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## **TWC's Civil Rights Division Resolved More Than 350 Fair Housing Cases in 2009**

*April Designated as National Fair Housing Month*

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) Civil Rights Division (CRD), which enforces fair housing laws, resolved more than 350 cases involving allegations of housing discrimination in Fiscal Year 2009.

The month of April is designated as National Fair Housing Month, and TWC reminds Texans that laws are enforced to ensure that all individuals have equal access to housing. Fair Housing laws are federally mandated by the Federal Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination in housing based on disability, race, color, religion, national origin, sex and familial status.

Complaints filed by prospective renters or home buyers can include being denied the chance to rent or purchase housing, or being told housing is unavailable when it is on the market. Other discriminatory practices include being shown apartments or homes only in certain neighborhoods, or being refused information about mortgage loans. Additionally, housing providers and homeowners' associations must allow occupants with disabilities to make reasonable structural modifications to residences that would enable full accessibility of the premises.

To file a complaint with TWC's Civil Rights Division alleging housing discrimination, you may:

- File a complaint in person at the CRD office, 1117 Trinity St., Room 144-T in Austin, Texas;
- Call the CRD office toll free at 1-888-452-4778 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CDT, weekdays; or
- Write to Texas Workforce Commission, Civil Rights Division, 1117 Trinity St., Room 144-T, Austin, Texas 78701

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