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FREE FAIR HOUSING TRAINING OFFERED TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The City of Beaverton, along with the city’s Diversity Advisory Board and Human Rights Advisory Commission, urge you to know your housing rights!

Community members and housing advocates are encouraged to attend the Fair Housing: Know Your Rights community training happening Wednesday, Oct. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Beaverton City Library located at 12375 SW Fifth St. At the training, participants will learn how to spot housing discrimination and what to do if housing rights are violated.

The training will be presented by the Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO). FHCO estimates that less than 50 percent of illegal acts of housing discrimination are reported. This could be because people are not aware of their rights, or because they fear threats to their housing stability. This training could help our most vulnerable populations protect themselves and their families by getting into or staying in housing, and advocate for themselves in the face of illegal housing discrimination.

The city's Diversity Advisory Board and Human Rights Advisory Commission have become increasingly interested and involved with issues surrounding housing and homelessness. One area of particular interest is housing discrimination and outreach to vulnerable communities in Beaverton.

"We're concerned about housing struggles in our community," said Diversity Advisory Board member Manijeh Mehrnoosh. "By attending this workshop, we hope community members feel more empowered and know more about their housing rights, and how to protect themselves and their families from discrimination."

The event is free and open to the public. Dinner will be provided, and interpretation and childcare services are available by request by contacting edeppa@BeavertonOregon.gov or 503-526-2443.

Learn more at www.BeavertonOregon.gov/fairhousing.

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