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Dear City of Ithaca/Tompkins County Resident,

Congratulations on being randomly selected to participate in this Fair Housing Choice Survey jointly sponsored by the City of Ithaca and Tompkins County. The purpose of this community survey is to gather data and collect opinions on the status of fair housing choice in the region. Fair housing choice is rooted in the right to live where one wants to live without being hindered by discrimination — because neighborhood conditions play a significant role in the life outcomes of our residents.

This survey is being conducted by the Tompkins County Office of Human Rights (OHR) and the Ithaca Urban Renewal Agency (IURA) in order to determine what kinds of barriers to fair housing choice currently exist within the City and County. Even if you have never had issues or problems finding or keeping the type of housing you desire, it is very important that you participate so that we have a complete and accurate picture of these issues as they relate to our entire community.

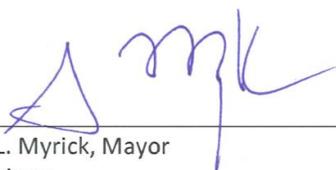
The survey should only take about 5-10 minutes to complete, and all responses will remain confidential (your name will not be connected with your answers). A prepaid return envelope has been included for your convenience. **Please return the completed survey no later than July 31st.** If you prefer to do the survey online, please go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fairhousingchoicesurvey>

We are counting on your help and greatly appreciate your assistance in completing this survey. Your full participation will help the City of Ithaca and Tompkins County build a strategy for eliminating barriers to fair housing choice and make other important decisions related to housing.

We look forward to hearing what you have to say.

Sincerely,

  
Svante L. Myrick, Mayor  
City of Ithaca

  
Michael E. Lane, Chair  
Tompkins County Legislature

  
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*This Fair Housing Choice Project is a shared-service initiative, jointly funded by the City of Ithaca and Tompkins County for the purpose of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing in the region.*



**Part 1: Current Housing**

1. In which town/village/city do you live? (if you regularly move around, select your primary current location)

- 1 City of Ithaca      5 T/Danby      9 T/Enfield      13 V/Lansing
- 2 T/Ithaca      6 T/Dryden      10 T/Groton      14 T/Newfield
- 3 T/Caroline      7 V/Dryden      11 V/Groton      15 T/Ulysses
- 4 V/Cayuga Hgts      8 V/Freeville      12 T/Lansing      16 V/Trumansburg

2. In which elementary school district do you live?

- 1 BJM      4 Cayuga Heights      7 Fall Creek      10 Newfield      13 Trumansburg
- 2 Belle Sherman      5 Dryden      8 Groton      11 Northeast      99 Don't know
- 3 Caroline      6 Enfield      9 Lansing      12 South Hill

3. a. If additional affordable housing opportunities were available throughout Tompkins County, would you consider moving to take advantage of those opportunities?    1 Yes      2 No (skip to Q4)

b. If yes, where would you want to live? (select one)

- 1 City of Ithaca      5 T/Danby      9 T/Enfield      13 V/Lansing      99 Don't know
- 2 T/Ithaca      6 T/Dryden      10 T/Groton      14 T/Newfield
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4. What is your current housing situation? (select one)

- 1 Own      2 Rent
  - 3 Live with friends/family      4 Homeless      95 Other \_\_\_\_\_
- (skip to Q6)      (continue to Q5)           (skip to Q7)

5. If you are a renter, are you interested in purchasing a home within the next five years?    1 Yes      2 No

6. If you own your home, are you interested in any of the following options in the next five years? (select all that apply)

- 1 Moving to smaller home      3 Selling home and renting      97 No, none of these
- 2 Moving to larger home      4 Moving into the City (if not already living there)

7. Other than the cost, what other issues might prevent you from moving to the kind of housing you would rather have? (select all that apply)

- 1 Credit problems      3 Access to services      95 Other (NOT cost-related issues) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Lack of transportation      4 Fear of discrimination

8. a. Do you live in public or subsidized housing or receive some sort of government assistance to pay your rent?

- 1 Yes      2 No (skip to Q9)

b. If yes, what type?    1 Public housing      2 Section 8      95 Other subsidized housing \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please rate your overall satisfaction with your current housing situation:

Extremely dissatisfied    1    2    3    4    5    Extremely satisfied

10. Please tell us how well the following characteristics describe your current housing situation. Circle one number for each item below:

	Does NOT describe ←—————▶ Describes perfectly				
	1	2	3	4	5
(a) Integrated neighborhood (different races, etc. live there)	1	2	3	4	5
(b) Accessible to persons with disabilities	1	2	3	4	5
(c) Close to work/work options	1	2	3	4	5
(d) Good access to public transportation	1	2	3	4	5
(e) Affordable	1	2	3	4	5
(f) Enough living space	1	2	3	4	5
(g) Close to shopping/restaurants	1	2	3	4	5
(h) Quality housing options available	1	2	3	4	5
(i) Plenty of services for seniors	1	2	3	4	5
(j) Good for families	1	2	3	4	5
(k) Enough parking	1	2	3	4	5
(l) Good quality of life	1	2	3	4	5

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10. a. Have you experienced any of the following in the past two years? (select all that apply)

- <sub>1</sub> Eviction    <sub>2</sub> Foreclosure    <sub>3</sub> Non-renewal of lease    <sub>4</sub> Possible discrimination    <sub>97</sub> No, none of these (skip to Q11)

b. If eviction, based on what? (select all that apply)

- <sub>1</sub> Non-payment of rent    <sub>2</sub> Possible discrimination    <sub>3</sub> Lease violation    <sub>95</sub> Other \_\_\_\_\_

c. If foreclosure, based on what? (select all that apply)

- <sub>1</sub> Late payments    <sub>3</sub> Bank sold home through short sale    <sub>95</sub> Other \_\_\_\_\_  
<sub>2</sub> Apartment building was foreclosed and forced to move

**Part 2: Future Housing Needs (please answer these questions even if you are not planning to change your housing situation)**11. Select your most important considerations when choosing a place to live: (select up to 3)

- <sub>1</sub> Family nearby    <sub>5</sub> Safe neighborhood    <sub>9</sub> Affordability    <sub>13</sub> Lower taxes  
<sub>2</sub> Convenient to shopping    <sub>6</sub> Good recreation facilities    <sub>10</sub> Attractive neighborhood    <sub>95</sub> Other \_\_\_\_\_  
<sub>3</sub> Close to childcare    <sub>7</sub> Close to work    <sub>11</sub> In senior community  
<sub>4</sub> Good quality schools    <sub>8</sub> Access to public transportation    <sub>12</sub> Handicap accessible

12. Please rate each type of housing situation below in terms of its current availability in Tompkins County. Rate them all based on anything you may know or based on your own perceptions, even if you are not currently looking for that type of housing.

TYPE OF HOUSING	CURRENT AVAILABILITY IN TOMPKINS COUNTY		
	Too little	Right amount	Too much
(a) Family rental housing	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
(b) Student rental housing	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
(c) Senior rental housing	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
(d) Homeownership for families	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
(e) Homeownership for seniors	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
(f) Housing for homeless	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
(g) Accessible housing for persons with disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
(h) Affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
(i) Downtown housing	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>

13. In your opinion, what types of housing assistance programs are most needed in Tompkins County? (select up to 3)

- <sub>1</sub> Emergency shelters    <sub>4</sub> Security deposit assistance    <sub>7</sub> Homebuyer assistance  
<sub>2</sub> Immigrant services    <sub>5</sub> 2-1-1 call center    <sub>8</sub> Weatherization grants  
<sub>3</sub> Rental assistance for homeless families/youth    <sub>6</sub> Accommodation assistance for disabled    <sub>95</sub> Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 3: Discrimination (please answer these questions even if you feel you have not been affected by discrimination)**

Discrimination is the illegal practice of denying a person or household the right to buy or rent a home based on a protected category.

Protected category means a group of people, defined by a characteristic or other factor, who cannot be discriminated against based on these characteristics under Federal, NYS, and local Fair Housing Laws (for example: race, color, religion, disability, having children, military status, age, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, and gender identity).

14. a. Have you or anyone you've known experienced unlawful discrimination in Tompkins County while obtaining housing in the past five years?

- <sub>1</sub> Yes    <sub>2</sub> No (skip to Q15)

b. If yes, considering all the situations you're thinking about (if more than one), which of the following were the reasons for the discrimination? (select all that apply)

- <sub>1</sub> Race or color    <sub>4</sub> For having children    <sub>7</sub> Sex    <sub>10</sub> Sexual orientation  
<sub>2</sub> Religion/Creed    <sub>5</sub> Military status    <sub>8</sub> National origin    <sub>11</sub> Gender identity  
<sub>3</sub> Disability    <sub>6</sub> Age    <sub>9</sub> Marital status    <sub>95</sub> Other \_\_\_\_\_

c. Who do you believe engaged in the discrimination? (select all that apply)

- <sub>1</sub> Landlord    <sub>3</sub> Real estate agent    <sub>5</sub> Government staff    <sub>95</sub> Other \_\_\_\_\_  
<sub>2</sub> Property manager    <sub>4</sub> Bank/mortgage lender    <sub>6</sub> Public/non-profit housing staff

**d. What best describes the places where the discrimination occurred? (select all that apply)**

- <sub>1</sub> Multi-family housing (1-4 units)      <sub>4</sub> Single family housing unit for sale      <sub>7</sub> Lending institution      <sub>95</sub> Other \_\_\_\_\_
- <sub>2</sub> Multi-family housing (5+ units)      <sub>5</sub> Condominium for sale      <sub>8</sub> Public housing authority
- <sub>3</sub> Individual housing unit      <sub>6</sub> Real estate office      <sub>9</sub> City/county office

**e. What did the discrimination look like? (select all that apply)**

- <sub>1</sub> Falsely stated housing was no longer available      <sub>5</sub> Refused to deal with a person in a protected group
- <sub>2</sub> Directed a person to certain neighborhoods      <sub>6</sub> Offered different terms than advertised
- <sub>3</sub> Discriminatory ad/placard/notice      <sub>7</sub> Denied loan based on a protected category
- <sub>4</sub> Refusal to accommodate persons with disabilities      <sub>95</sub> Other \_\_\_\_\_

**f. Was this discrimination reported to any local, state or federal agency?**

- <sub>1</sub> Yes      <sub>2</sub> No

**g. In which town/village/city did the discrimination take place?**

- <sub>1</sub> City of Ithaca      <sub>5</sub> T/Danby      <sub>9</sub> T/Enfield      <sub>13</sub> V/Lansing      <sub>99</sub> Don't know
- <sub>2</sub> T/Ithaca      <sub>6</sub> T/Dryden      <sub>10</sub> T/Groton      <sub>14</sub> T/Newfield
- <sub>3</sub> T/Caroline      <sub>7</sub> V/Dryden      <sub>11</sub> V/Groton      <sub>15</sub> T/Ulysses
- <sub>4</sub> V/Cayuga Hgts      <sub>8</sub> V/Freeville      <sub>12</sub> T/Lansing      <sub>16</sub> V/Trumansburg

**15. Although it is not currently a protected category, have you or anyone you've known been denied housing because of the following:****a. Having a section 8 voucher or other form of public assistance?**

- <sub>1</sub> Yes      <sub>2</sub> No

**b. Not speaking English very well?**

- <sub>1</sub> Yes      <sub>2</sub> No

**16. Do you think that housing discrimination is under-reported in Tompkins County?**

- <sub>1</sub> Yes      <sub>2</sub> No

**17. Before taking this survey, how much knowledge did you have about housing discrimination?**

- <sub>0</sub> None      <sub>1</sub> Very little      <sub>2</sub> Moderate      <sub>3</sub> A lot

**Part 4: You and Your Household****18. Including you, how many people are in your household (counting everyone who lives with you, not just family)?**

- 1       2       3       4       5       6       7       8+

**19. How many of these total household members are under the age of 18?**

- None       1       2       3       4       5       6       7       8+

**20. What is your gender?**

- <sub>1</sub> Female      <sub>2</sub> Male      <sub>99</sub> Other identity

**21. What is your age?**

- <sub>1</sub> Under 18      <sub>2</sub> 18-24      <sub>3</sub> 25-34      <sub>4</sub> 35-44      <sub>5</sub> 45-54      <sub>6</sub> 55-64      <sub>7</sub> 65-74      <sub>8</sub> 75-84      <sub>9</sub> 85+

**22. Are you Hispanic or Latino?**

- <sub>1</sub> Yes      <sub>2</sub> No

**23. What is your race? (check all that apply)**

- <sub>1</sub> White      <sub>3</sub> American Indian or Alaskan native      <sub>95</sub> Other race \_\_\_\_\_
- <sub>2</sub> Black/African-American      <sub>4</sub> Asian, native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander

**24. a. Is a language other than English regularly spoken in your household?**

- <sub>1</sub> Yes      <sub>2</sub> No (skip to Q25)

**b. If yes, which language? \_\_\_\_\_****c. How many persons in your household over the age of 18 do not speak English very well?**

- 1       2       3       4+

**25. Which category best describes your total annual household income counting all working members?**

- <sub>1</sub> Less than \$20,000      <sub>3</sub> \$40,001 - \$60,000      <sub>5</sub> \$80,001 - \$100,000
- <sub>2</sub> \$20,001 - \$40,000      <sub>4</sub> \$60,001 - \$80,000      <sub>6</sub> \$100,001 or more

*Thank you very much for your help with this important study!*

*Please return your completed survey to WBA Research in the enclosed prepaid envelope no later than July 31*

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