

# RACIAL JUSTICE & HOUSING FOR LONG ISLAND

## AN ANTI-RACIAL SOCIAL ACTION PAMPHLET

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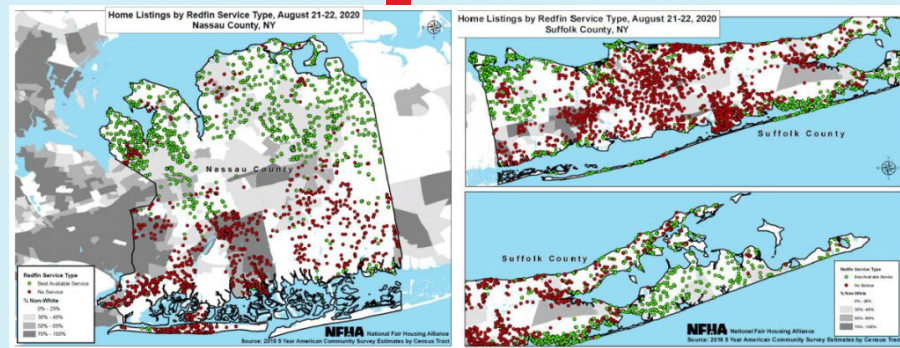
### REDLINING & RACIAL DISPARITIES IN THE MIDST OF HOUSING IN THE UNITED STATES

50% of Long Island's Black Population live in 11 of the 291 Communities <sup>1</sup>

Out of those Communities, 90% live in just 62 of them <sup>1</sup>

LONG ISLAND is segregated by Race more than Income. Black & Latino families, regardless of income, experience High Levels of Racial Segregation <sup>2</sup>

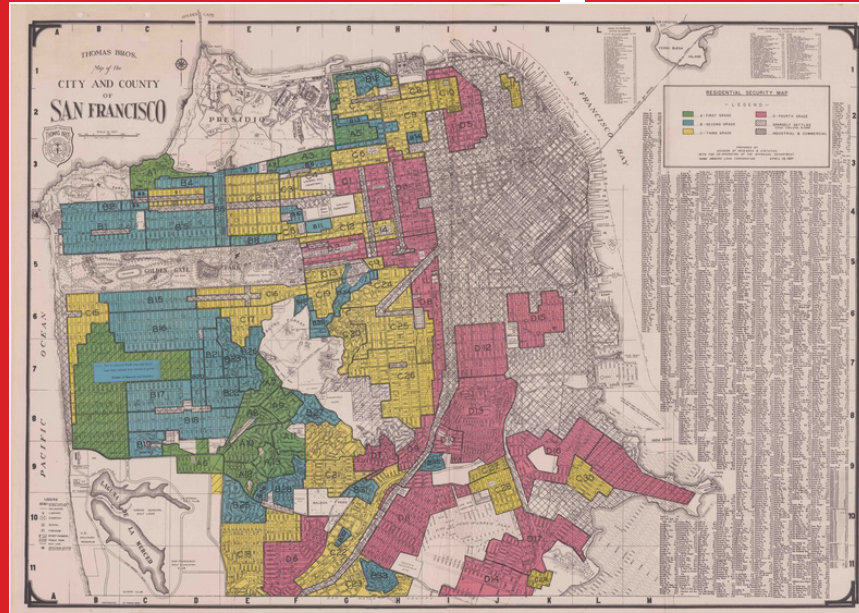
On Average, a Black Household that earns more than \$75,000 resides in a neighborhood with a similar exposure to Whites as a Black Household that earns less than \$40,000 <sup>2</sup>



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### WHAT IS REDLINING?

**REDLINING:** A Discriminatory Act of Restricting mostly Non-White & Poor People to certain areas and services resulting in the creation of Impoverished Communities & Persons <sup>4</sup>



Historically, Redlining was Codified at All Levels of Government, Financial Institutions, & Economic Development with the Intent to Deny Opportunities to Persons of Color <sup>5</sup>

This Practice has Predominantly affected African American & Hispanic People by:

- 🏠 Denying Loans
- 🏠 Denying Mortgages
- 🏠 Denying Alternative Funding

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### AMERICA'S FIRST SUBURB

**LEVITTOWN, LONG ISLAND:** The first suburb developed by Abraham Levitt and his sons. The homes in Levittown were Ideal for America's Veterans and their Families who using the G.I. Bill to purchase homes.

However, Levittown's Infrastructure Systemically denied African-Americans & Other People of Color the right to Purchase Homes. Long Island is infamous for discriminatory housing practices <sup>7</sup>



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The Dissimilarity Index measures the extent of Racial & Ethnic Divisions, and identifies the Percentage of Two groups (Black & White e.g.) that would have to move to ensure equal distribution in a particular area <sup>1</sup>

At a Score of 78, Nassau County is Ranked as America's Most Segregated County among those with 1.2 - 1.6 Million Residents <sup>1</sup>

Majority of Fair Housing Cases prosecuted by the U.S. Department of Justice in all of New York State between 1999 - 2005 Originated on Long Island <sup>9</sup>

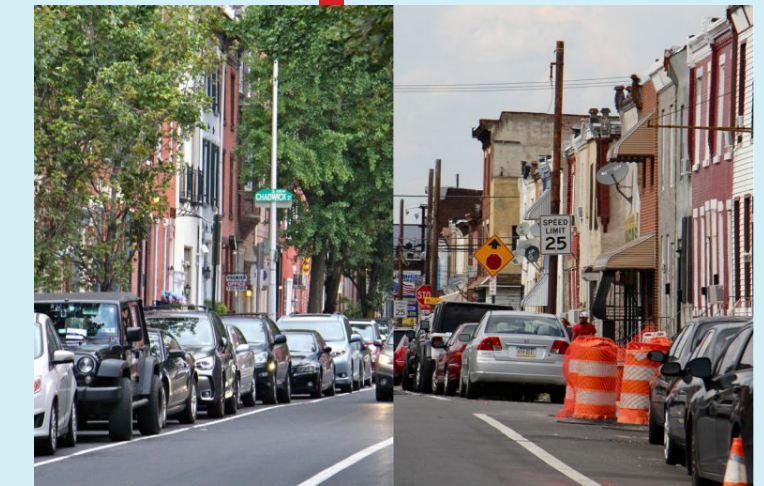
56% of these Fair Housing Cases involved Discrimination against African Americans <sup>9</sup>

They are a Product of Severe Racial Segregation due to:

- 🏠 Restrictive Zoning
- 🏠 Lack of Enforcement of Fair Housing Practice(s)
- 🏠 Very Strict Home Ownership & Rental Requirements

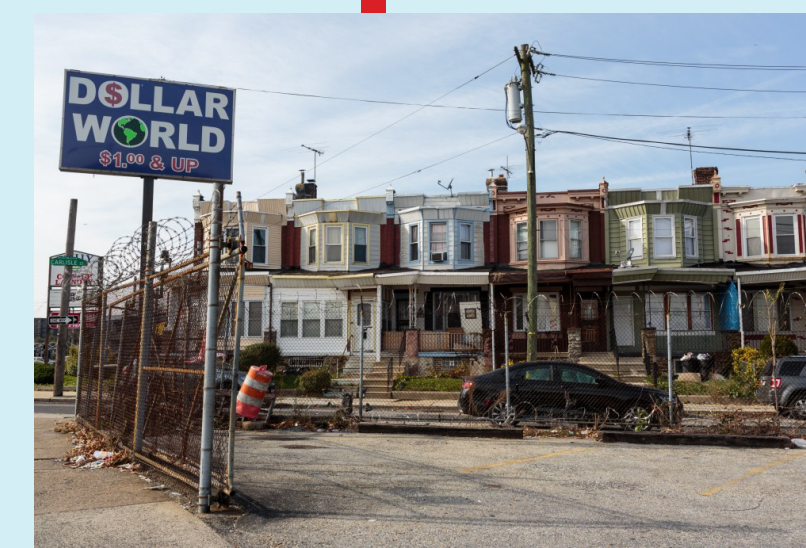
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African Americans are being Denied Mortgages at a much higher rate compared to their White Peers <sup>10</sup>



In Philadelphia, African Americans are almost 3x more likely to be Rejected for Home Loans than White People <sup>10</sup>

There is a 44% Black Ownership compared to 69% for Whites, an enormous gap <sup>10</sup>



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**AGENCIES WHO ARE HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR HOUSING**



**LOCATION:**  
Manhattan (Including All New York City)

**FAIR AND EQUITABLE HOUSING OFFICE (FEHO):**

The Mission of New York State:  
"To ensure New Yorkers they have an equal opportunity to live in housing they desire & can afford regardless of race, color, familial status, religion, sex, disabilities, national origin, marital status, age, & sexual orientation."

**FEHO's MISSION:**

- 🏠 Spread awareness
- 🏠 Offers educational courses
- 🏠 Fights against stigmas & discrimination to create housing equality for all
- 🏠 Create statewide affordable housing

**WEBSITE:**  
<https://hcr.ny.gov/fair-and-equitable-housing-office>



**LOCATION:**  
New York City, Nassau & Suffolk Counties

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:**

Our Mission:  
"Seeking to put God's Love into Action. Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope."

**VISION OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:**

- 🏠 Construct housing for individuals & families in need
- 🏠 Affordable Mortgages
- 🏠 Rejuvenation of worn down towns without discrimination
- 🏠 Mostly volunteered run



**WEBSITE:**  
<https://www.habitat.org/>

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**LOCATION:**  
Long Island (Nassau & Suffolk Counties)

**LONG ISLAND HOUSING SERVICES, Inc:**

Mission:  
"Elimate Unlawful Housing Discrimination & to Promote Decent & Affordable Housing through Advocacy & Education."

**LIHP GOALS:**

- 🏠 Offer fair housing assistance
- 🏠 Offers affordable housing opportunities
- 🏠 Knowing your rights against rental & homeownership of discrimination



**WEBSITE:**  
<https://www.lihp.org/>

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**LOCATION:**  
Queens (Serves All 5 Boroughs of NYC)

**FAIR HOUSING JUSTICE CENTER (FHJC):**

FHJC's Mission:  
"To eliminate housing discrimination. Promote policies that foster open, accessible, & inclusive communities, & strengthening enforcement of fair housing laws."

**FHJC OFFERS:**

- 🏠 Counseling with no charge
- 🏠 Fights for housing equality
- 🏠 Challenges social housing policies



**WEBSITE:**  
<https://www.fairhousingjustice.org/>

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**LOCATIONS:**  
Hicksville, Long Island & Brooklyn (Queens Included)

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:**

The Call:  
"A Nonprofit organization that provides services for those in need, advocating for Social Justice in Social Structures, and call upon the Church & Other Community Groups of good will to do the same as well."

**CHARITY's CALL:**

- 🏠 Housing placement
- 🏠 Accommodates all ages with age specific needs

**WEBSITE:**  
<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/our-vision-and-ministry/affordable-housing/>

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