



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

AGENDA DATE : April 22nd, 2013

CONSENT OR REGULAR: Consent

CONTRACT REFERENCE NO

(IF APPLICABLE): _____

SUBJECT:

Approve and adopt a resolution designating the month of April as a Fair Housing Month for the County of El Paso. Further, authorize the Purchasing Agent to publish a notice for the Forty Fifth (45th) anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law as required by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). Funds are available in account PLANDEVELOP-6022.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION OF TOPIC:

In order to comply with the Federal Fair Housing regulations, grant recipients (County of El Paso) must conduct at least one activity during the contract period to affirmatively further fair housing. The Fair Housing Act provides for the protection of the following federally protected classes:

- Race and color;
- Religion;
- Sex;
- Handicap (Disability);
- National origin; and
- Familial status.

The County of El Paso traditionally adopts a resolution designating April as "Fair Housing Month". With this designation along with the County's Fair Housing policies, the County meets its fair housing obligations under its contracts with the Texas Department of Agriculture-TDA and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs- TDHCA

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Cost of the advertisement (Approximately +/- (\$90.00)

PRIOR COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION (IF ANY):

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the item

COUNTY ATTORNEY APPROVAL

The attached document has been given legal review by the El Paso County Attorney's Office on behalf of the County of El Paso, its officers, and employees. Said legal review should not be relied upon by any person or entity other than the County of El Paso, its officers, and employees.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: N/A

LEGAL REVIEW:

LEGAL REVIEW NOTES (If Applicable):

DATE:

SUBMITTED BY:

Ernesto Carrizal III, P.E., Public Works Director, Public Works (915) 546-2015

Resolution

El Paso County, Texas

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2013, AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN EL PASO COUNTY

WHEREAS: Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibiting discrimination in housing and declares it a national policy to Provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing in the United States; and

WHEREAS: The principle of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans; and

WHEREAS: The forty-fifth anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, during the month of April, provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

1. **April 2013** is hereby proclaimed and designated as "Fair Housing Month" in the County of El Paso; and,
2. All the citizens of this locality are urged to become aware of and support the Fair Housing law

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a fair housing announcement be published in a local newspaper as further evidence of the County's commitment and support of fair housing activities in the County of El Paso

Passed and adopted, this 22nd day of April, 2013.

Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1

Commissioner Sergio Lewis, Pct. 2

Commissioner Vincent Perez, Pct. 3

Commissioner Daniel R. Haggerty, Pct. 4

Veronica Escobar, County Judge

FAIR HOUSING IT'S THE LAW

This year marks the forty fifth (45) Anniversary of the National Fair housing Law. To promote fair housing practices, the County of El Paso, Tx encourage potential homeowners and renters to be aware of the rights

The VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market

For more information on the fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S department of housing and Urban development toll free hot line at 1-800-669-9777