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Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing for Montgomery County and the Cities of Dayton and Kettering, OH

Appendix F — Telephone Interview Questions

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Appendix F — Telephone Interview Questions

We used the following form while conducting the stakeholder telephone interviews described in Section 6 (page 157).

Advance Questions/Issues to Consider before a Telephone Interview.

Please note, not all questions will necessarily be addressed during the actual interview.

Miami Valley Fair Housing Center is identifying barriers to housing choice in the City of Dayton, the City of Kettering, Montgomery County and surrounding areas such as Fairborn, Troy and Beavercreek.

Housing discrimination results when a person from a protected class or people in a protected class in a specific neighborhood experience treatment that creates a barrier to equal housing opportunity. For all jurisdictions in our region the following are protected classes: ancestry, military status, race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability and familial status (households with children under 18) are protected classes. The City of Dayton also protects marital status, age, sexual orientation and gender identity.

Housing discrimination may be as obvious as redlining or as subtle as failing to consider a rental application or sales contract for housing based on a families' characteristics that are protected under fair housing laws. Housing choice includes access to rental properties, home sales opportunities, and housing-related loans and/or insurance.

Fair Housing barriers are not only the result of illegal discrimination by providers of residential housing services but also are created due to the effect of historic housing and funding patterns that negatively impact protected classes. Thus, municipal governments, education systems, transportation systems and other recipients of federal funds such as military housing, are charged with the obligation to see that their policies, procedures, regulations and activities do not create barriers to equal housing opportunity.

The following questions are meant to spark conversation. They have been sent to you to consider before we call and spend some time discussing some of these questions with you.

Thanks in advance for your time.

Fair Housing Background

Choose only one.

VERY SOMEWHAT NOT MUCH

1. How aware do you feel you are of fair housing laws?

- a. How aware do you think local housing providers are of fair housing laws?

Choose only one.
VERY SOMEWHAT NOT MUCH

- b. How aware do you think local citizens are of fair housing laws?

Choose only one.
VERY SOMEWHAT NOT MUCH

2. Do you know of any instances where someone seeking housing thought they may have been discriminated against?

YES NO

- a. Did that person report the incident? If no, Why not?

History and Overview

3. Do you think that the region is perceived as a desirable place to live and why?

- a. Dayton
b. Kettering
c. The County

4. Do you view some neighborhoods as especially segregated or integrated?

- a. Which ones and why?

5. Have you observed a pattern in the way the Dayton, Kettering or the County has provided services for public housing, transportation, or education that has resulted in the development of (or dis-mantling of) barriers to housing choice?
6. Have you observed any patterns in where people live that you think may be related to limited housing options?
7. In your mind, which segment of the population experiences the greatest difficulty in locating housing in the area? Why?
8. Where are most of the new businesses locating in the region?
9. What are the City of Dayton's housing needs as it relates to vulnerable populations – immigrants, families with children, people with disabilities, the poor, the homeless, and displaced veterans?
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10. What are the City of Kettering's housing needs as it relates to vulnerable populations – immigrants, families with children, people with disabilities, the poor, the homeless, and displaced veterans?
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11. What are Montgomery County's housing needs as it relates to vulnerable populations – immigrants, families with children, people with disabilities, the poor, the homeless, and displaced veterans?
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12. Are you aware of any issues related to the availability (or lack thereof) of housing related loans?

13. Are you aware of any issues related to the availability (or lack thereof) of homeowner's insurance?

Regional Housing Services

14. What is your view on the region's experience with housing vouchers (Section 8), public housing (Greater Dayton Premiere Management, formerly Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority), and other subsidized housing?

- a. Are there any problems that need to be addressed? (e.g. acceptance by landlords)

15. What are the transportation options in the city?

- a. Do the bus schedules and routes meet the needs of citizens?
- b. Is the cost of various transportation options affordable for citizens?
- c. How could the region support changes in public transportation that would enable residents to have greater choice in housing?

16. Are there enough shelters located in the right places to meet the needs of the homeless?

- a. What problems need to be addressed for the homeless?

Government

17. Do local zoning ordinances affect housing choice? How so?

18. What is the level of cooperation among governments in this region (City of Dayton, Montgomery County, City of Kettering,) to obtain funding and coordinate services?

Choose only one.
HIGH MODERATE LOW

19. How aware are local government officials of the housing needs we have discussed?

Choose only one.
VERY SOMEWHAT NOT MUCH

20. How would you rate the regional government leadership of the local elected officials on the housing needs we have discussed?

Choose only one.
STRONG WEAK

Looking to the Future

21. What is your organization doing to address the housing concerns we have discussed?

22. Do you have any other comments about barriers to fair housing for families with children, people with disabilities, and minorities?

23. What other housing issues do you think will come up in the future?

24. The following is a list of housing-related concerns, please tell me the three you think need to be addressed with the highest priority, with 1 being most important and 3 being least important.

- a. Accessible housing for disabled
- b. Accessible housing for the elderly
- c. Affordable housing
- d. Blighted neighborhoods
- e. Education
- f. Housing options for families
- g. Lack of mobility for low-income families into better neighborhoods
- h. Low homeownership rates
- i. Racial steering
- j. Regionalism
- k. Supportive housing for the disabled
- l. Supportive housing for the elderly
- m. Transportation