Typical individual litigation approach

If the landlord gives you the runaround or says:

“We don’t take kids.”
“The house you asked about on the phone has been rented.”
“We only take people who speak English clearly.”
“We don’t take teenagers.”
“The ad was wrong – the rent is really $50 more.”
“I can’t assign you a handicap parking space.”

THAT COULD BE HOUSING DISCRIMINATION.
The only way to stop housing discrimination is to report it, so we can investigate it.

Visit [www.hud.gov/fairhousing](http://www.hud.gov/fairhousing) or call HUD’s Housing Discrimination Hotline
1-800-669-9777 (voice) 1-800-927-9275 (TTY)

The federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, family status or disability.
Tri-fercation of progressive infrastructure
We believe that everyone, no matter where they live, should have the opportunity to be part of a quality community. We want to help excluded people and communities move from the margins to the mainstream.
OUR APPROACH
Address key systemic issues at the regional level
Support projects at the local level that advance a regional vision
Break down the “silos”
We do this through three initiatives
Metropolitan areas form a region of interconnected communities that share a common destiny and face complex problems that defy simple solutions. To address these challenges, a regional approach is needed.
Reunification of progressive infrastructure

Community Organizing Groups

Community Development Corporations

Civil Rights Advocates
Partnership for Sustainable Communities

Housing and Urban Development
- Community Development Block Grants
- Regional Planning
- Community Challenge
- Choice Neighborhoods
- Affordable Housing Programs

Environmental Protection Agency
- Brownfields Restoration
- Smart Growth Technical Assistance
- Water Infrastructure Funds

Department of Transportation
- TIGER Grants
- FTA Core Programs
- FTA Livability Grants
- Flex Funding
- FHWA Discretionary Grants
- United We Ride
- State/Metro Planning
- Intermodal Connectivity

U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Rural Efforts
• Adoption of Geography of Opportunity framing;
• New regulations pending;
• Enforcement leads to landmark cases.
OUR NEW ROLE:

Thought leaders and influencers
Connecting national programs to local implementation
Building capacity for better outcomes
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Institutional and Governance Challenges Impede Revitalization

- Budgets
- Population
- Tax Revenues
- Services
- Human Capital Flight

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Metropolitan Opportunity Unit at Ford Foundation
Building a Just City: Building Local/National Partnerships

Organizing, Catalyzing and Leverage Partnerships Across Levels of Government/Stakeholders

LOCAL

NATIONAL

MOU

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Build Community Capacity Through Multi-stakeholder Partnerships

Great Communities Collaborative
Where Do You Live?
Where do you think LRT stops should be located?
Questions?

• How do we build resilience for this new approach?
  • If leadership changes…
  • Given ongoing fiscal challenges locally and nationally…

• How will/should our role change?
  • As we move from planning to implementation to scale…
  • As capacities are built locally…