALTORS<sup>®</sup> Association of Lincoln as well as with opportunities within the real estate industry.

CONTACT COMMITTEE CHAIR OR VICE CHAIR  
IF INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A MEETING