

LOCAL LAW - 2009

A LOCAL LAW adopting a Westchester County Policy Statement in compliance with the terms and conditions of the settlement of the lawsuit entitled United States of America, ex rel, Anti- Discrimination Center of Metro New York, Inc. v. Westchester County, New York.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the terms and conditions of Section 31 the Stipulation and Order of Settlement and Dismissal in the lawsuit of United States of America, ex rel, Anti-Discrimination Center of Metro New York, Inc. v. Westchester County, New York, the County of Westchester hereby supplements its existing affordable housing Statement of Need as amended and hereby declares the following:

Westchester County acknowledges the importance of affirmatively furthering fair housing as set forth in 42 U.S.C. Section 5304(b)(2). The County recognizes that actions to affirmatively further fair housing significantly advance the public interest of the County and its municipalities. The location of fair and affordable housing is central to fulfilling the County's commitment to affirmatively further fair housing because it determines whether such housing will reduce or perpetuate residential segregation. The elimination of any discrimination, including the present effects of past discrimination, and the elimination of any de facto residential segregation are official goals of the County's housing policies and programs.

The County shall analyze, as soon as it is available, the 2010 Census Data at the municipal/census block level which includes data regarding: total population, race, ethnicity, age, and the number of persons per household to evaluate the current fair and affordable housing needs and trends.

§ 2. This Local Law shall take effect immediately.