



PUBLIC NOTICE
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice
Second Round of Public Input Meetings

Your input is needed to help finalize our Study!

The Coast CDBG Entitlement Communities and Local Housing Authorities (City of Biloxi, City of Gulfport, City of Moss Point, City of Pascagoula, Biloxi Housing Authority, MRHA VIII and Bay Waveland HA) are currently conducting a fair housing study known as the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). This will be the final public meeting before the study is completed. It is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a condition for receiving federal housing and community development funds.

At the first public input meeting, the AI draft was presented to the public and comments from that meeting have been included into the latest draft, which will be presented to the public on May 22, 2019. This draft is available for review on the City of Biloxi's website <https://biloxi.ms.us/cdbg/other-documents-and-reports/>

Oral comments regarding the draft may made be made at the May 22 meeting; written comments may be submitted to either of the two contacts, below, until 4 p.m. on June 7, 2019. The public is encouraged to submit oral and/or written comments to help identify barriers to fair housing choice; proposed recommendations to address those barriers will be included in the final report that will be submitted to HUD in June 2019.

The AI is being prepared as part of a statewide collaboration that includes the Mississippi Home Corporation, Mississippi Development Authority, 50 local and regional Public Housing Authorities and the cities of Biloxi, Gulfport, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Moss Point, and Pascagoula.

The purpose of the AI is to identify and evaluate potential obstacles or impediments to a person's ability to choose his/her residence free from discrimination, and to recommend actions that address such impediments. The AI provides: 1) an overview of laws, regulations, and administrative policies and procedures; 2) an assessment of how those laws affect the location, availability, and accessibility of housing; and 3) an assessment of conditions, both public and private, affecting fair housing choice.

Please plan to attend this Fair Housing meeting as citizen participation is the best way to help identify affordable housing needs that help shape housing for our community.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2019, 4:00 p.m. at the City of Biloxi's Community Development Building, 676 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39530

For more information and to submit written comments, please contact: Susan Pickich, City of Biloxi, 228-435-6269, spickich@biloxi.ms.us or Karen McCarty, City of Gulfport, 228-868-5705 Ext: 6545 kmaccarty@gulfport-ms.gov

Those in need of special accommodations to participate in the meeting are asked to notify Susan Pickich with the City of Biloxi, the site host, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.