

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CITY OF UTICA AND CITY OF ROME PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

City of Rome

Monday, November 2, 2020

5:30 PM

Virtual Webex Meeting

Please register for City of Rome Fair Housing Public Input Meeting on Nov 2, 2020 5:30 PM EDT
at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3051920332908949515>

City of Utica

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

5:30 PM

Virtual Webex Meeting

Please register for City of Utica Fair Housing Public Input Meeting on Nov 3, 2020 5:30 PM EDT
at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1339012058717665291>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The cities of Utica and Rome are jointly undertaking an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing study, and will be using the information provided to create an action list of measures to take meaningful steps to further fair housing practices within the communities. The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability when they are renting or buying a home, getting a mortgage, seeking housing assistance, or engaging in other housing related activities.

This meeting serves as an opportunity for groups to offer their opinions and accounts of positive experiences and perceived or potential issues relating to fair housing practices. Western Economic Services, LLC, the project consultant, will be leading the discussion and representatives from both Utica and Rome Community and Economic Development will also be in attendance.

As Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement communities and recipients of federal housing and urban development funds, Utica and Rome are required to affirmatively furthering fair housing. This requires recipients take meaningful actions to address housing disparities, including replacing segregated living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically

concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws. Furthering fair housing can involve developing affordable housing, removing barriers to affordable housing development in high opportunity areas, investing in neighborhood revitalization, preserving and rehabilitating existing affordable housing units, improving housing access in areas of concentrated poverty, and improving community assets.

For those individuals who are unable to join the virtual meetings, comments can be submitted through the following surveys:

English Version

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020RomeUtica_FairHousingSurvey

Spanish Version

https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/2020_RomeUticaEncuestadeViviendaJusta

Technical assistance will be provided upon request, to groups representing low & moderate income people. The City will provide, upon request, non-English speaking residents with an interpreter and offer to provide any information or assistance necessary so that all persons can participate in the Analysis to Impediments process.

BILL TO: DEPARTMENT OF Community and Economic Development, CITY HALL - 198 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET, ROME, NEW YORK 13440

Legal Section
1/Time October 24, 2020