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## **PUBLIC INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN FOCUS GROUPS ON ANALYSIS TO IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE**

**Sacramento, Calif** | The Sacramento Valley Fair Housing Collaborative—the cities of Citrus Heights, Davis, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Isleton, Rancho Cordova, Rocklin, Roseville, Sacramento, and West Sacramento, Sacramento County, SHRA, and the Housing Authorities of Sacramento, Roseville and Yolo—is developing a regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). The public is invited to attend and provide input in community stakeholder focus groups this month in the process to move Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing work forward.

The AI is a planning process for collaborative partners to take meaningful actions to overcome historic patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice and foster inclusive communities that are free from discrimination. An essential element of the AI development is community input to provide local data not available from other sources on residents' experience with housing choice and access to opportunity in the region.

BBC Research & Consulting is conducting the AI on behalf of the Sacramento Valley Fair Housing Collaborative. BBC will facilitate a series of focus groups in six communities to discuss economic and housing barriers to residents in the Sacramento Valley region. This HUD-required study will assess the region's fair housing landscape and develop actionable goals to increase housing choice and access to opportunity for all residents. Although this is a HUD-required study, it involves more than housing. The purpose is to break down barriers that residents face in finding housing and accessing the means for economic opportunity—quality educations, good jobs, public transportation and environmental health. The public is invited to be part of the discussion of barriers and solutions. More information about the study is available at [sacramentovalleyfairhousingcollaborative.com](http://sacramentovalleyfairhousingcollaborative.com)

To participate in one of the focus groups below, RSVP to Kristin Aaker at [KAaker@bbcresearch.com](mailto:KAaker@bbcresearch.com).

**West Sacramento**

October 16 – 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
Galleria at West Sacramento City Hall  
1110 W Capital Ave.

**Rancho Cordova**

October 17 – 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
Community Board Room  
Rancho Cordova City Hall  
2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova

**Elk Grove**

October 17 – 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Elk Grove Council Chambers  
8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove

**Roseville**

October 18 – 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
AT Housing Conference Room  
Roseville City Hall  
316 Vernon St., Suite 150, Roseville

**Davis**

October 19 – 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
Community Room  
New Harmony Mutual Housing Community  
3030 Cowell Blvd., Davis

**Woodland**

October 19 – 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Community Service Department Conference Room  
Woodland Community and Senior Center  
2001 E St., Woodland

**SHRA** ([www.shra.org](http://www.shra.org)) is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and County of Sacramento to represent both jurisdictions for affordable housing and community redevelopment needs. SHRA has a FY 2018 budget of \$190.7 million and 232 employees. The Agency owns and manages approximately 2,700 units of affordable housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers approximately 12,600 rent assistance vouchers per month.