

HEADLINES



June 9, 2005

Public Invited to Fair Housing Forums

The Cities of [Davenport](#), [Moline](#), and [Rock Island](#) are in the process of developing a joint Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for all [Community Development Block Grant](#) entitlement communities. The document analyzes demographic, social, institutional, and cultural issues that block equal access to housing in the community. It also provides a detailed demographic profile of the community, analyzes laws and ordinances that affect housing choice, analyzes lending activities for home mortgages, reports public observations and opinions, identifies possible impediments, and offers actions to address any impediments.

In order to assess community opinion concerning fair housing issues, J-Quad & Associates, under contract to the cities, will hold a series of focus group sessions. These sessions are designed to gather input from citizens, non-profit organizations, and industry professionals, about housing issues, their experiences in the housing market, and those of their acquaintances. In addition, these sessions will solicit suggestions concerning possible actions aimed at addressing impediments to fair and affordable housing.

Public input is a valuable part of this process in order to make valid conclusions. The public is invited to attend one of the following sessions. Reservations are not required.

- Tuesday, June 14, 2005
6 – 7:30 p.m.
[Martin Luther King Center](#)
630 9th Street, Rock Island
- Wednesday, June 15, 2005
6 – 7:30 p.m.
Moline City Hall
619 16th Street, Moline
- Thursday, June 16, 2005
6 – 7:30 p.m.
Union Station
102 S Harrison Street, Davenport

For more information, please contact the Community and Economic Development Departments in Moline 309.797.0710, **Rock Island 309.732.2900**, or Davenport 563.326.6137.